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NDP Platform Proposals see some support

Toronto, April 19th - In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ among 1126 Ontario voters, half (TOP2: 50%) say they support the NDP proposal to increase taxes on high income earners, with a third (34%) saying they approve strongly.

A third (BTM2: 34%) say they disapprove, with one-fifth saying they (20%) disapprove strongly.

Just under one-sixth (13%) say they neither approve nor disapprove, while few (3%) say they do not know.

Surcharge on vehicles supported

4 in 10 (TOP2: 43%) say they approve of the 3% surcharge on vehicles that cost over \$90,000, with a third (30%) saying they approve strongly.

Just over a third (BTM2: 38%) say they disapprove, with more than a quarter (27%) saying they disapprove strongly.

One-sixth (16%) say they neither approve nor disapprove, while few (3%) say they do not know.

Opinion divided on child care

4 in 10 (TOP2: 41%) say they support subsidized, \$12 per day child care, with a quarter (25%) saying they approve strongly.

Just over a third (BTM2: 38%) say they disapprove of the child care, with a quarter (26%) saying they disapprove strongly.

One-sixth (17%) say they neither approve nor disapprove, while few (4%) say they do not know.

Converting student loans to grants supported

Almost half (TOP2: 47%) say they approve of converting the provincial portion of student loans into grants that don't have to be repaid, with almost 4 in 10 (38%) saying they approve strongly.

Almost 4 in 10 (BTM2: 38%) say they disapprove of this conversion, with a quarter (24%) saying they disapprove strongly.

About 1 in 10 (12%) say they neither approve nor disapprove, while few (3%) say they do not know.

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"A number of the proposals put forward by the NDP are well supported, with the income tax on the wealthy and the student loan conversion into grants particularly popular," said Dr. Lorne Bozinoff, President of Forum Research. "The NDP has received some positive reviews of their platform so far, if they can gain momentum leading into the campaign it will lend credibility to their chances, certainly."



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Lorne Bozinoff, Ph.D. is the president and founder of Forum Research. He can be reached at lbozinoff@forumresearch.com or at (416) 960-9603.

Overall Platform:

%	Approval (Top 2)	Disapproval (Bottom 2)	Neither	Don't know
Tax on wealthy	50	34	13	3
Student loans	47	38	12	3
Vehicle Surcharge	43	38	16	3
\$12 Child Care	41	38	17	4



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The Forum Poll™ was conducted by Forum Research with the results based on an interactive voice response telephone survey of 1126 randomly selected Ontario Voters. The poll was conducted April 18, 2018.

Results based on the total sample are considered accurate +/- 3%, 19 times out of 20. Subsample results will be less accurate. Margins of error for subsample (such as age, gender) results are available at www.forumresearch.com/samplestim.asp

Where appropriate, the data has been statistically weighted by age, region, and other variables to ensure that the sample reflects the actual population according to the latest Census data.

This research is not necessarily predictive of future outcomes, but rather, captures opinion at one point in time. Forum Research conducted this poll as a public service and to demonstrate our survey research capabilities. Forum houses its poll results in the Data Library of the Department of Political Science at the University of Toronto.

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Do you approve or disapprove of the proposal to increase taxes on those earning over \$220,000?

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1126	175	162	186	265	338	611	491
NET: TOP2	50	52	49	49	54	47	51	49
NET: BTM2	34	31	38	39	31	30	35	33
Strongly disapprove	20	20	23	22	20	15	21	19
Somewhat disapprove	14	11	16	17	11	15	14	14
Neither disapprove nor approve	13	12	11	11	13	19	11	14
Somewhat approve	16	15	15	12	21	19	15	16
Strongly approve	34	37	34	37	33	28	36	33
Don't know	3	5	1	2	2	4	3	3

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1126	76	152	131	144	157	245
NET: TOP2	50	52	44	52	57	55	52
NET: BTM2	34	27	39	30	26	33	37
Strongly disapprove	20	19	27	16	15	21	21
Somewhat disapprove	14	8	11	14	11	11	16
Neither disapprove nor approve	13	19	13	14	14	11	10
Somewhat approve	16	14	12	19	18	9	19
Strongly approve	34	38	32	33	38	46	33
Don't know	3	1	5	4	3	1	1



