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Minority expect Ebola outbreak in Canada

Most agree with restrictions on travelers

TORONTO November 20th, 2014 In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 1500 Canadians 18 years of age and older, one quarter think an Ebola outbreak is likely in Canada, but just one twentieth say it's "very likely" (6%). Two thirds think it unlikely (69%), with half agreeing that it is not very likely (48%) as opposed to not at all likely (22%). Those who think an Ebola outbreak is likely are apt to be the oldest (30%), the least wealthy (32%), in Alberta (30%) and among the least educated (34%).

6-in-10 think Canada is well prepared for Ebola outbreak

Close to two thirds think Canada is prepared for an outbreak of Ebola (61%), and 3-in-10 do not (30%). One tenth don't have an opinion (9%).

Three quarters agree with quarantining West Africa arrivals

Three quarters of Canadians agree with quarantining those who arrive from West Africa (77%), and fully one half agree strongly (48%). Fewer than a fifth disagree (19%) and few have no opinion (4%).

Two thirds approve of government visa restrictions on West Africa

Two thirds of Canadians agree with the government's decision to restrict visas for travelers from West Africa (66%), and most of these "agree strongly" (39%).

"Ebola is like ISIS. It's an unwelcome visitor that wasn't invited to the Canadian experience, yet has shown up anyway. Canadians are eager to do anything in their power to make sure this interloper stays where it originated, in West Africa," said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

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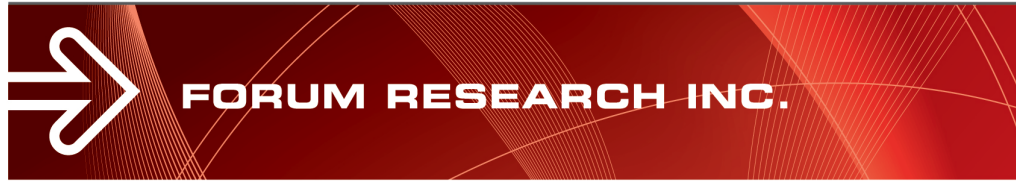
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HIGHLIGHTS:

- One quarter think an Ebola outbreak is likely in Canada, but just one twentieth say it's "very likely" (6%).
- Close to two thirds think Canada is prepared for an outbreak of Ebola (61%), and 3-in-10 do not (30%).
- Three quarters of Canadians agree with quarantining those who arrive from West Africa (77%), and fully one half agree strongly (48%).
- Two thirds of Canadians agree with the government's decision to restrict visas for travelers from West Africa (66%), and most of these "agree strongly" (39%).
- "Ebola is like ISIS. It's an unwelcome visitor that wasn't invited to the Canadian experience, yet has shown up anyway. Canadians are eager to do anything in their power to make sure this interloper stays where it originated, in West Africa," 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 1500 randomly selected Canadians 18 years of age or older. The poll was conducted on November 19-20th, 2014.

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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Likelihood of an Ebola Outbreak in Canada

'How likely is it we will have an Ebola outbreak in Canada?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1500	341	237	279	308	335	834	666
NET: TOP2	25	18	26	25	28	30	25	25
NET: BTM2	69	76	68	69	65	64	70	68
Very likely	6	5	5	9	7	5	6	6
Somewhat likely	18	14	21	16	22	24	18	19
Not very likely	48	41	47	53	47	52	44	51
Not at all likely	22	34	21	16	18	12	26	17
Don't know	6	6	6	6	7	6	5	7

Region/Language

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1500	130	312	519	121	184	234	1209	291
NET: TOP2	25	28	24	24	19	30	26	25	22
NET: BTM2	69	68	70	70	76	65	67	69	71
Very likely	6	9	5	5	5	9	9	7	5
Somewhat likely	18	18	18	19	14	21	17	19	17
Not very likely	48	47	51	46	51	47	44	46	53
Not at all likely	22	21	19	24	25	18	22	23	17
Don't know	6	5	6	7	6	5	7	6	8

Federal Vote Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1500	467	461	258	141	54	61
NET: TOP2	25	26	22	20	24	27	42
NET: BTM2	69	70	71	74	67	70	49
Very likely	6	5	6	5	9	7	14
Somewhat likely	18	21	16	15	16	20	27
Not very likely	48	52	48	48	41	55	34
Not at all likely	22	18	23	26	27	15	15
Don't know	6	4	7	7	9	3	9

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Health System Prepared to Handle an Outbreak

