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Relatively Little Enthusiasm For PPPs

Private sector seen to benefit more than public sector

TORONTO November 23rd – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 1184 Ontario voters, the slim plurality (39%) approves of Public-Private Partnerships, or PPPs or P3s, while as many as one quarter disapprove (24%). A large proportion, however, don't have an opinion on the subject (37%). Favouring PPPs is characteristic of mid aged groups (45 to 54 - 46%), males (44%) rather than females (36%), the very wealthiest (\$100K to \$250K - 54%), in Toronto (46%), among PCs (46%) and Liberals (44%) and the best educated (post grad - 48%).

Most see private sector benefitting from PPPs

Close to one half of Ontario voters think the private sector gets the greatest benefit from PPPs (46%), whereas fewer than one quarter this proportion thinks the public sector benefits most (10%). Just one fifth think they both benefit equally (21%) and one quarter have no idea in the matter (23%). Those who think the private sector benefits most are especially likely to be the youngest (52%), the wealthy (\$80K to \$100K - 61%) and New Democrats (54%).

“The lure of P3s is seductive, and more voters approve of them than disapprove, but the awareness that the public sector very rarely profits from them is widespread,” said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- The small plurality (39%) approves of Public-Private Partnerships, or PPPs or P3s, while as many as one quarter disapprove (24%)
- Close to one half of Ontario voters think the private sector gets the greatest benefit from PPPs (46%)
- “The lure of P3s is seductive, and more voters approve of them than disapprove, but the awareness that the public sector very rarely profits from them is widespread,” 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 1184 randomly selected Ontario voters. The poll was conducted on November 21st, 2016.

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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Public-Private Partnerships Approval

Do you approve or disapprove of Public-Private Partnerships, or P3s, as a way of getting public works projects built?

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1184	180	136	215	301	352	598	569
Approve	39	42	29	46	45	35	44	36
Disapprove	24	19	28	26	21	27	30	17
Don't know	37	39	44	28	34	37	26	47

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1184	115	182	163	159	113	210
Approve	39	33	29	30	51	47	54
Disapprove	24	17	23	24	23	30	24
Don't know	37	51	48	46	26	23	22

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	1184	173	181	390	571	255	185
Approve	39	34	46	42	43	36	37
Disapprove	24	22	23	25	24	23	26
Don't know	37	44	31	34	33	40	38

Provincial Vote Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other
Sample	1184	491	267	209	81	56
Approve	39	46	44	34	26	26
Disapprove	24	24	23	27	19	27
Don't know	37	30	33	38	56	47

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Public-Private Partnerships Benefit Share

Which half of the Public-Private Partnership usually benefits the most from the arrangement?

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1184	180	136	215	301	352	598	569
Public sector	10	9	8	12	9	12	12	9
Private sector	46	52	49	46	40	39	48	44
Benefit equally	21	20	16	20	28	24	23	19
Don't know	23	19	26	22	23	25	17	28

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1184	115	182	163	159	113	210
Public sector	10	11	9	6	9	7	16
Private sector	46	36	40	48	54	61	46
Benefit equally	21	27	21	24	18	16	22
Don't know	23	27	30	22	19	16	16

Region

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Sample	1184	173	181	390	571	255	185
Public sector	10	15	11	10	10	6	11
Private sector	46	40	48	47	48	48	46
Benefit equally	21	18	20	20	20	24	23
Don't know	23	28	21	23	22	23	20

Provincial Vote Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other
Sample	1184	491	267	209	81	56
Public sector	10	12	10	10	7	4
Private sector	46	45	46	54	47	46
Benefit equally	21	24	19	19	19	23
Don't know	23	19	25	17	27	27

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