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## **Majority Think Federal Motion M103 Needs Work**

**Four-in-ten think the specific focus on one religion should be removed, three-in-ten think it should mention all religions**

Toronto, March 12<sup>th</sup> – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ among 1,340 Canadian voters, (40%) think the motion put forward by a Federal Liberal MP should remove the focus on one specific religion from it, (31%) respond that all religions should be mentioned in the motion, and only (14%) say that the motion should be left as is. (15%) say they do not know.

Respondents most likely to say that the focus on one specific religion should be removed from M103 include those aged 35-44 (45%), 55-64 (42%), earning \$60,000-\$80,000 (50%), living in Alberta (48%), and Conservative supporters (46%). Those with a college or university degree (42%), a post-graduate degree (41%), or with some college or university (39%), all favour the removal of the focus of one religion from the motion.

Those most likely to say that all religions should be mentioned in the motion include those aged 65 and over (36%), the least wealthy (42%) or earning \$80,000-\$100,000 (41%), from Québec (36%) or Ontario (33%), and the least educated (36%).

Those most likely to say the motion should be left alone include those earning \$40,000-\$60,000 (20%) and that support the NDP (24%).

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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 1,340 randomly selected Canadian Voters. The poll was conducted on Feb 24-26 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](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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**Motion M103**

*A Liberal MP is proposing a motion that condemns religious discrimination, but includes specific reference to hate against only one religion. For this motion, which approach do you think is best?*

[All Respondents]

**Age/Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1340	124	131	226	338	521	659	653
Remove the focus on one specific religion from the motion.	40	39	45	40	42	33	40	39
Leave the motion as is.	14	16	15	12	11	14	15	13
Make sure all religions are mentioned in the motion.	31	30	25	32	36	36	33	29
Don't know	15	16	15	16	12	17	12	18

**Income**

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1340	143	266	182	162	114	180
Remove the focus on one specific religion from the motion.	40	25	36	30	50	38	46
Leave the motion as is.	14	14	12	20	7	10	21
Make sure all religions are mentioned in the motion.	31	42	32	35	28	41	24
Don't know	15	19	20	15	15	11	9

**Region**

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC
Sample	1340	93	330	521	89	131	176
Remove the focus on one specific religion from the motion.	40	39	37	42	31	48	36
Leave the motion as is.	14	10	11	12	20	22	17
Make sure all religions are mentioned in the motion.	31	29	36	33	24	20	31
Don't know	15	22	16	13	24	10	17



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### Current Vote Preference

%	Total	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1340	414	449	177	76	81	44
Remove the focus on one specific religion from the motion.	40	46	40	33	38	27	34
Leave the motion as is.	14	8	16	24	14	13	9
Make sure all religions are mentioned in the motion.	31	36	31	29	33	35	25
Don't know	15	10	13	14	16	25	31

### Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	1340	245	328	510	257
Remove the focus on one specific religion from the motion.	40	32	39	42	41
Leave the motion as is.	14	7	14	14	19
Make sure all religions are mentioned in the motion.	31	36	34	29	30
Don't know	15	25	13	16	10

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