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HIGHLIGHTS:

- Slightly more favour abolishing the monarchy in Canada upon the death of the current Queen (43%) than oppose this idea (40%)
- The majority of Canadian voters disagree Prince Charles should become Canada's Head of State upon the death of the current Queen (54%)
- "We have been polling this increasingly urgent constitutional issue since the beginning of 2012, and sentiment doesn't change much; there is an even split in opinion, more or less, on whether to retain the Canadian monarchy or not. There is a substantial majority opinion, though, also relatively unchanged, that Charles should not succeed the Queen as Head of State in this country. It is unlikely the Prince of Wales will abdicate before he succeeds, which means Canadians may be stuck with a monarch the majority don't want"

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More Favour Abolishing the Monarchy than Not

Majority don't want Prince Charles as Head of State

In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 1429 Canadian voters, slightly more favour abolishing the monarchy in Canada upon the death of the current Queen (43%) than oppose this idea (40%). Support for ending our ties to the Crown is common to younger (46%) and older (46%) mid age groups, mid income groups (\$40K to \$60K - 48%), in Quebec (73%), among New Democrats (55%), Francophones (75%), the best educated (post grad - 47%), among those who have ever used marijuana (51%) and still do (55%) and among gun owners (49%).

Since we last polled this question, there has been a slight change from supporting the monarchy to calling for its abolition. In March, 2015, more than 4-in-10 supported the monarchy (45%) while fewer wanted to see it end (39%). This year, those proportions are reversed.

Majority don't want Charles to succeed to Canadian throne

The majority of Canadian voters disagree Prince Charles should become Canada's Head of State upon the death of the current Queen (54%), and just 3-in-10 think he should (29%). Fewer than a fifth don't have an opinion (17%). Opposition to the current Prince of Wales becoming Head of State is common to Boomers (55 to 64 - 60%), the wealthy (\$80K to \$100K - 58%), in Quebec (70%), among New Democrats (59%), Francophones (71%), among marijuana users (59%) and among gun owners (60%).

The percentage who do not wish to see Charles become Head of State has stayed stable since last year (March, 2015 - 54%).

"We have been polling this increasingly urgent constitutional issue since the beginning of 2012, and sentiment doesn't change much; there is an even split in opinion, more or less, on whether to retain the Canadian monarchy or not. There is a substantial majority opinion, though, also relatively unchanged, that Charles should not succeed the Queen as Head of State in this country. It is unlikely the Prince of Wales will abdicate before he succeeds, which means Canadians may be stuck with a monarch the majority don't want" said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

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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 1429 randomly selected Canadian adults. The poll was conducted on July 5th, 2016.

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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Abolition of Monarchy in Canada - Trending

| % | In Favour | Opposed | Don't know |
|----------------------------------|-----------|---------|------------|
| July 6 th , 2016 | 43 | 40 | 17 |
| May 14 th , 2015 | 39 | 45 | 16 |
| July 23 rd , 2013 | 37 | 48 | 15 |
| May 22 nd , 2013 | 45 | 44 | 11 |
| December 18 th , 2012 | 36 | 46 | 18 |
| January 13 th , 2012 | 43 | 43 | 14 |

Prince Charles to Become Canada's Head of State - Trending

| % | Agree | Disagree | Don't know |
|------------------------------|-------|----------|------------|
| July 6 th , 2016 | 29 | 54 | 17 |
| May 14 th , 2015 | 31 | 54 | 15 |
| July 23 rd , 2013 | 33 | 53 | 14 |
| May 22 nd , 2013 | 27 | 61 | 12 |

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Abolishing the Monarchy

Are you in favour or opposed to abolishing the monarchy in Canada upon the death of the current Queen?

[All Respondents]

Age/Gender

| % | Total | 18-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65+ | Male | Female |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|------|--------|
| Sample | 1429 | 253 | 196 | 251 | 341 | 388 | 722 | 679 |
| Favor | 43 | 43 | 46 | 44 | 46 | 35 | 44 | 42 |
| Opposed | 40 | 35 | 37 | 38 | 42 | 52 | 41 | 40 |
| Don't know | 17 | 22 | 16 | 18 | 13 | 13 | 15 | 18 |

Income

| % | Total | <20K | 20-40K | 40-60K | 60-80K | 80-100K | 100-250K |
|------------|-------|------|--------|--------|--------|---------|----------|
| Sample | 1429 | 137 | 272 | 224 | 201 | 154 | 242 |
| Favor | 43 | 41 | 44 | 48 | 47 | 39 | 43 |
| Opposed | 40 | 31 | 34 | 39 | 39 | 48 | 45 |
| Don't know | 17 | 29 | 22 | 13 | 15 | 14 | 12 |

Region / Language

| % | Total | Atl | Que | ON | Man/Sask | AB | BC | English | French |
|------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|----------|-----|-----|---------|--------|
| Sample | 1429 | 105 | 320 | 554 | 100 | 144 | 206 | 1120 | 309 |
| Favor | 43 | 35 | 73 | 33 | 34 | 30 | 35 | 33 | 75 |
| Opposed | 40 | 48 | 14 | 48 | 52 | 54 | 43 | 49 | 12 |
| Don't know | 17 | 17 | 14 | 18 | 13 | 17 | 22 | 18 | 14 |