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%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	1126	184	261	464	217
NET: TOP2	50	42	49	52	53
NET: BTM2	34	38	30	35	32
Strongly disapprove	20	22	16	22	20
Somewhat disapprove	14	16	14	13	13
Neither disapprove nor approve	13	16	17	10	14
Somewhat approve	16	17	16	14	18
Strongly approve	34	26	33	38	35
Don't know	3	4	4	3	1

Region

%	Total	Eastern Ontario	416	905	South-western Ontario	Northern Ontario
Sample	1126	178	244	292	255	157
NET: TOP2	50	57	51	44	48	59
NET: BTM2	34	29	34	41	33	24
Strongly disapprove	20	14	21	25	20	14
Somewhat disapprove	14	15	12	16	13	10
Neither disapprove nor approve	13	12	12	11	18	11
Somewhat approve	16	15	15	15	18	17
Strongly approve	34	42	36	29	30	41
Don't know	3	1	3	4	1	7



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%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Other Parties
Sample	1126	528	245	219	54	23
NET: TOP2	50	38	56	66	67	41
NET: BTM2	34	43	29	22	23	46
Strongly disapprove	20	25	13	15	21	40
Somewhat disapprove	14	18	15	7	2	6
Neither disapprove nor approve	13	17	13	8	9	8
Somewhat approve	16	17	17	14	12	7
Strongly approve	34	21	39	52	55	34
Don't know	3	2	2	4	0	4



Vehicle surcharge

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Do you **approve** or **disapprove** of the proposal to add a 3% surcharge on vehicles that cost over \$90,000?

Age/Gender **FORUM RESEARCH INC.**

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%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1126	175	162	186	265	338	611	491
NET: TOP2	43	42	41	44	45	43	42	43
NET: BTM2	38	35	43	41	36	35	42	34
Strongly disapprove	27	26	29	30	26	22	32	22
Somewhat disapprove	11	10	14	11	10	13	10	12
Neither disapprove nor approve	16	19	14	12	17	19	13	19
Somewhat approve	13	12	10	12	16	15	13	12
Strongly approve	30	30	30	32	29	28	29	31
Don't know	3	4	2	3	2	3	3	3

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1126	76	152	131	144	157	245
NET: TOP2	43	42	39	44	42	47	47
NET: BTM2	38	31	41	34	37	41	39
Strongly disapprove	27	24	32	24	21	34	28
Somewhat disapprove	11	7	9	10	16	8	11
Neither disapprove nor approve	16	21	17	19	19	11	12
Somewhat approve	13	14	11	11	11	10	14
Strongly approve	30	28	28	33	31	37	33
Don't know	3	6	3	3	2	0	2

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%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
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NET: TOP2	43	37	36	44	52
NET: BTM2	38	40	43	36	35
Strongly disapprove	27	24	33	25	26
Somewhat disapprove	11	16	9	11	9
Neither disapprove nor approve	16	18	17	18	11
Somewhat approve	13	13	11	11	17
Strongly approve	30	24	25	33	35
Don't know	3	5	5	2	2

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Region

%	Total	Eastern Ontario	416	905	South-western Ontario	Northern Ontario
Sample	1126	178	244	292	255	157
NET: TOP2	43	48	44	40	42	42
NET: BTM2	38	34	36	40	45	29
Strongly disapprove	27	22	29	27	31	22
Somewhat disapprove	11	12	8	13	14	8
Neither disapprove nor approve	16	16	16	16	12	26
Somewhat approve	13	12	10	14	14	12
Strongly approve	30	36	33	27	28	30
Don't know	3	2	5	4	1	2



Ballot intention

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%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Other Parties
Sample	1126	528	245	219	54	23
NET: TOP2	43	33	50	54	62	39
NET: BTM2	38	49	28	29	24	37
Strongly disapprove	27	36	16	20	17	37
Somewhat disapprove	11	13	12	9	6	0
Neither disapprove nor approve	16	16	17	16	7	20
Somewhat approve	13	12	14	11	18	11
Strongly approve	30	21	36	43	43	28
Don't know	3	2	5	1	8	4

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Child care

Do you approve or disapprove of the proposal to introduce subsidized, \$12 per day child care?

