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Majority unsatisfied with the government's response to climate change

8-in-10 think fighting climate change is important

Toronto, July 9th – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ among 1812 Canadians, most respondents (TOP2: 82%) think that fighting climate change is important, while two-thirds (65%) say fighting climate change is very important. Another sixth (BTM2: 16%) think fighting climate change is not important, with one in ten (10%) saying it is not important at all. A few (1%) don't know.

Those more likely to say fighting climate change is important (TOP2) include those under 44 (85% of those 18 to 34 and 84% of those 35 to 44), females (88%), those earning \$20k - \$40k (86%) and \$40k - \$60k (84%), with (86%), and those living in Quebec (90%).

Those likely to say fighting climate change is not important (BTM2), those 45 to 54 (18%) and 55 to 64 (21%), males (22%), those earning less than \$20k (19%) and those earning \$80k and above (21% of those earning \$80k - \$100k and 18% of those earning \$100k - \$250k), and those living in Alberta (32%).

6-in-10 think the federal government is not doing enough to fight climate change

Respondents who said fighting climate change was very important, somewhat important, or not very important were asked two follow up questions: Is the federal government doing enough to fight climate change? And, is your provincial government doing enough to fight climate change?

The majority of respondents (TOP2: 63%) think that the federal government is not doing enough to fight climate change, with one third (32%) saying the Feds aren't doing nearly enough.

One-third (TOP2: 32%) think that the federal government is doing enough, with one

Those more likely to say the federal government is not doing enough to fight climate change includes those aged 18-34 (71%), females (69%), the least wealthy (70%), those living in Atlantic Canada (65%), Quebec (68%), and British Columbia (66%), and those who think fighting climate change is very important (76%).

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Those more likely to say the federal government is doing enough include those aged 34-44 (37%), 55-64 (35%), and 65 and over (38%), males (41%), those earning \$80-\$100,000 (34%), the highest earners (37%), those living in Alberta (43%), and those who say climate change is not very important (78%).

Albertans more likely to think government is doing enough

The majority of respondents (BTM2: 70%) think the provincial government is not doing enough to fight climate change, with about half (47%) saying their respective provincial government is not doing nearly enough.

One-quarter (TOP2: 27%) think their provincial government is doing enough, with about one-tenth (9%) saying their provincial government is doing more than enough.

Those more likely to say their provincial government is not doing enough include those aged 18-34 (77%), females (76%), those earning less than 20k (78%), and those who said fighting climate change is very important (83%).

Those more likely to say their provincial government is doing enough include those aged 35-44 (34%), males (36%), earning \$40-60,000 (27%), the highest earners (30%), and those who said fighting climate change is not very important (80%).

According to respondents, the provinces doing enough include Alberta (40%) and British Columbia (36%). In contrast, the worst performing province is Ontario (77%).

	Total	ATL	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
Sample	1568	173	356	564	143	129	203
TOP2 (Enough)	27	25	27	20	34	40	36
BTM2(Not enough)	70	70	69	77	63	58	61

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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 1812 randomly selected Canadians. The poll was fielded June 28th-30th, 2019.

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. 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.

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Fighting climate change

In your opinion, how important is fighting climate change?

Age/gender

%	Total	18 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over	Male	Female
Sample	1812	276	224	288	430	594	998	764
TOP2	82	85	84	80	76	83	77	88
BTM2	16	14	15	18	21	15	22	10
Very important	65	72	65	59	59	66	56	75
Somewhat important	17	13	19	21	18	17	21	14
Not very important	6	5	5	8	8	6	8	4
Not important at all	10	10	10	11	13	9	14	6
Don't know	1	1	1	1	3	2	1	1

Income

%	Total	<\$20k	\$20k-\$40k	\$40k-\$60k	\$60k-\$80k	\$80k-100k	\$100k-\$250k
Sample	1812	173	251	271	215	186	396
TOP2	82	79	86	84	82	78	82
BTM2	16	19	13	14	15	21	18
Very important	65	66	71	67	71	61	62
Somewhat important	17	13	15	17	11	16	20
Not very important	6	5	3	5	8	8	8
Not important at all	10	14	10	9	7	14	10
Don't know	1	2	1	3	2	1	0



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Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post-graduate degree
Sample	1812	315	465	663	369
TOP2	82	79	83	81	86
BTM2	16	18	16	17	13
Very important	65	60	63	67	67
Somewhat important	17	19	19	14	19
Not very important	6	7	5	7	5
Not important at all	10	11	11	11	8
Don't know	1	3	1	1	1

Region

%	Total	AT	QB	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
Sample	1812	196	383	648	191	163	231
NET: TOP2	82	84	90	82	72	68	84
NET: BTM2	16	16	8	16	27	32	15
Very important	65	63	78	68	45	45	62
Somewhat important	17	20	12	14	27	23	22
Not very important	6	7	3	6	6	12	7
Not important at all	10	9	5	11	21	19	9
Don't know	1	0	1	2	1	1	1



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Federal government climate change

In your opinion is the federal government doing enough to fight climate change?

