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### Few see videos as obstacle to impartial Forcillo jury

TORONTO January 20<sup>th</sup> - In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 546 Toronto adults, one half think graphic videos of the Sammy Yatim shooting did not make it impossible to seat an impartial jury for the Forcillo trial (49%), whereas just one quarter think these videos, and the publicity they received, made seating an impartial jury impossible (26%). An identical proportion don't share an opinion (26%).

Believing an impartial jury was not available to Constable Forcillo is more common to the least wealthy (30%), upper income groups (\$80K to \$100K - 31%), those in North York (34%) and Etobicoke (33%), among those who have trust in Toronto's police (33%) and, especially, among those who disapprove of charging Constable Forcillo with murder (51%).

"Half the city thinks Constable Forcillo was able to get an unbiased jury, and those who don't think so are his supporters, which is testament to the power of the contents of those videos," said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

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#### HIGHLIGHTS:

- One half think graphic videos of the Sammy Yatim shooting did not make it impossible to seat an impartial jury for the Forcillo trial (49%).
- "Half the city thinks Constable Forcillo was able to get an unbiased jury, and those who don't think so are his supporters, which is testament to the power of the contents of those videos," 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 546 randomly selected voters in Toronto, Ontario. The poll was conducted on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Results based on the total sample are considered accurate +/- 4%, 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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### ***Impartial Jury***

*'Several videos of the shooting were made public. Did this make it impossible to seat an impartial jury or not?'*

*[All Respondents]*

### ***Age / Gender***

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	546	122	75	98	112	139	296	250
Videos made an impartial jury impossible	26	28	28	25	24	20	24	27
Videos did not make an impartial jury impossible	49	40	47	55	50	57	52	45
Don't know	26	31	25	20	25	23	24	27

### ***Region***

%	Total	The former City of Toronto + East York	- North York	Etobicoke + York	Scarborough
Sample	546	215	116	131	84
Videos made an impartial jury impossible	26	16	34	32	21
Videos did not make an impartial jury impossible	49	56	44	47	46
Don't know	26	28	22	21	33

### ***Last Mayoral Vote***

%	Total	Doug Ford	John Tory	Olivia Chow	Someone else
Sample	546	84	239	74	38
Videos made an impartial jury impossible	26	27	31	14	25
Videos did not make an impartial jury impossible	49	53	50	59	45
Don't know	26	20	20	27	30

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