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One quarter think Ebola outbreak in Ontario likely

Two thirds approve quarantining arrivals from West Africa

TORONTO November 1st, 2014 – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 1104 Ontarians 18 years of age and older, as many as one quarter say an Ebola outbreak in Ontario is likely (25%), and one tenth describe this possibility as "very likely" (9%). Belief in the strong likelihood of an Ebola outbreak is characteristic of the youngest (16%), the less wealthy (\$20K to \$40K - 17%), in Toronto 416 (14%), Green Party voters (34% - caution: small sample size), moms (18%) and those with children in general (16%).

Just one half agree Ontario is up to an Ebola outbreak

One third of Ontarians disagree the province's health system is prepared for an Ebola outbreak (34%), and just one half agrees it is prepared (48%). One fifth don't know enough to form an opinion (19%). Disagreement is common among the youngest (48%), females (37%), the very wealthy (\$80K to \$100K - 46%), in Toronto 905 (41%) and northern Ontario (48%), PC voters (43%), moms (47%) and those with college degrees (41%).

Two thirds approve of quarantine for West Africa arrivals

Two thirds of Ontarians agree travelers arriving from West Africa should spend time in quarantine (68%), and just one fifth disagree (20%). One tenth haven't formed an opinion (12%). Approval of quarantine is highest among the older respondents (55 to 64 - 77%, 65+ - 76%), females (74%), the less wealthy (\$20K to \$40K - 82%), in Toronto 905 (74%), PC voters (78%), moms (76%) and the least educated (82%).

"As unlikely as it sounds now, people are genuinely afraid Ebola will travel to Canada, and they are willing to do whatever is necessary to stop it from getting in the door, because they don't really have a lot of faith in the ability of our provincial health system to handle it," said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- As many as one quart say an Ebola outbreak in Ontario is likely (25%), and one tenth describe this possibility as "very likely" (9%).
- One third of Ontarians disagree the province's health system is prepared for an Ebola outbreak (34%), and just one half agrees it is prepared (48%).
- Two thirds of Ontarians agree travelers arriving from West Africa should spend time in quarantine (68%), and just one fifth disagree (20%).
- "As unlikely as it sounds now, people are genuinely afraid Ebola will travel to Canada, and they are willing to whatever is necessary to stop it from getting in the door, because they don't really have a lot of faith in the ability of our provincial health system to stop it," 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 1104 randomly selected Ontarians 18 years of age and older. The poll was conducted on October 31st and November 1st, 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 Ebola Outbreak in Ontario

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

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1104	49	88	209	297	461	517	587
Very likely	9	16	8	9	5	3	8	11
Somewhat likely	16	13	15	20	18	16	15	17
Not very likely	48	37	47	45	55	63	46	49
Not at all likely	21	24	27	22	18	13	26	17
Don't know	6	10	4	4	3	5	5	6

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	1104	158	196	309	505	249	192
Very likely	9	10	14	5	9	7	12
Somewhat likely	16	13	21	18	19	12	13
Not very likely	48	48	46	53	50	45	43
Not at all likely	21	25	16	17	17	27	28
Don't know	6	5	2	7	5	9	5

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1104	101	200	174	114	122	208
Very likely	9	11	17	6	5	8	3
Somewhat likely	16	26	22	20	14	7	13
Not very likely	48	45	37	48	64	56	48
Not at all likely	21	11	14	25	14	24	36
Don't know	6	7	10	1	3	5	0

Provincial Party Preference

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Other parties
Sample	1104	418	426	156	51	21
Very likely	9	9	6	10	34	12
Somewhat likely	16	18	16	17	2	14
Not very likely	48	53	47	43	38	41
Not at all likely	21	17	22	27	25	20
Don't know	6	3	9	3	1	13

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Ontario Health System: Readiness for Ebola Outbreak

'Do you agree or disagree the province'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	1104	49	88	209	297	461	517	587
Agree	48	46	50	48	51	43	52	43
Disagree	34	48	34	26	28	23	30	37
Don't know	19	6	16	26	21	34	18	20

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	1104	158	196	309	505	249	192
Agree	48	54	50	39	44	57	39
Disagree	34	25	32	41	37	21	48
Don't know	19	21	18	20	19	22	13

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1104	101	200	174	114	122	208
Agree	48	61	39	51	48	39	58
Disagree	34	23	35	23	38	46	29
Don't know	19	16	26	26	14	15	13

Provincial Party Preference

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Other parties
Sample	1104	418	426	156	51	21
Agree	48	34	57	46	56	71
Disagree	34	43	28	34	24	19
Don't know	19	23	15	20	20	10

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Quarantine Time for Travellers from West Africa

'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	1104	49	88	209	297	461	517	587
Agree	68	57	69	68	77	76	62	74
Disagree	20	29	18	20	16	13	23	17
Don't know	12	14	13	12	7	11	15	9

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	1104	158	196	309	505	249	192
Agree	68	70	59	74	68	70	63
Disagree	20	21	19	18	19	23	20
Don't know	12	9	21	8	14	6	17

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1104	101	200	174	114	122	208
Agree	68	68	82	67	75	71	59
Disagree	20	20	10	14	9	26	32
Don't know	12	13	8	19	16	3	10

Provincial Party Preference

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Other parties
Sample	1104	418	426	156	51	21
Agree	68	78	67	66	40	34
Disagree	20	14	22	14	53	34
Don't know	12	8	12	20	7	32

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