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Even split in opinion on refugee health care

TORONTO JULY 19th, 2014 – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 1624 Canadian voters, there is an even split in opinion between those who believe refugee claimants should receive the same health care as Canadians (44%) and those who do not agree (42%). Agreement with refugees receiving equal care is common to the youngest (48%), the wealthiest (\$100K to \$200K - 49%), those in Atlantic Canada (48%) and the prairies (54%), but not Alberta (37%). Conservative voters are half as likely to support the idea (25%) as Liberals (52%) and New Democrats (58%).

There is a clear gender gap in these findings, in males and females are relatively equally likely to agree refugees should receive full health care, whereas males are more likely than females to take the opposite positions.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

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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 1624 randomly selected Canadians 18 years of age and older. The poll was conducted on July 18th, 2014.

Results based on the total sample are considered accurate +/- 2%, 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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Refugee Claimants to Receive Same Health Care as Citizens

'Do you agree or disagree that refugee claimants in Canada should receive the same health care as Canadian citizens receive?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1624	139	166	278	459	582	747	877
Agree	44	48	45	41	43	40	42	45
Disagree	42	36	43	43	45	46	45	39
Don't know	14	15	12	17	13	15	13	16

Region / Language

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1624	128	363	613	116	186	218	1300	324
Agree	44	48	46	40	54	37	48	42	48
Disagree	42	33	39	47	28	48	40	43	37
Don't know	14	19	15	13	17	16	13	14	14

Federal Vote Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other
Sample	1624	453	615	269	88	67	61
Agree	44	25	52	58	42	52	38
Disagree	42	62	35	28	35	36	55
Don't know	14	13	13	14	23	13	7

Religion

%	Christian	Protestant Christian	Evangelical Christian	Catholic	Other Christian	Non-Christian	None
Sample	1191	472	69	530	120	91	342
Agree	39	38	35	41	36	48	54
Disagree	47	48	47	45	51	39	31
Don't know	15	15	18	14	13	13	15

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