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## **Majority agree Forcillo received fair trial**

### **Very few disagree**

TORONTO January 20<sup>th</sup> - In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 546 Toronto adults, the majority believe Constable James Forcillo has received a fair trial in the shooting death of Sammy Yatim (57%). Just one seventh disagree (15%), and this is common among boomers (55 to 64 - 22%), Doug Ford voters (21%), those who trust the police (21%), and among those who disapprove of charging Forcillo with murder (43%).

“It is among Forcillo’s supporters that the belief he hasn’t received a fair trial is strongest, and also among those who trust police in general. There is a culture of loyalty at work here among those who uphold the law and those who support them,” said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

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### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- The majority believe Constable James Forcillo has received a fair trial in the shooting death of Sammy Yatim (57%).
- “It is among Forcillo’s supporters that the belief he hasn’t received a fair trial is strongest, and also among those who trust police in general. There is a culture of loyalty at work here among those who uphold the law and those who support them,” 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 546 randomly selected voters in Toronto, Ontario. The poll was conducted on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Results based on the total sample are considered accurate +/- 4%, 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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**Forcillo: Fair Trial**

*'As far as you know, has Constable Forcillo been able to get a fair trial in Toronto or not?'*

[All Respondents]

**Age / Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	546	122	75	98	112	139	296	250
He has been able to get a fair trial in Toronto	57	49	55	65	57	64	58	55
He has not been able to get a fair trial in Toronto	15	13	14	18	22	14	16	15
Don't know	28	39	30	18	21	22	26	30

**Region**

%	Total	The former City of Toronto + East York	- North York	Etobicoke + York	Scarborough
Sample	546	215	116	131	84
He has been able to get a fair trial in Toronto	57	57	54	64	51
He has not been able to get a fair trial in Toronto	15	12	16	17	18
Don't know	28	31	30	19	31

**Last Mayoral Vote**

%	Total	Doug Ford	John Tory	Olivia Chow	Someone else
Sample	546	84	239	74	38
He has been able to get a fair trial in Toronto	57	58	58	66	54
He has not been able to get a fair trial in Toronto	15	21	17	4	17
Don't know	28	22	25	30	29

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