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HIGHLIGHTS:

- In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 1429 Canadian voters, fewer than one fifth claim to own firearms (17%)
- Ownership of handguns (heavily restricted in Canada) is common to the least wealthy (10%), males (11%), the youngest (10%)
- "We are a far cry from the US, where there are as many guns as people. In our country, gun ownership seems localized where it makes the most sense, in primarily rural regions and in the west where there are varmints to kill. It is surprising, however, to see the statistically significant spike in gun ownership among Francophones and Quebecois"

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Fewer Than One Fifth Own Guns

Just one tenth own a handgun

In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 1429 Canadian voters, fewer than one fifth claim to own firearms (17%), and this is comprised of those who own just a long gun (9%), just a handgun (4%) or both (4%). In total, gun ownership is especially common among the youngest (19%), males (23%), the very wealthiest (\$100K to \$250K - 23%), in the prairies (27%) and in Alberta (23%), among Conservatives (28%), the least educated (21%) and among those who would abolish the monarchy (20%).

Ownership of handguns (heavily restricted in Canada) is common to the least wealthy (10%), males (11%), the youngest (10%), in Quebec, where a surprising tenth own a handgun only (13%) and total handgun ownership is characteristic of more than a tenth (14%), among New Democrats, where almost twice as many as the general population own a handgun only (7%), among Francophones (15% in total) and those in favour of abolishing the monarchy (16%).

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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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Gun Ownership

Do you own one or more guns?

[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
NET: Own guns	17	19	17	18	15	16	23	12
Own a long gun or long guns	9	9	9	9	9	11	13	6
Own a handgun or handguns	4	5	5	5	4	3	5	4
Own both	4	5	3	4	3	2	6	1
Do not own a gun	83	81	83	82	85	84	77	88

Income

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100-250K
Sample	1429	137	272	224	201	154	242
NET: Own guns	17	13	14	14	21	20	23
Own a long gun or long guns	9	3	8	6	14	11	14
Own a handgun or handguns	4	7	3	5	3	7	4
Own both	4	3	3	3	4	2	4
Do not own a gun	83	87	86	86	79	80	77

Region / Language

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1429	105	320	554	100	144	206	1120	309
NET: Own guns	17	16	19	15	27	23	14	16	20
Own a long gun or long guns	9	9	5	9	21	16	9	11	5
Own a handgun or handguns	4	3	13	2	2	1	0	1	14
Own both	4	3	1	4	3	6	5	4	1
Do not own a gun	83	84	81	85	73	77	86	84	80

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Federal Vote Preference

%	Total	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1429	377	655	162	75	58	41
NET: Own guns	17	28	13	16	12	13	28
Own a long gun or long guns	9	17	7	7	6	4	9
Own a handgun or handguns	4	3	4	7	6	9	3
Own both	4	7	2	2	0	0	16
Do not own a gun	83	72	87	84	88	87	72

Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	1429	305	411	501	212
NET: Own guns	17	21	15	18	15
Own a long gun or long guns	9	11	10	9	5
Own a handgun or handguns	4	5	4	4	5
Own both	4	4	2	4	4
Do not own a gun	83	79	85	82	85

Opinion of Monarchy Continuation

%	Total	Favor	Opposed	Don't know
Sample	1429	591	612	226
NET: Own guns	17	20	17	11
Own a long gun or long guns	9	8	12	8
Own a handgun or handguns	4	8	2	1
Own both	4	4	3	2
Do not own a gun	83	80	83	89

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