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More Than 6-in-10 Approve of PM Question Period

Half approve of electronic voting in the House of Commons

Toronto, April 26th – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ amongst 1479 Canadian voters, (61%) would support the introduction of a special Question Period in the House of Commons dedicated to asking only the prime minister questions. (17%) would oppose such a Question Period, with (22%) saying they don't know.

Respondents most likely to say that they support the special Question Period include those aged 35-44 (65%), 45-54 (63%), earning \$60,000-\$80,000 (66%) or \$80,000-\$100,000 (66%), living in Alberta (64%) or Manitoba/Saskatchewan (63%), and supporting the NDP (71%). Those who have completed some college/university (67%) are also likely to approve of this special Question Period.

Respondents most likely to oppose a special Question Period include those aged 65 and over (22%), earning \$60,000-\$80,000 (20%) or the most wealthy (22%), living in Atlantic Canada (20%), Alberta (21%), or BC (19%), and with a post-graduate degree (22%).

5-in-10 approve of e-voting in the legislature

Half (50%) of voters approve of the introduction of electronic voting into the House of Commons. A third (33%) disapprove, with (17%) saying they don't know.

Respondents most likely to approve of the introduction of electronic voting by MPs include those aged 45-54 (57%), males (53%), the most wealthy (61%), living in Québec (54%) or Ontario (52%), and supporting the Liberals (62%). Those with a post-graduate degree (62%) are also likely to support electronic voting by MPs.

Respondents most likely to disapprove include those aged 34 and younger (36%), 55-64 (35%), or 65+ (34%), the least wealthy (38%) or earning \$20,000-\$40,000 (38%), living in Alberta (40%), and supporting the Conservatives (42%). The least educated (43%) are also likely to disapprove of electronic voting in the House of Commons.

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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 1479 randomly selected Canadian Voters. The poll was conducted April 21-24, 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

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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PM QP

Would you support or oppose the introduction of a special Question Period in the House of Commons dedicated to asking only the Prime Minister questions?

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1479	277	209	235	324	434	788	662
Support	61	62	65	63	62	50	63	59
Oppose	17	15	14	17	18	22	19	15
Don't know	22	22	20	20	20	27	18	26

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1479	173	243	243	182	131	234
Support	61	61	56	64	66	66	62
Oppose	17	13	15	15	20	19	22
Don't know	22	26	28	21	14	15	17

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC
Sample	1479	99	356	536	129	158	201
Support	61	54	60	61	63	64	61
Oppose	17	20	13	18	12	21	19
Don't know	22	26	27	21	26	15	20

Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	1479	262	379	559	279
Support	61	59	67	59	58
Oppose	17	12	14	19	22
Don't know	22	29	19	22	20

Voter Intention

%	Total	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1479	456	456	230	118	71	41
Support	61	67	55	71	62	68	54
Oppose	17	19	18	11	19	19	19
Don't know	22	14	27	18	19	13	27



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MPs e-voting

Would you approve or disapprove of the introduction of electronic voting in the House of Commons in Ottawa?

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1479	277	209	235	324	434	788	662
Approve	50	50	53	57	46	41	53	47
Disapprove	33	36	28	32	35	34	34	32
Don't know	17	14	19	11	18	25	13	21

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1479	173	243	243	182	131	234
Approve	50	48	41	54	53	55	61
Disapprove	33	38	38	32	27	29	25
Don't know	17	15	21	14	20	16	14

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC
Sample	1479	99	356	536	129	158	201
Approve	50	47	54	52	48	43	46
Disapprove	33	36	32	31	27	40	37
Don't know	17	18	14	17	25	18	17

Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	1479	262	379	559	279
Approve	50	31	49	53	62
Disapprove	33	43	36	31	25
Don't know	17	26	15	16	13

Voter Intention

%	Total	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1479	456	456	230	118	71	41
Approve	50	43	62	49	54	54	30
Disapprove	33	42	21	38	31	36	58
Don't know	17	15	17	13	14	10	12



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