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More than half agree that marijuana should be legal

5-in-10 think amnesty should be granted to those charged with marijuana offences

Toronto, April 26th – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ amongst 1479 Canadian voters, more than half (53%) say that they agree that marijuana should be legal in Canada. (38%) disagree, fewer than 1-in-10 report they do not know (9%).

Respondents most likely to say that marijuana should be legal include those aged 34 and younger (64%), males (57%), earning \$80,000-\$100,000 (58%) and the most wealthy (60%), living in BC (65%), and supporting the Green Party (68%). Those with some college or university (54%), or a college/university (55%) or post-graduate degree (54%) are also likely to agree that marijuana should be legal in Canada.

Respondents most likely to say that marijuana should not be legal include those aged 65 and over (48%), earning \$20,000-\$40,000 (41%) or \$60,000-\$80,000 (41%), living in Alberta (48%), and supporting the Conservatives (56%). The least educated (43%) are also most likely to disagree that marijuana should be legal in Canada.

Half think the government should protect those charged with marijuana-related offences, if they wouldn't be illegal following its legalization

(50%) say that the government should protect those charged with marijuana-related offences from prosecution if their offences would not be illegal after marijuana is legalized. (33%) said the government should not protect individuals in those situations, with (17%) saying they do not know.

Respondents most likely to suggest the Federal Government should protect these individuals include those aged 34 and younger (58%), earning \$80,000-\$100,000 (63%), living in BC (58%), and supporting the NDP (61%). Those with some college or university (52%), or a college/university (51%) or post-graduate degree (50%) are also likely to say that the government should protect these individuals.

Respondents most likely to suggest the Federal government should not protect these individuals include those aged 45-54 (38%), earning \$60,000-\$80,000 (42%), living in Alberta (40%), and supporting the Conservatives (45%).

It is worth noting that Conservative voters are divided on the issue of Amnesty. While (45%) are opposed to protection for these individuals, (44%) are in favour of it.

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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 1479 randomly selected Canadian Voters. The poll was conducted April 21-24, 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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Marijuana legalization

Do you agree or disagree marijuana should be legal in Canada?

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1479	277	209	235	324	434	788	662
Agree	53	64	52	49	53	40	57	50
Disagree	38	27	38	44	39	48	36	40
Don't know	9	8	10	7	8	12	7	11

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1479	173	243	243	182	131	234
Agree	53	52	50	56	53	58	60
Disagree	38	36	41	34	41	33	32
Don't know	9	13	9	9	7	8	8

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC
Sample	1479	99	356	536	129	158	201
Agree	53	57	45	55	53	46	65
Disagree	38	37	44	36	36	48	27
Don't know	9	5	10	10	11	6	8

Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	1479	262	379	559	279
Agree	53	46	54	55	54
Disagree	38	43	38	36	37
Don't know	9	11	8	9	8

Voter Intention

%	Total	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1479	456	456	230	118	71	41
Agree	53	38	65	62	68	50	45
Disagree	38	56	24	30	26	43	43
Don't know	9	6	11	9	7	7	11



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Marijuana amnesty

Should the federal government protect those currently charged with marijuana-related offences from prosecution if their offences would not be illegal after marijuana is legalized?

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1479	277	209	235	324	434	788	662
Yes	50	58	49	48	51	42	53	48
No	33	30	34	38	31	34	35	31
Don't know	17	12	17	14	18	24	12	21

Income

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Sample	1479	173	243	243	182	131	234
Yes	50	49	50	50	46	63	52
No	33	25	31	32	42	32	38
Don't know	17	26	19	19	13	5	9

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC
Sample	1479	99	356	536	129	158	201
Yes	50	51	43	53	48	49	58
No	33	33	35	32	36	40	27
Don't know	17	16	23	15	16	11	16

Education

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Sample	1479	262	379	559	279
Yes	50	46	52	51	50
No	33	30	34	33	34
Don't know	17	23	14	16	15

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%	Total	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1479	456	456	230	118	71	41
Yes	50	44	54	61	55	34	44
No	33	45	28	23	27	41	38
Don't know	17	11	18	16	18	25	19



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