'Do you agree or disagree Canada's health system is well prepared to handle an outbreak of Ebola?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1500	341	237	279	308	335	834	666
NET: TOP2	61	57	57	57	65	71	64	57
NET: BTM2	30	35	35	32	24	22	28	33
Agree strongly	19	21	18	17	20	20	22	17
Agree somewhat	42	37	38	40	45	51	43	41
Disagree somewhat	21	23	23	22	17	19	18	24
Disagree strongly	9	13	12	9	7	3	10	9
Don't know	9	7	9	11	11	7	8	10

Region/Language

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1500	130	312	519	121	184	234	1209	291
NET: TOP2	61	64	56	66	61	60	54	62	56
NET: BTM2	30	25	35	27	28	31	35	29	36
Agree strongly	19	20	15	21	19	24	17	21	15
Agree somewhat	42	44	41	45	42	36	36	42	41
Disagree somewhat	21	15	25	18	18	23	26	20	26
Disagree strongly	9	11	10	9	9	9	9	9	10
Don't know	9	11	8	7	11	9	11	9	8

Federal Vote Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1500	467	461	258	141	54	61
NET: TOP2	61	64	66	61	49	56	47
NET: BTM2	30	28	26	29	42	33	43
Agree strongly	19	15	23	26	16	10	13
Agree somewhat	42	49	43	34	33	47	34
Disagree somewhat	21	20	19	21	24	27	25
Disagree strongly	9	8	7	8	18	6	18
Don't know	9	8	7	10	9	11	10

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Those Returning from West Africa to Spend Time in Quarantine

'Do you agree or disagree those returning from West Africa should spend time in quarantine?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1500	341	237	279	308	335	834	666
NET: TOP2	77	76	72	80	77	82	77	77
NET: BTM2	19	20	22	17	19	14	20	17
Agree strongly	48	43	45	52	50	53	48	48
Agree somewhat	29	32	27	28	27	29	29	29
Disagree somewhat	13	14	14	14	14	12	15	12
Disagree strongly	5	6	9	3	5	2	5	5
Don't know	4	5	5	3	3	4	3	5

Region/Language

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1500	130	312	519	121	184	234	1209	291
NET: TOP2	77	75	79	78	75	80	72	77	78
NET: BTM2	19	21	17	18	22	16	23	19	19
Agree strongly	48	45	48	49	43	48	50	48	48
Agree somewhat	29	30	30	29	31	32	23	29	30
Disagree somewhat	13	15	12	13	18	13	16	14	13
Disagree strongly	5	6	6	5	4	3	7	5	6
Don't know	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	4	3

Federal Vote Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1500	467	461	258	141	54	61
NET: TOP2	77	85	77	72	66	76	75
NET: BTM2	19	11	20	24	26	21	18
Agree strongly	48	56	48	38	40	46	52
Agree somewhat	29	29	29	34	26	29	23
Disagree somewhat	13	9	15	16	20	16	11
Disagree strongly	5	3	6	8	5	5	7
Don't know	4	4	3	3	8	3	7

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No Visas Issued to Travellers from West Africa

‘Do you approve or disapprove of the government’s decision to stop issuing visas to travellers from West Africa?’

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1500	341	237	279	308	335	834	666
NET: TOP2	66	55	62	71	72	76	68	64
NET: BTM2	29	38	34	23	24	20	29	29
Agree strongly	39	33	37	42	41	47	42	36
Agree somewhat	27	22	24	29	31	29	25	28
Disagree somewhat	18	22	23	14	14	13	18	17
Disagree strongly	11	16	11	10	10	7	11	12
Don't know	5	7	5	5	4	4	3	7

Region/Language

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1500	130	312	519	121	184	234	1209	291
NET: TOP2	66	63	65	67	64	75	59	66	64
NET: BTM2	29	31	30	28	27	22	35	28	31
Agree strongly	39	31	42	42	35	41	33	39	39
Agree somewhat	27	32	23	25	29	34	27	27	25
Disagree somewhat	18	20	19	16	17	15	22	17	19
Disagree strongly	11	12	11	12	10	7	13	11	12
Don't know	5	5	5	5	9	3	6	5	5

Federal Vote Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1500	467	461	258	141	54	61
NET: TOP2	66	84	59	58	48	68	64
NET: BTM2	29	12	36	39	43	25	31
Agree strongly	39	54	34	32	26	36	44
Agree somewhat	27	31	25	26	22	32	20
Disagree somewhat	18	9	22	21	23	20	20
Disagree strongly	11	3	13	18	19	6	11
Don't know	5	3	5	3	9	7	6

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