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Half Favour Closer Ties with China

Support highest among Liberals, oldest, wealthiest

In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 1370 Canadian voters, one half favour developing closer ties with China (50%), while one quarter oppose the idea (26%). A similar proportion have no opinion (24%).

Opposition to closer ties with China is common to Gen X (45 to 54 - 31%), mid income groups (\$40K to \$60K - 33%), those in Ontario (30%) and BC (32%), Conservatives (35%) and mothers (30%).

Support for a China strategy is high among the oldest (65+ - 56%), males (59%), the wealthiest (59%), Maritimers (57%), Albertans (56%), Liberals (64%) and the best educated (post grad - 55%).

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- One half favour developing closer ties with China (50%), while one quarter oppose the idea (26%)
- Opposition to closer ties with China is common to Gen X (45 to 54 - 31%)
- Support for a China strategy is high among the oldest (65+ - 56%)
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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 1370 randomly selected Canadians 18 years of age or older. The poll was conducted on September 6th and 7th, 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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Closer Ties with China

Do you favour or oppose Canada developing closer ties with China?

[All Respondents]

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1370	221	216	263	322	348	693	661
Favour	50	44	53	49	54	56	59	42
Oppose	26	28	25	31	23	20	25	27
Don't know	24	28	22	20	23	24	16	31

Income

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100-250K
Sample	1370	141	214	196	175	153	276
Favour	50	42	46	52	52	49	59
Oppose	26	28	25	33	26	22	22
Don't know	24	29	29	15	22	29	20

Region / Language

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1370	89	327	502	114	153	185	1058	312
Favour	50	57	53	49	50	56	42	49	53
Oppose	26	17	20	30	27	22	32	28	20
Don't know	24	26	26	22	23	22	26	23	26

Current Federal Vote Preference

%	Total	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1370	381	563	160	89	61	58
Favour	50	42	64	46	37	50	39
Oppose	26	35	14	28	45	31	40
Don't know	24	23	22	26	18	19	22

Have Children

%	Moms
Sample	163
Favour	39
Oppose	30
Don't know	31

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Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	1370	263	348	516	243
Favour	50	48	49	51	55
Oppose	26	23	27	26	26
Don't know	24	29	25	23	19

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