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## **Minority support Iraq mission**

### **Few approve of extending mission to Syria**

TORONTO March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 - Just 4-in-10 express approval for our mission in Iraq (39%), while disapproval is common to almost half (48%). One sixth don't have an opinion (14%). Approval is highest among males (47%), in Alberta (48%) and among Conservatives (71%). This stands in comparison to November, 2014, when the mission was in its infancy, and two thirds gave it their support (66%), while 3-in-10 did not (30%).

### **Few approve of extending mission to Syria**

The majority of Canadian voters oppose extending our mission into Syria (55%), and this is especially the case among the youngest (61%), the least wealthy (65%), in Atlantic Canada (65%), among Liberals (65%) and New Democrats (72%) and among the best educated (post grad (62%). Just one third approve of the mission extension (32%), especially among males (41%) in Alberta (41%) and among Conservative voters (62%).

"Before our mission started, support was high, but now it has waned, possibly due to the unfortunate death of Sergeant Doiron. With an election approaching, this issue will be test of who the true Conservative believers are," said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

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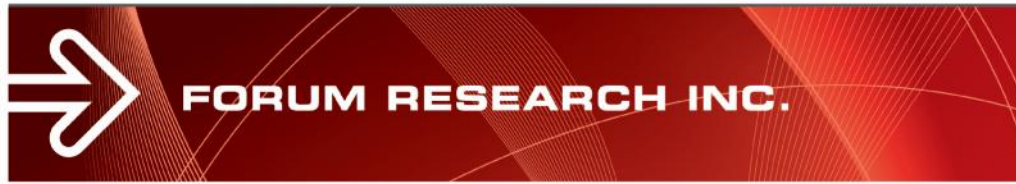
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#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Just 4-in-10 express approval for our mission in Iraq (39%), while disapproval is common to almost half (48%).
- The majority of Canadian voters oppose extending our mission into Syria (55%).
- "Before our mission started, support was high, but now it has waned, possibly due to the unfortunate death of Sergeant Doiron. With an election approaching, this issue will be test of who the true Conservative believers are," 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 1239 randomly selected Canadians 18 years of age or older. The poll was conducted on March 30-31<sup>st</sup>, 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](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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## **Canada's Mission in Iraq Approval**

*'Do you approve or disapprove of Canada's mission in Iraq?'*

[All Respondents]

### **Age / Gender**

| %          | Total | 18-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65+ | Male | Female |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|------|--------|
| Sample     | 1239  | 199   | 177   | 241   | 324   | 298 | 681  | 558    |
| Approve    | 39    | 30    | 40    | 44    | 43    | 43  | 47   | 31     |
| Disapprove | 48    | 51    | 48    | 45    | 47    | 45  | 43   | 52     |
| Don't know | 14    | 19    | 12    | 11    | 11    | 12  | 10   | 17     |

### **Region**

| %          | Total | Atl | Que | ON  | Man/Sask | AB  | BC  | English | French |
|------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|----------|-----|-----|---------|--------|
| Sample     | 1239  | 95  | 327 | 411 | 87       | 154 | 165 | 944     | 295    |
| Approve    | 39    | 31  | 32  | 43  | 40       | 48  | 35  | 41      | 30     |
| Disapprove | 48    | 55  | 53  | 41  | 45       | 43  | 55  | 45      | 56     |
| Don't know | 14    | 14  | 15  | 15  | 15       | 9   | 10  | 13      | 14     |

### **Federal Vote Preference**

| %          | Total | Conservative | Liberal | NDP | Green | Bloc | Other Parties |
|------------|-------|--------------|---------|-----|-------|------|---------------|
| Sample     | 1239  | 371          | 365     | 261 | 83    | 58   | 50            |
| Approve    | 39    | 71           | 34      | 19  | 29    | 18   | 30            |
| Disapprove | 48    | 19           | 54      | 65  | 63    | 61   | 51            |
| Don't know | 14    | 10           | 12      | 16  | 8     | 21   | 18            |

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### ***Extending the Iraq Mission into Syria Approval***

*'Would you approve or disapprove of extending the Iraq mission into Syria?'*

*[All Respondents]*

#### **Age / Gender**

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|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|------|--------|
| Sample     | 1239  | 199   | 177   | 241   | 324   | 298 | 681  | 558    |
| Approve    | 32    | 26    | 37    | 36    | 37    | 30  | 41   | 24     |
| Disapprove | 55    | 61    | 50    | 53    | 52    | 54  | 51   | 59     |
| Don't know | 13    | 13    | 13    | 12    | 11    | 16  | 8    | 18     |

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| Approve    | 32    | 29  | 24  | 38  | 29       | 41  | 28  | 35      | 22     |
| Disapprove | 55    | 65  | 57  | 52  | 53       | 50  | 59  | 54      | 59     |
| Don't know | 13    | 5   | 19  | 11  | 18       | 9   | 13  | 11      | 18     |

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| Approve    | 32    | 62           | 26      | 14  | 24    | 11   | 33            |
| Disapprove | 55    | 24           | 65      | 72  | 65    | 65   | 57            |
| Don't know | 13    | 13           | 9       | 14  | 10    | 24   | 9             |

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