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Close to half approve of Ontario Retirement Pension Plan

Approval steady since last year

TORONTO March 1st - In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll among 1148 Ontario voters, close to half approve of the Ontario Retirement Pension Plan (ORPP), intended for introduction in 2018, as a supplement to the Canada Pension Plan or CPP (44%). In turn, just more than one third disapprove of this supplementary pension plan (37%), and as many as a fifth have no opinion (19%). Approval of the ORPP is especially common to boomers (55 to 64 - 49%), females (46%) rather than males (42%), those in the very highest income bracket (\$100K to \$250K - 50%), in Toronto (52%), among Liberals (65%) and New Democrats (52%) but not PC voters (27%), and among mothers (48%).

This stands in comparison to November, 2015, when an equal percentage (44%) approved of the ORPP as a supplement to the CPP and just fewer disapproved (34%).

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HIGHLIGHTS:

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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 1148 randomly selected Ontarians 18 years of age and older. The poll was conducted between February 26th, 2016 and February 29th, 2016.

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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ORPP Approval - Trending

%	March 1st, 2016	November 5th, 2015
Sample	1148	1158
Approve	44	44
Disapprove	37	34
Don't know	19	22

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‘The Canada Pension Plan, or CPP, is designed to replace about 25% of pre-retirement income. The Ontario Retirement Pension Plan, or ORPP, is intended to supplement CPP by a further 15% of pre-retirement income. Do you approve or disapprove of the ORPP?’

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1148	155	150	221	300	322	627	521
Approve	44	40	46	49	49	38	42	46
Disapprove	37	33	39	36	37	41	43	31
Don't know	19	26	15	15	14	21	15	23

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	1148	170	201	342	543	283	152
Approve	44	36	52	45	48	40	45
Disapprove	37	42	30	37	35	36	42
Don't know	19	22	18	18	18	24	13

Provincial Vote Preference

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Another Party
Sample	1148	519	285	198	82	33
Approve	44	27	65	52	47	49
Disapprove	37	60	11	25	31	40
Don't know	19	13	24	23	22	12

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