Age/gender

%	Total	18 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over	Male	Female
Sample	1568	240	197	247	359	525	826	710
TOP2	32	26	37	30	35	38	41	26
BTM2	63	71	60	65	58	56	56	69
More than enough	10	9	11	11	10	11	13	8
Enough	22	17	25	19	25	27	28	18
Not enough	31	31	29	33	28	32	28	33
Not nearly enough	32	40	31	32	30	24	28	36
Don't know	4	2	3	4	7	6	3	5



Income

%	Total	<\$20k	\$20k-\$40k	\$40k-\$60k	\$60k-\$80k	\$80k-100k	\$100k-\$250k
Sample	1568	142	221	241	190	155	345
TOP2	32	25	32	31	31	34	37
BTM2	63	70	64	65	66	64	59
More than enough	10	9	7	10	5	11	14
Enough	22	16	24	21	26	22	23
Not enough	31	28	31	36	32	32	30
Not nearly enough	32	42	32	30	35	32	28
Don't know	4	5	5	4	3	3	5

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Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post-graduate degree
Sample	1568	265	402	575	326
NET: TOP2	32	32	31	33	32
NET: BTM2	63	62	64	63	63
More than enough	10	12	11	11	8
Enough	22	20	21	23	24
Not enough	31	26	27	33	35
Not nearly enough	32	36	37	30	28
Don't know	4	6	4	3	5

Region

%	Total	AT	QB	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
Sample	1568	173	356	564	143	129	203
NET: TOP2	32	30	27	35	28	43	32
NET: BTM2	63	65	68	62	63	53	66
More than enough	10	9	5	11	14	24	9
Enough	22	22	22	24	14	19	23
Not enough	31	34	31	33	37	22	28
Not nearly enough	32	32	37	28	26	31	38
Don't know	4	5	5	3	9	4	2



Fighting climate change

%	Total	TOP2	BTM2	Very Important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not Important at all	Don't know
Sample	1568	1447	121	1106	341	121	0	0
TOP2	32	29	78	21	60	78	0	0
BTM2	63	67	16	76	33	16	0	0
More than enough	10	8	47	5	19	47	0	0
Enough	22	21	32	16	41	32	0	0
Not enough	31	32	9	36	20	9	0	0
Not nearly enough	32	34	7	40	12	7	0	0
Don't know	4	4	6	3	8	6	0	0

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Provincial government climate change

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Sample	1568	240	197	247	359	525	826	710
TOP2	27	19	34	26	29	30	36	20
BTM2	70	77	64	70	66	66	62	76
More than enough	9	7	11	9	10	8	11	7
Enough	18	12	23	17	19	22	25	13
Not enough	23	23	17	26	20	29	20	26
Not nearly enough	47	55	47	44	46	36	42	50
Don't know	3	3	2	4	5	4	2	4



Income

%	Total	<\$20k	\$20k-\$40k	\$40k-\$60k	\$60k-\$80k	\$80k-100k	\$100k-\$250k
Sample	1568	142	221	241	190	155	345
TOP2	27	19	26	27	25	25	30
BTM2	70	78	70	70	71	72	67
More than enough	9	5	8	8	7	8	12
Enough	18	14	18	19	18	17	18
Not enough	23	26	31	22	20	25	19
Not nearly enough	47	52	39	48	51	47	49
Don't know	3	3	4	3	4	3	3

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NET: BTM2	70	64	71	71	70
More than enough	9	10	10	8	7
Enough	18	21	16	18	18
Not enough	23	23	28	23	19
Not nearly enough	47	41	43	48	52
Don't know	3	4	3	3	5

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More than enough	9	5	5	7	16	20	14
Enough	18	20	22	13	18	20	23
Not enough	23	26	33	15	16	14	34
Not nearly enough	47	44	35	62	47	45	27
Don't know	3	5	4	3	3	1	2



Fighting climate change

%	Total	TOP2	BTM2	Very Important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not Important at all	Don't know
Sample	1568	1447	121	1106	341	121	0	0
TOP2	27	23	80	14	57	80	0	0
BTM2	70	74	16	83	38	16	0	0
More than enough	9	6	47	4	15	47	0	0
Enough	18	17	33	10	42	33	0	0
Not enough	23	25	4	26	20	4	0	0
Not nearly enough	47	49	12	57	18	12	0	0

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