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Canadians split on Bill C-51

Liberal support for bill moves some votes to NDP

TORONTO June 23rd, 2015 - In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 1268 Canadian voters, almost equal proportions support (39%) and oppose (41%) Bill C-51, the new anti-terrorism legislation. It must be noted that fully one fifth of voters have no opinion on this hotly contested issue (20%). Support for the bill is characteristic of the oldest (55 to 64 - 44%, 65+ - 46%), the less wealthy (\$20K to \$40K - 51%), in Quebec (45%) and Alberta (50%), among Conservatives (69%) and some Liberals (43%), but not New Democrats (18%), among French Canadians (46%) and the least educated (47%). Opposition to the bill is common to the youngest (49%), males (44%), the wealthiest (\$80K to \$100K - 49%, \$100K to \$250K - 47%), in BC (58%), among New Democrats (63%) and the best educated (55%).

Vote switching favours NDP

A total of 3-in-10 voters (30%) are either "less likely to vote Liberal" (8%) or "more likely to vote NDP" (22%) because of the passage of Bill C-51. On the other hand, about 2-in-10 (18%) are more likely to vote Liberal (12%) or less likely to vote NDP (6%) for their opposition to the bill. This adds up to a 12 point advantage in vote switching behaviour for the NDP. Among current Liberal voters, just one tenth are more likely to vote NDP because of the bill (9%), while very few are less likely to vote Liberal (3%), for a total of about 1-in-10 (12%) switchers. Among those who voted Liberal in 2011, however, fully one quarter are less likely to vote Liberal (24%) and about a twentieth are more likely to vote NDP (6%), for a total of 3-in-10 past Liberal voters (30%) who may have switched their preference. Very few Liberals or New Democrats will vote Conservative to support Bill C-51.

"While the effect is not as drastic as some describe, and it may not be the entire reason for the NDP's leadership in the polls, there is no question that Liberal support for Bill C-51 has had some effect on their electoral support, and while it may count for about 10 points of switching behaviour between parties, it also may contribute about 5 points overall to the NDP vote at the election," said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- Almost equal proportions support (39%) and oppose (41%) Bill C-51, the new anti-terrorism legislation.
- A total of 3-in-10 voters (30%) are either "less likely to vote Liberal" (8%) or "more likely to vote NDP" (22%) because of the passage of Bill C-51.
- "While the effect is not as drastic as some describe, and it may not be the entire reason for the NDP's leadership in the polls, there is no question that Liberal support for Bill C-51 has had some effect on their electoral support, and while it may count for about 10 points of switching behaviour between parties, it also may contribute about 5% overall to any NDP victory at the election," said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

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TORONTO**June 23rd, 2015****Methodology**

The Forum Poll™ was conducted by Forum Research with the results based on an interactive voice response telephone survey of 1268 randomly selected Canadians 18 years of age or older. The poll was conducted on June 22-23th, 2015.

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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Bill C-51 - Endorsement

‘The federal government passed Bill C-51, the new anti-terrorism legislation, with the support of the Liberal party. The NDP opposed the bill. Do you support or oppose Bill C-51?’

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1268	195	163	196	345	369	710	558
Support	39	33	32	45	44	46	43	36
Oppose	41	49	44	36	39	31	44	38
Don't know	20	17	24	19	17	23	13	26

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1268	84	299	487	84	160	154	994	274
Support	39	32	45	38	41	50	25	37	46
Oppose	41	43	33	43	34	34	58	43	33
Don't know	20	25	22	19	25	16	16	19	22

Current Federal Vote Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1268	343	334	398	59	58	21
Support	39	69	43	18	42	26	16
Oppose	41	14	40	63	41	54	55
Don't know	20	17	17	19	17	20	28

Past Federal Vote Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1268	406	295	269	47	60	48
Support	39	63	33	22	28	19	36
Oppose	41	18	51	59	53	55	35
Don't know	20	19	17	19	19	26	29

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Bill C-51 - Voting Preference in Next Federal Election

‘How has the passage of Bill C-51 influenced your decision on which party to vote for in the next federal election?’

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1268	195	163	196	345	369	710	558
More likely to vote Conservative	14	9	11	17	15	20	16	12
More likely to vote Liberal	12	10	16	11	11	13	11	14
More likely to vote NDP	22	27	20	19	23	17	22	21
Less likely to vote Conservative	14	16	11	14	13	16	13	15
Less likely to vote Liberal	8	11	9	7	5	6	8	8
Less likely to vote NDP	6	8	5	4	6	7	8	5
Won't make any difference to your vote	20	16	25	23	23	18	19	22
Don't know	4	3	4	5	4	5	3	5

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More likely to vote Conservative	14	10	11	14	18	21	12	15	10
More likely to vote Liberal	12	16	14	14	6	10	7	12	14
More likely to vote NDP	22	24	17	22	18	17	34	23	18
Less likely to vote Conservative	14	16	16	14	20	12	11	13	17
Less likely to vote Liberal	8	8	8	8	5	7	9	8	5
Less likely to vote NDP	6	5	10	4	5	7	5	5	10
Won't make any difference to your vote	20	17	21	20	21	23	21	20	22
Don't know	4	4	2	5	8	4	2	4	3

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More likely to vote Conservative	14	47	2	2	9	3	11
More likely to vote Liberal	12	4	34	3	18	7	0
More likely to vote NDP	22	2	9	51	17	10	26
Less likely to vote Conservative	14	5	23	13	10	29	13
Less likely to vote Liberal	8	6	3	11	16	5	5
Less likely to vote NDP	6	13	6	2	6	3	3
Won't make any difference to your vote	20	21	19	16	23	41	33
Don't know	4	3	3	2	3	2	10

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More likely to vote Liberal	12	6	22	7	16	6	17
More likely to vote NDP	22	6	24	42	28	14	34
Less likely to vote Conservative	14	7	19	15	5	17	10
Less likely to vote Liberal	8	6	6	9	12	7	0
Less likely to vote NDP	6	9	6	6	8	2	2
Won't make any difference to your vote	20	23	19	16	19	42	27
Don't know	4	3	3	2	3	4	7

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