

NEWS RELEASE



FORUM RESEARCH INC.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Canadians support refugee resettlement by slim margin

Support highest among youngest, in Atlantic Canada

TORONTO December 8th, 2015 - In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 1369 Canadian voters, just less than half support the government's plan to resettle thousands of refugees over the next few months in Canada (48%), while just fewer than this oppose this plan (44%). Less than one tenth have no opinion (8%),

Support is highest among the youngest (55%), mid income groups (57%), in Atlantic Canada (57%), but not in the prairies (31%) or Alberta (35%), nor among Conservatives (19%). Support is high among Liberals especially (68%) and also among New Democrats (59%) and the best educated (post grad - 60%).

"Canadians are welcoming people, but the controversy that has arisen over the timing of the refugee arrivals, and the security screening they will go through, has had the effect of eroding some of that welcome," said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

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.

MEDIA INQUIRIES:

Lorne Bozinoff, President
lbozinoff@forumresearch.com
416.960.9603

TORONTO

December 8th, 2015

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Just less than half support the government's plan to resettle thousands of refugees over the next few months in Canada (48%).
- "Canadians are welcoming people, but the controversy that has arisen over the timing of the refugee arrivals, and the security screening they will go through, has had the effect of eroding some of that welcome," said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

180 Bloor Street W., #1400
Toronto, ON M5S 2V6
T 416.960.9600
F 416.960.9602
forumresearch.com

NEWS RELEASE



MEDIA INQUIRIES:

Lorne Bozinoff, President
lbozinoff@forumresearch.com
416.960.9603

TORONTO

December 8th, 2015

Methodology

The Forum Poll™ was conducted by Forum Research with the results based on an interactive voice response telephone survey of 1369 randomly selected Canadians 18 years of age or older. The poll was conducted between December 6th and 8th, 2015.

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. Electoral success is dependant on the parties' skill at getting out the vote. 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.

With offices across Canada and around the world, 100% Canadian-owned Forum Research is one of the country's leading survey research firms. This Forum Poll™ and other polls may be found at Forum's poll archive at www.forumresearch.com/polls.asp

180 Bloor Street W., #1400
Toronto, ON M5S 2V6
T 416.960.9600
F 416.960.9602
forumresearch.com

NEWS RELEASE



FORUM RESEARCH INC.

MEDIA INQUIRIES:

Lorne Bozinoff, President
 lbozinoff@forumresearch.com
 416.960.9603

TORONTO

December 8th, 2015

Refugees

‘Do you support or oppose the government’s plan to bring thousands of refugees to Canada in the next few months?’

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1369	311	186	242	309	321	733	636
Support	48	55	44	45	43	50	46	50
Oppose	44	39	49	47	51	39	48	41
Don't know	8	7	7	8	6	11	6	9

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1369	116	319	494	100	148	192	1064	305
Support	48	57	52	47	31	35	58	47	52
Oppose	44	38	40	45	56	60	35	45	41
Don't know	8	5	7	9	13	5	7	8	7

Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	1369	288	366	500	215
Support	48	33	49	51	60
Oppose	44	57	43	44	30
Don't know	8	10	8	5	10

Federal Vote Preference

%	Total	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1369	418	561	188	93	54	24
Support	48	19	68	59	50	38	39
Oppose	44	75	25	34	39	54	46
Don't know	8	6	7	8	10	8	15

180 Bloor Street W., #1400
 Toronto, ON M5S 2V6
 T 416.960.9600
 F 416.960.9602
 forumresearch.com

NEWS RELEASE



FORUM RESEARCH INC.

For more information:

Lorne Bozinoff, Ph.D.

President

Forum Research Inc.

Tel: (416) 960-9603

Fax: (416) 960-9602

E-mail: lbozinoff@forumresearch.com

MEDIA INQUIRIES:

Lorne Bozinoff, President

lbozinoff@forumresearch.com

416.960.9603

TORONTO

December 8th, 2015

180 Bloor Street W., #1400

Toronto, ON M5S 2V6

T 416.960.9600

F 416.960.9602

forumresearch.com