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## **Understanding of Gas Plants Trial Evenly Split**

Toronto, October 26<sup>th</sup> – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ among 946 Ontario voters, more than half (BTM2 51%) say, if asked why the trial was happening, that they wouldn't be confident in their ability to answer the question, with almost three in ten (28%) saying that they would be not at all confident in their answer.

The other half, (TOP2: 49%) say they are confident in their ability to answer, with just under a quarter (23%) saying they would be completely confident in their ability to explain the substance of the trial.

Respondents most likely to say they are not confident in their ability to answer (BTM2) include those aged 34 and younger (61%), females (62%), the least wealthy (66%) and those earning \$20,000-\$40,000 (63%), the least educated (64%), living in the Northeast (65%), and supporting the Liberals (64%).

Respondents most likely to say they are confident (TOP2) in their ability to answer include those aged 55-64 (66%), males (59%), the most wealthy (60%), with a post-graduate degree (59%), living in Toronto (56%), and supporting the PCs (60%).

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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 946 randomly selected Ontario Voters. The poll was conducted October 24-25, 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](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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## **Confidence or lack thereof in understanding of gas plants trial**

*Two members of former Premier Dalton McGuinty's staff are currently on trial for their actions during the cancellation of two planned gas plants before the 2011 election. If a friend asked you to explain why these former staff are on trial, how confidently would you be able to answer?*

### **Age/Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	946	148	122	126	214	336	486	436
Top 2	49	39	47	51	66	53	59	38
Bottom 2	51	61	53	49	34	47	41	62
Completely confident	23	20	24	26	31	20	31	16
Somewhat confident	26	18	23	25	35	33	28	23
Not very confident	23	23	28	22	18	25	17	29
Not at all confident	28	39	25	27	17	22	23	32

### **Income**

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	946	97	126	113	115	90	199
Top 2	49	34	37	38	52	55	60
Bottom 2	51	66	63	62	48	45	40
Completely confident	23	22	19	19	15	19	37
Somewhat confident	26	12	18	19	36	35	23
Not very confident	23	26	24	27	22	25	21
Not at all confident	28	39	39	35	27	21	19



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**Region**

%	Total	Eastern Ontario	Toronto 416	905	South-western Ontario	North-eastern Ontario	North-western Ontario
Sample	946	165	149	272	230	124	6
Top 2	49	51	56	51	45	35	49
Bottom 2	51	49	44	49	55	65	51
Completely confident	23	28	28	24	17	14	49
Somewhat confident	26	23	28	27	29	21	0
Not very confident	23	23	20	23	21	32	38
Not at all confident	28	27	24	26	33	33	14

**Education**

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	946	155	226	398	167
Top 2	49	36	51	49	59
Bottom 2	51	64	49	51	41
Completely confident	23	18	19	25	30
Somewhat confident	26	18	32	24	29
Not very confident	23	32	21	24	17
Not at all confident	28	32	29	27	24



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### ***Vote Ballot Intention***

<b>%</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Progressive Conservative</b>	<b>Liberal</b>	<b>New Democratic</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Other Parties</b>
<b>Sample</b>	<b>946</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Top 2</b>	49	60	36	45	51	61
<b>Bottom 2</b>	51	40	64	55	49	39
<b>Completely confident</b>	23	31	16	16	26	41
<b>Somewhat confident</b>	26	29	20	28	25	20
<b>Not very confident</b>	23	17	30	30	17	17
<b>Not at all confident</b>	28	22	34	25	32	22

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