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## **More Than Half Familiar With Commissioner's Report on SNC**

### **Similar proportion says it won't likely affect their vote**

Toronto, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ among 1219 Québec voters, more than half (TOP2: 55%) say they're familiar with the commissioner's report on the SNC-Lavalin situation released in August, with a quarter (23%) saying they are very familiar.

Just over 4 in 10 (BTM2: 45%) say they are not familiar with the report, with a quarter (28%) saying they are not familiar at all.

Respondents most likely to say they're familiar with the report (TOP2) include those aged 55-65 (70%), males (67%), supporting the PQ (59%) or CAQ (60%), Federal Conservatives (62%), living in Québec City (68%), and the most wealthy (68%).

Respondents most likely to say they are not familiar with the report (BTM2) include those 34 and younger (57%), females (55%), supporting QS (56%), the Federal Green (56%) or NDP (59%).

### **More than half said it's not likely to have an effect**

More than half (BTM2: 57%) say the commissioner's report is not likely to have an effect on their voting intentions, with 4 in 10 (40%) saying it will have no effect at all.

4 in 10 (TOP2: 43%) said it would likely have an effect on their voting intentions, with a quarter (23%) saying it is very likely to have an effect.

Respondents most likely to say that the report is not likely to affect their intentions (BTM2) include those aged 65+ (64%), PLQ voters (80%), Federal Liberal voters (83%), English-speakers (69%), and those earning \$40-60k (64%) or \$80k-100k (63%).

Respondents most likely to say that the report is likely to affect their intentions include (TOP2) those aged 35-44 (51%), Federal Conservatives (61%), living in Québec City (55%), and the least wealthy (53%).

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"Quebecers were paying attention to the report on SNC Lavalin, with more saying they were familiar with it than not," said Dr. Lorne Bozinoff, President of Forum Research. "But the majority said it's not likely to move their vote. It looks more like the SNC issue is hardening already existing support, than moving large blocks of supporters between the parties."



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### Amongst those who said it's likely to affect their vote...

Of those that said it was likely (TOP2) to affect their vote, a third (32%) said they're more likely to vote Conservative.

One-fifth (21%) said they're more likely to vote BQ.

1 in 10 (11%) said they're more likely to vote Green, a similar proportion to those that said they're more likely to vote Liberal (8%), NDP (8%), or another party (8%).

1 in 10 (13%) said they aren't sure.

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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 1219 randomly selected Québec voters. The poll was conducted from August 27-28, 2019.

Results based on the total sample are considered accurate +/- 3%, 19 times out of 20, measured as the average deviation across all response categories. Subsample results will be less accurate. Margins of error for subsample (such as age, gender) results are available at [www.forumresearch.com/samplestim.asp](http://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. Actual results depend on parties' abilities to get their voters out. 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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***Top2/Btm2 (or 3 or 4 where applicable) refers to the combined results of the most answered positive and negative responses:***

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	631	112	91	133	119	176	303	315
NET: TOP3	66	57	60	68	78	86	67	64
NET: BTM3	34	43	39	32	21	14	32	36
Very satisfied	9	9	6	6	13	20	11	8
Satisfied	28	17	29	35	32	45	25	31
Somewhat satisfied	28	31	26	28	32	20	31	25
Somewhat dissatisfied	12	11	16	14	11	8	13	12
Dissatisfied	11	15	15	9	5	3	9	13
Very dissatisfied	11	18	9	8	5	3	9	12
Don't know	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0

*Top 3 here collects very satisfied, satisfied, and somewhat satisfied into one category, and Btm 3 collects very dissatisfied, dissatisfied, and somewhat dissatisfied. TABLE IS AN EXAMPLE ONLY.*

**Due to rounding some numbers may not add up to 100**

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## Familiarity with SNC

*How familiar are you with the ethics commissioner's report on the SNC-Lavalin Situation, released last week?*

### Age/gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female	Non-binary
Sample	1219	181	226	164	284	364	618	577	24
NET: TOP2	55	43	53	54	70	63	67	45	50
NET: BTM2	45	57	47	46	30	37	33	55	50
Very familiar	23	16	20	25	28	31	33	15	17
Somewhat familiar	32	27	33	29	41	32	34	30	33
Not very familiar	17	18	17	21	13	17	15	19	21
Not familiar at all	28	40	30	25	17	21	18	37	29

### Federal vote

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	The Green Party	BQ	PPC	Other parties
Sample	1219	249	387	87	105	243	54	35
NET: TOP2	55	62	53	41	44	68	66	48
NET: BTM2	45	38	47	59	56	32	34	52
Very familiar	23	29	21	10	16	33	33	15
Somewhat familiar	32	32	32	32	28	35	32	33
Not very familiar	17	21	16	22	18	12	12	12
Not familiar at all	28	17	31	37	38	20	22	40

