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The Majority of Torontonians Say a Handgun Ban Will Reduce Shootings by Gangs

Toronto, July 10th – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ among 1143 Toronto voters, the majority (62%) say that a ban on handguns will reduce the number of shootings committed by gangs in Toronto and four-in-ten (38%) say a ban will not..

Respondents who say a handgun ban will reduce shootings by gangs in Toronto include those aged 45 and over (66% of those aged 45 to 54, 66% of 55 to 64, and 67% of those 65 and over), females (69%), the least wealthy (69%) or \$60k-\$80k (69%), completed college or university (64%), living in the former City of Toronto (69%) East York (71%), and voting for the NDP (77%) or Liberals (75%).

Respondents who say a ban on handguns will not reduce shootings include those aged 18 to 34 (42%) or 35 to 44 (41%), male (44%), earning \$80k-\$100k (43%), with secondary school education or less (43%), living in York (51%), and voting Conservative (58%).

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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 1143 randomly selected Torontonians. The poll was conducted July 3rd – 6th, 2019.

Results based on the total sample are considered accurate +/- 3%, measured as the average deviation across all response categories, 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. Actual results depend on a Candidate's ability to get their voters out. 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.

With offices across Canada and around the world, 100% Canadian-owned Forum Research is one of the country's leading survey research firms. This Forum Poll™ and other polls may be found at Forum's poll archive at forumpoll.com.

Top2/Btm2 (or 3 or 4 where applicable) refers to the combined results of the most answered positive and negative responses:

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	631	112	91	133	119	176	303	315
NET: TOP3	66	57	60	68	78	86	67	64
NET: BTM3	34	43	39	32	21	14	32	36
Very satisfied	9	9	6	6	13	20	11	8
Satisfied	28	17	29	35	32	45	25	31
Somewhat satisfied	28	31	26	28	32	20	31	25
Somewhat dissatisfied	12	11	16	14	11	8	13	12
Dissatisfied	11	15	15	9	5	3	9	13
Very dissatisfied	11	18	9	8	5	3	9	12
Don't know	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0

Top 3 here collects very satisfied, satisfied, and somewhat satisfied into one category, and Btm 3 collects very dissatisfied, dissatisfied, and somewhat dissatisfied. TABLE IS AN EXAMPLE ONLY.

Due to rounding some numbers may not add up to 100

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Handgun Ban

In your opinion, would a handgun ban reduce the number of shootings committed by gangs in Toronto?

Age/gender

%	Total	18 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Sample	1143	156	156	219	255	357	589	523	31
Yes	62	58	59	66	66	67	56	69	42
No	38	42	41	34	34	33	44	31	58

Income

%	Total	Less than \$20,000	\$20,000 to \$40,000	\$40,000 to \$60,000	\$60,000 to \$80,000	\$80,000 to \$100,000	\$100,000 to \$250,000	More than \$250,000
Sample	1143	78	133	133	131	143	274	54
Yes	62	69	63	62	69	57	62	62
No	38	31	37	38	31	43	38	38



Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate degree
Sample	1143	102	229	458	354
Yes	62	57	62	64	62
No	38	43	38	36	38

Community

%	Total	Former city of Toronto	East York	North York	Etobicoke	York	Scarborough
Sample	1143	366	92	229	213	71	172
Yes	62	69	71	58	59	49	61
No	38	31	29	42	41	51	39

Voter intention

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	People's Party of Canada	Other
Sample	1143	274	523	132	101	40	22
Yes	62	42	75	77	58	18	52
No	38	58	25	23	42	82	48

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