Federal Vote Preference

| % | Total | Cons | Lib | NDP | Green | Bloc | Other Parties |
|------------|-------|------|-----|-----|-------|------|---------------|
| Sample | 1429 | 377 | 655 | 162 | 75 | 58 | 41 |
| Favor | 43 | 27 | 44 | 55 | 55 | 85 | 66 |
| Opposed | 40 | 61 | 38 | 27 | 22 | 9 | 28 |
| Don't know | 17 | 12 | 18 | 18 | 23 | 7 | 6 |

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Education

| % | Total | Secondary school or less | Some college or university | Completed college or university | Post graduate studies |
|------------|-------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Sample | 1429 | 305 | 411 | 501 | 212 |
| Favor | 43 | 39 | 43 | 43 | 47 |
| Opposed | 40 | 41 | 40 | 42 | 36 |
| Don't know | 17 | 20 | 17 | 15 | 17 |

Marijuana Usage

| % | Total | Ever Used Marijuana- Yes | Ever Used Marijuana- No | Currently Use Marijuana- Yes | Currently Use Marijuana- No |
|------------|-------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sample | 1429 | 614 | 815 | 155 | 459 |
| Favor | 43 | 51 | 36 | 55 | 49 |
| Opposed | 40 | 33 | 46 | 26 | 36 |
| Don't know | 17 | 16 | 18 | 19 | 15 |

Gun Ownership

| % | Total | Gun Owners | Do Not Own a Gun |
|------------|-------|------------|------------------|
| Sample | 1429 | 250 | 1179 |
| Favor | 43 | 49 | 42 |
| Opposed | 40 | 40 | 40 |
| Don't know | 17 | 11 | 18 |

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Prince Charles Succession

Do you agree or disagree Prince Charles should become Canada's Head of State upon the death of the current Queen?

[All Respondents]

Age/Gender

| % | Total | 18-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65+ | Male | Female |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|------|--------|
| Sample | 1429 | 253 | 196 | 251 | 341 | 388 | 722 | 679 |
| Agree | 29 | 28 | 32 | 28 | 27 | 31 | 31 | 27 |
| Disagree | 54 | 52 | 52 | 54 | 60 | 53 | 54 | 54 |
| Don't know | 17 | 20 | 16 | 18 | 13 | 16 | 15 | 19 |

Income

| % | Total | <20K | 20-40K | 40-60K | 60-80K | 80-100K | 100-250K |
|------------|-------|------|--------|--------|--------|---------|----------|
| Sample | 1429 | 137 | 272 | 224 | 201 | 154 | 242 |
| Agree | 29 | 26 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 29 | 32 |
| Disagree | 54 | 48 | 55 | 53 | 55 | 58 | 53 |
| Don't know | 17 | 27 | 16 | 18 | 14 | 13 | 14 |

Region / Language

| % | Total | Atl | Que | ON | Man/Sask | AB | BC | English | French |
|------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|----------|-----|-----|---------|--------|
| Sample | 1429 | 105 | 320 | 554 | 100 | 144 | 206 | 1120 | 309 |
| Agree | 29 | 37 | 15 | 34 | 38 | 34 | 29 | 34 | 13 |
| Disagree | 54 | 47 | 70 | 48 | 45 | 45 | 56 | 48 | 71 |
| Don't know | 17 | 16 | 16 | 17 | 17 | 21 | 15 | 17 | 16 |

Federal Vote Preference

| % | Total | Cons | Lib | NDP | Green | Bloc | Other Parties |
|------------|-------|------|-----|-----|-------|------|---------------|
| Sample | 1429 | 377 | 655 | 162 | 75 | 58 | 41 |
| Agree | 29 | 43 | 28 | 25 | 14 | 22 | 16 |
| Disagree | 54 | 45 | 56 | 59 | 57 | 72 | 75 |
| Don't know | 17 | 12 | 17 | 15 | 30 | 6 | 10 |

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Education

| % | Total | Secondary school or less | Some college or university | Completed college or university | Post graduate studies |
|------------|-------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Sample | 1429 | 305 | 411 | 501 | 212 |
| Agree | 29 | 32 | 28 | 29 | 31 |
| Disagree | 54 | 50 | 56 | 54 | 55 |
| Don't know | 17 | 18 | 16 | 17 | 15 |

Marijuana Usage

| % | Total | Ever Used Marijuana- Yes | Ever Used Marijuana- No | Currently Use Marijuana- Yes | Currently Use Marijuana- No |
|------------|-------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sample | 1429 | 614 | 815 | 155 | 459 |
| Agree | 29 | 26 | 32 | 24 | 27 |
| Disagree | 54 | 59 | 49 | 59 | 59 |
| Don't know | 17 | 15 | 18 | 17 | 15 |

Opinion of Monarchy Continuation

| % | Total | Favor | Opposed | Don't know |
|------------|-------|-------|---------|------------|
| Sample | 1429 | 591 | 612 | 226 |
| Agree | 29 | 9 | 56 | 18 |
| Disagree | 54 | 84 | 31 | 31 |
| Don't know | 17 | 6 | 13 | 52 |

Gun Ownership

| % | Total | Gun Owners | Do Not Own a Gun |
|------------|-------|------------|------------------|
| Sample | 1429 | 250 | 1179 |
| Agree | 29 | 30 | 29 |
| Disagree | 54 | 60 | 53 |
| Don't know | 17 | 11 | 18 |

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