Age/Gender

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%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1126	175	162	186	265	338	611	491
NET: TOP2	41	53	45	34	36	31	36	46
NET: BTM2	38	27	41	45	43	39	43	34
Strongly disapprove	26	18	29	31	30	24	31	21
Somewhat disapprove	12	9	12	14	12	15	12	13
Neither disapprove nor approve	17	13	11	21	17	26	16	18
Somewhat approve	16	19	17	18	15	11	15	17
Strongly approve	25	34	28	16	20	20	21	28
Don't know	4	7	2	1	5	4	5	3

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NET: TOP2	41	50	34	37	44	44	51
NET: BTM2	38	21	40	44	35	39	37
Strongly disapprove	26	8	26	29	25	27	27
Somewhat disapprove	12	13	13	14	9	13	10
Neither disapprove nor approve	17	21	21	15	21	16	11
Somewhat approve	16	22	14	15	16	19	17
Strongly approve	25	29	20	22	28	25	34
Don't know	4	7	6	4	1	0	1



Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
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NET: BTM2	38	42	36	37	37
Strongly disapprove	26	26	25	27	23
Somewhat disapprove	12	16	11	11	14
Neither disapprove nor approve	17	19	22	16	11
Somewhat approve	16	13	18	16	20
Strongly approve	25	19	19	28	30
Don't know	4	8	5	3	2

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NET: TOP2	41	46	48	37	37	41
NET: BTM2	38	36	33	41	44	30
Strongly disapprove	26	27	19	27	30	22
Somewhat disapprove	12	9	14	14	13	8
Neither disapprove nor approve	17	15	14	17	16	24
Somewhat approve	16	22	10	16	20	16
Strongly approve	25	24	38	21	18	25
Don't know	4	4	5	5	2	5



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NET: TOP2	41	24	57	57	60	39

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NET: BTM2	38	58	17	25	21	25
Strongly disapprove	26	41	6	16	11	25
Somewhat disapprove	12	16	11	8	10	0
Neither disapprove nor approve	17	15	22	15	17	15
Somewhat approve	16	12	19	19	30	16
Strongly approve	25	12	38	38	30	23
Don't know	4	3	3	3	2	20

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Student loans

Do you approve or disapprove of the proposal to convert the provincial portion of student loans into grants that do not have to be repaid?

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1126	175	162	186	265	338	611	491
NET: TOP2	47	62	42	47	41	32	39	53
NET: BTM2	38	25	40	41	46	43	46	30

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Strongly disapprove	24	17	24	31	26	26	33	17
Somewhat disapprove	13	8	16	9	20	17	14	13
Neither disapprove nor approve	12	7	17	11	11	19	11	13
Somewhat approve	19	18	16	22	22	17	14	23
Strongly approve	28	43	25	25	19	15	25	30
Don't know	3	5	1	1	2	5	3	3

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NET: TOP2	47	67	52	41	54	48	39
NET: BTM2	38	17	36	45	32	40	45
Strongly disapprove	24	10	26	31	22	25	27
Somewhat disapprove	13	7	10	13	10	15	17
Neither disapprove nor approve	12	12	9	12	12	12	11
Somewhat approve	19	15	19	16	19	19	22
Strongly approve	28	52	33	25	35	29	17
Don't know	3	4	3	3	2	0	5



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%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
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NET: TOP2	47	41	49	49	43
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Somewhat disapprove	13	13	10	14	18

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Neither disapprove nor approve	12	17	12	10	15
Somewhat approve	19	17	19	18	22
Strongly approve	28	24	30	31	21
Don't know	3	4	4	3	1

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NET: BTM2	38	29	36	39	47	31
Strongly disapprove	24	18	24	25	29	21
Somewhat disapprove	13	11	12	13	19	10
Neither disapprove nor approve	12	15	9	14	13	12
Somewhat approve	19	20	18	20	18	18
Strongly approve	28	33	34	24	19	35
Don't know	3	3	3	3	3	4



Ballot intention

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NET: BTM2	38	55	26	23	16	20
Strongly disapprove	24	38	13	14	3	15
Somewhat disapprove	13	17	13	9	13	5
Neither disapprove nor approve	12	13	13	10	9	25

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Somewhat approve	19	15	20	24	19	23
Strongly approve	28	14	36	41	56	28
Don't know	3	3	5	2	0	3

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