

NEWS RELEASE



FORUM RESEARCH INC.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Majority concerned refugees will get preferential immigration treatment

Concern highest among Conservative voters

TORONTO December 8th, 2015 - In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 1369 Canadian voters, more than half are concerned Syrian refugees invited to Canada will get preferential treatment in the immigration queue (54%), and one third are “very” concerned (34%).

A higher level of concern is characteristic of the mid aged (45 to 54 - 60%), the least wealthy (63%), in Alberta (69%) and among Conservative voters (80%) and among the least educated (66%), but not among the best educated (post grad - 37%).

“Canadians are compassionate, but also strictly fair, and we hate queue jumpers. There is a sense that these refugees are getting into Canada ahead of some other groups who may have been waiting as long, and that has an effect,” said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

Lorne Bozinoff, Ph.D. is the president and founder of Forum Research. He can be reached at lbozinoff@forumresearch.com or at (416) 960-9603.

MEDIA INQUIRIES:

Lorne Bozinoff, President
lbozinoff@forumresearch.com
416.960.9603

TORONTO

December 8th, 2015

HIGHLIGHTS:

- More than half are concerned Syrian refugees invited to Canada will get preferential treatment in the immigration queue (54%), and one third are “very” concerned (34%).
- “Canadians are compassionate, but also strictly fair, and we hate queue jumpers. There is a sense that these refugees are getting into Canada ahead of some other groups who may have been waiting as long, and that has an effect,” said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

180 Bloor Street W., #1400
Toronto, ON M5S 2V6
T 416.960.9600
F 416.960.9602
forumresearch.com

NEWS RELEASE



FORUM RESEARCH INC.

Methodology

The Forum Poll™ was conducted by Forum Research with the results based on an interactive voice response telephone survey of 1369 randomly selected Canadians 18 years of age or older. The poll was conducted between December 6th and 8th, 2015.

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.

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 www.forumresearch.com/polls.asp

MEDIA INQUIRIES:

Lorne Bozinoff, President
lbozinoff@forumresearch.com
416.960.9603

TORONTO

December 8th, 2015

180 Bloor Street W., #1400
Toronto, ON M5S 2V6
T 416.960.9600
F 416.960.9602
forumresearch.com

NEWS RELEASE



FORUM RESEARCH INC.

MEDIA INQUIRIES:

Lorne Bozinoff, President
 lbozinoff@forumresearch.com
 416.960.9603

TORONTO

December 8th, 2015

Syrian Refugees: Preferential Treatment

‘How concerned are you that Syrian refugees will get preferential treatment in the immigration process?’

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1369	311	186	242	309	321	733	636
Very concerned	34	30	38	38	37	29	36	32
Somewhat concerned	20	18	18	22	20	26	19	22
Not very concerned	27	29	26	23	29	28	27	27
Not at all concerned	14	19	14	14	9	12	15	13
Don't know	4	5	4	3	5	5	3	6

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1369	116	319	494	100	148	192	1064	305
Very concerned	34	30	24	39	39	49	26	37	22
Somewhat concerned	20	23	20	21	19	20	17	21	20
Not very concerned	27	26	33	23	24	23	34	25	35
Not at all concerned	14	16	19	12	12	7	17	13	19
Don't know	4	5	4	4	6	1	6	4	5

Federal Vote Preference

%	Total	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1369	418	561	188	93	54	24
Very concerned	34	59	21	24	23	35	38
Somewhat concerned	20	20	19	17	27	30	27
Not very concerned	27	13	36	33	29	24	23
Not at all concerned	14	4	20	20	16	11	4
Don't know	4	3	4	6	5	0	7

180 Bloor Street W., #1400
 Toronto, ON M5S 2V6
 T 416.960.9600
 F 416.960.9602
 forumresearch.com

NEWS RELEASE



FORUM RESEARCH INC.

For more information:

Lorne Bozinoff, Ph.D.

President

Forum Research Inc.

Tel: (416) 960-9603

Fax: (416) 960-9602

E-mail: lbozinoff@forumresearch.com

MEDIA INQUIRIES:

Lorne Bozinoff, President

lbozinoff@forumresearch.com

416.960.9603

TORONTO

December 8th, 2015

180 Bloor Street W., #1400

Toronto, ON M5S 2V6

T 416.960.9600

F 416.960.9602

forumresearch.com