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Almost 7 in 10 Support the End of the College Strike

Almost half strongly approve

Toronto, December 1st – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ among 861 Ontario voters, almost 7 in 10 (TOP2: 68%) say they approve of Queen's Park forcing striking college staff back to work, with almost half (47%) saying that they strongly approve. Just under one-fifth (BTM2: 19%) say they disapprove, but just over 1 in 10 (12%) say they strongly disapprove.

Just under 1 in 10 (8%) says they neither approve nor disapprove, while few (5%) say they do not know.

Respondents most likely to say they approve of forcing staff back to work include those aged 65+ (80%), earning \$80-\$100,000 (84%), the least educated (71%) or with a college/university degree (74%), living in Eastern (73%) or North-Eastern (73% n=70%) Ontario, or the 905 (74%), and supporting the PCs (79%) or Liberals (78%).

Respondents most likely to say they disapprove of forcing staff back to work include those aged 34 and younger (22%) or 35-44 (24%), with a post-graduate degree (30%), living in Toronto (24%), and supporting the NDP (35%) or Green (35%)

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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 861 randomly selected Ontario Voters. The poll was conducted November 29-30, 2017.

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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Back to work

Overall, do you approve or disapprove of Queen's Park forcing striking college staff back to work?

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	861	129	128	146	191	267	483	354
TOP2	68	61	63	70	74	80	70	68
BTM2	19	22	24	20	15	11	19	18
Strongly approve	47	39	38	53	52	61	51	44
Somewhat approve	21	22	25	16	22	19	20	23
Neither approve nor disapprove	8	8	8	7	10	5	8	7
Somewhat disapprove	7	6	9	9	7	6	6	8
Strongly disapprove	12	16	15	11	8	6	13	11
Don't know	5	9	5	4	1	4	3	7

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	861	77	114	126	107	77	181
TOP2	68	64	57	66	65	84	73
BTM2	19	13	23	21	20	15	20
Strongly approve	47	44	35	42	49	51	49
Somewhat approve	21	20	23	24	16	32	23
Neither approve nor disapprove	8	11	9	8	14	2	5
Somewhat disapprove	7	5	9	8	5	11	9
Strongly disapprove	12	8	14	13	15	4	11
Don't know	5	12	11	5	0	0	3



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Region

%	Total	Eastern Ontario	416	905	South-western Ontario	North-eastern Ontario	North-western Ontario
Sample	861	160	207	198	208	70	18
TOP2	68	73	58	74	66	73	48
BTM2	19	17	24	16	20	19	35
Strongly approve	47	53	38	52	50	40	24
Somewhat approve	21	20	20	22	16	33	24
Neither approve nor disapprove	8	8	14	5	5	7	17
Somewhat disapprove	7	6	11	7	6	6	3
Strongly disapprove	12	11	13	9	14	13	33
Don't know	5	2	5	5	9	1	0

Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	861	140	202	346	173
TOP2	68	71	67	74	56
BTM2	19	14	20	16	30
Strongly approve	47	52	44	54	31
Somewhat approve	21	20	22	19	25
Neither approve nor disapprove	8	6	8	7	9
Somewhat disapprove	7	5	5	7	12
Strongly disapprove	12	9	15	9	18
Don't know	5	8	5	3	5



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Ballot intention

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Other Parties
Sample	861	341	218	159	65	31
TOP2	68	79	78	52	42	68
BTM2	19	13	11	35	35	12
Strongly approve	47	64	49	25	24	41
Somewhat approve	21	15	29	27	18	27
Neither approve nor disapprove	8	6	6	10	8	8
Somewhat disapprove	7	5	7	12	9	4
Strongly disapprove	12	8	5	23	26	9
Don't know	5	1	5	3	15	11

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