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Two-thirds Think the Government Should Do More to Counter Opioid Addiction

Toronto, March 3rd – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ among 1,061 British Columbia voters, the majority (63%) say that the government should do more to counter addiction to opioids the province of which (51%) say it should do more, and (12%) say the government should do a lot more. Just over a quarter (27%) believe the government has done enough to combat opioid addiction, while (11%) say they don't know.

Those most likely to say that the government should do more include respondents aged 34 and below (56%), are female (54%), the most wealthy (58%), and those that earn \$60,000-\$80,000 (58%). Those that live in Vancouver Lower Mainland (53%) and NDP supporters (63%) are also likely to hold the opinion that the government has not done enough to counter opioid addiction in the province.

Those most likely to say the government should do a lot more to counter opioid addiction are the least wealthy (20%).

Respondents most likely to say to say the government has done enough to counter opioid addiction include those aged 55-64 (33%), males (31%), those who completed some college or university (32%), and either Liberal (39%) or Conservative (39%) supporters.

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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 1,061 randomly selected British Columbia Voters. The poll was conducted on Feb 22-23 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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Opioid Addiction

Has the government done enough to counter addiction to opioids, such as fentanyl, in British Columbia?

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1061	165	167	173	224	332	530	510
Yes, it has done enough	27	23	24	28	33	29	31	23
No, it should do more	51	56	52	51	45	48	49	54
No, it should do a lot more	12	11	12	15	12	10	11	12
Don't know	11	11	12	6	10	14	10	12



Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1061	126	185	133	140	108	187
Yes, it has done enough	27	21	26	22	25	30	28
No, it should do more	51	47	49	50	58	46	58
No, it should do a lot more	12	20	8	16	8	12	9
Don't know	11	12	17	12	8	13	4

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Region

%	Total	Vancouver Lower Mainland	Vancouver Island	Interior North
Sample	1061	738	234	89
Yes, it has done enough	27	27	23	31
No, it should do more	51	53	48	43
No, it should do a lot more	12	12	14	6
Don't know	11	8	14	19

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Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	1061	170	298	381	212
Yes, it has done enough	27	23	22	32	27
No, it should do more	51	46	54	51	51
No, it should do a lot more	12	14	14	9	11
Don't know	11	17	10	8	11



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Voting Preference

%	Total	Liberal	Conservative	New Democratic	Green	Another Party
Sample	1061	277	147	386	132	30
Yes, it has done enough	27	39	39	13	24	44
No, it should do more	51	43	45	63	49	26
No, it should do a lot more	12	8	5	15	14	17
Don't know	11	9	10	9	13	13

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