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Half Favour Keeping the Monarchy After Queen's Death

Sharp increase in support since this summer

TORONTO, October 11th – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 1143 Canadian adults, close to one half oppose the idea of abolishing the Canadian monarchy upon the death of the current Queen (47%). At the same time, just more than one third favour this idea (37%). This is in contrast to just this summer, when slightly more favoured an end to the monarchy (July, 2016 - 43%) than opposed it (40%).

Incidence of favouring an end to the Canadian monarchy is highest among males (44%), the less wealthy (\$20K to \$40K - 42%), in Quebec, naturally (61%), but not in Atlantic Canada (23%), among New Democrats (47%), Bloquistes especially (84%), Francophones (61%) and the best educated (post grad - 43%).

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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 1143 randomly selected Canadians 18 years of age or older. The poll was conducted between October 7th and 9th, 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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Abolishment of the Monarchy in Canada – Trending

%	In Favour	Opposed	Don't know
October 7 th -9 th , 2016	37	47	15
July 6 th , 2016	43	40	17
May 14 th , 2015	39	45	16
July 23 rd , 2013	37	48	15
May 22 nd , 2013	45	44	11
December 18 th , 2012	36	46	18
January 13 th , 2012	43	43	14

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Monarchy Abolishment in Canada

Are you in favour of or opposed to abolishing the monarchy in Canada upon the death of the current Queen?

[All Respondents]

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1143	222	156	207	251	307	638	477
Favour	37	39	39	39	38	29	44	31
Oppose	47	40	47	46	51	58	44	51
Don't know	15	20	14	15	11	13	13	18

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1143	100	184	178	132	136	223
Favour	37	34	42	39	37	34	39
Oppose	47	47	35	46	44	54	51
Don't know	15	18	22	15	18	13	10

Region / Language

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1143	59	328	337	87	171	161	845	298
Favour	37	23	61	31	30	28	29	30	61
Oppose	47	56	24	56	47	57	55	55	22
Don't know	15	21	15	14	23	15	15	15	17

Current Federal Vote Preference

%	Total	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1143	355	432	142	70	62	41
Favour	37	31	35	47	31	84	38
Oppose	47	56	46	40	56	11	47
Don't know	15	13	19	12	14	5	16

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