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## **Majority find Premier's Supplemented Salary Inappropriate**

### **Almost 7-in-10 disagree with the practice**

Toronto, March 3<sup>rd</sup> – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ among 1,061 British Columbia voters, the majority (69%) find the fact that the premier's salary is supplemented by political donations provided by the Liberal Party inappropriate. Only (17%) consider the practice appropriate, while (14%) respond they don't know.

Those most likely to consider the supplemented salary inappropriate are female (72%), those who earn \$40,000-\$60,000 (78%), live on Vancouver Island (73%), and support the NDP (82%).

Those most likely to condone the supplemented salary are male (22%) and support the Liberal Party (36%).

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## **Methodology**

The Forum Poll™ was conducted by Forum Research with the results based on an interactive voice response telephone survey of 1,061 randomly selected British Columbia Voters. The poll was conducted on Feb 22-23, 2017.

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](http://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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**Premier Supplemented Salary**

*Is it appropriate that the premier be paid by the Liberal party, in addition to her government salary?*

[All Respondents]

**Age / Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1061	165	167	173	224	332	530	510
Yes	17	17	16	16	19	17	22	12
No	69	68	69	69	70	69	66	72
Don't Know	14	15	14	15	10	13	12	16



**Income**

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1061	126	185	133	140	108	187
Yes	17	13	18	14	18	20	20
No	69	64	68	78	69	72	67
Don't Know	14	24	15	8	13	8	13

**Region**

%	Total	Vancouver Lower Mainland	Vancouver Island	Interior North
Sample	1061	738	234	89
Yes	17	16	16	24
No	69	68	73	69
Don't Know	14	16	11	8

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### Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	1061	170	298	381	212
Yes	17	18	14	20	15
No	69	67	72	69	67
Don't Know	14	15	14	11	17

### Voting Preference

%	Total	Liberal	Conservative	New Democratic	Green	Another Party
Sample	1061	277	147	386	132	30
Yes	17	36	15	9	13	16
No	69	47	76	82	70	56
Don't Know	14	17	10	9	17	28

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