### Provincial vote

%	Total	Liberal, or PLQ	Parti Quebecois, or PQ	Coalition Avenir Quebec, or CAQ	Quebec Solidaire, or QS	Other Parties
Sample	1219	222	185	526	159	70
NET: TOP2	55	53	59	60	44	61
NET: BTM2	45	47	41	40	56	39
Very familiar	23	23	30	26	12	28
Somewhat familiar	32	30	29	34	32	33
Not very familiar	17	16	19	17	19	9
Not familiar at all	28	31	22	23	37	30



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## Region

%	Total	Montreal	Quebec City	ROQ	North Shore	South Shore
Sample	1219	457	150	612	298	314
NET: TOP2	55	55	68	52	54	50
NET: BTM2	45	45	32	48	46	50
Very familiar	23	21	30	24	23	24
Somewhat familiar	32	35	38	28	31	26
Not very familiar	17	15	14	19	18	21
Not familiar at all	28	30	19	29	28	29

## Language

%	Total	English	French	Other
Sample	1219	91	1092	36
NET: TOP2	55	59	55	39
NET: BTM2	45	41	45	61
Very familiar	23	29	23	14
Somewhat familiar	32	29	32	25
Not very familiar	17	15	17	10
Not familiar at all	28	27	27	51



## Income

%	Total	< \$20k	\$20k - \$40k	\$40k - \$60k	\$60k - \$80k	\$80k - \$100k	\$100k - \$250k
Sample	1219	134	209	173	149	162	227
NET: TOP2	55	30	54	56	62	54	68
NET: BTM2	45	70	46	44	38	46	32
Very familiar	23	14	21	24	24	22	32
Somewhat familiar	32	17	33	33	37	32	36
Not very familiar	17	15	18	17	13	22	16
Not familiar at all	28	55	28	27	26	24	16

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## Likely shifts due to SNC

*How likely is the report going to affect your voting intentions? [Base=very, somewhat, or not very familiar with report]*

### Age/gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female	Non-binary
Sample	926	113	160	125	235	293	518	391	17
NET: TOP2	43	40	51	47	43	36	43	42	47
NET: BTM2	57	60	49	53	57	64	57	58	53
Very likely	23	18	22	23	26	24	26	19	18
Somewhat likely	20	22	28	25	17	12	17	23	29
Not very likely	17	24	19	15	13	15	16	18	29
Not likely at all	40	35	30	38	44	49	40	40	24

### Provincial vote

%	Total	Liberal, or PLQ	Parti Quebecois, or PQ	Coalition Avenir Quebec, or CAQ	Quebec Solidaire, or QS	Other Parties
Sample	926	163	151	419	110	49
NET: TOP2	43	20	47	49	42	51
NET: BTM2	57	80	53	51	58	49
Very likely	23	7	33	28	11	38
Somewhat likely	20	13	15	21	31	12
Not very likely	17	22	12	13	30	11
Not likely at all	40	58	40	38	28	39

### Federal vote

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	The Green Party	BQ	PPC	Other parties
Sample	926	207	284	60	74	204	41	21
NET: TOP2	43	61	17	50	50	48	61	58
NET: BTM2	57	39	83	50	50	52	39	42
Very likely	23	39	4	15	18	28	46	49
Somewhat likely	20	22	12	35	32	20	15	9
Not very likely	17	16	20	16	17	13	16	32
Not likely at all	40	24	63	34	33	39	23	10



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## **Region**

%	Total	Montreal	Quebec City	ROQ	North Shore	South Shore
Sample	926	347	127	452	224	228
NET: TOP2	43	42	55	40	38	42
NET: BTM2	57	58	45	60	62	58
Very likely	23	22	30	21	19	24
Somewhat likely	20	20	26	19	19	19
Not very likely	17	16	16	19	19	19
Not likely at all	40	43	29	41	43	39

## **Language**

%	Total	English	French	Other
Sample	926	72	836	18
NET: TOP2	43	31	44	22
NET: BTM2	57	69	56	78
Very likely	23	25	23	0
Somewhat likely	20	6	21	22
Not very likely	17	23	17	11
Not likely at all	40	46	39	67



## **Income**

%	Total	< \$20k	\$20k - \$40k	\$40k - \$60k	\$60k - \$80k	\$80k - \$100k	\$100k - \$250k
Sample	926	69	155	136	121	123	195
NET: TOP2	43	53	47	36	42	37	42
NET: BTM2	57	47	53	64	58	63	58
Very likely	23	33	29	17	23	18	16
Somewhat likely	20	21	18	19	20	19	27
Not very likely	17	11	17	26	15	17	16
Not likely at all	40	35	35	38	42	45	42

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## Voting shifts due to SNC

*Does the ethics commissioner's report make you...*

## Age/gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female	Non-binary
Sample	393	45	81	58	101	108	227	158	8
More likely to vote Conservative	32	23	40	40	32	26	45	17	25
More likely to vote NDP	8	7	10	14	5	2	5	9	38
More likely to vote Liberal	8	13	6	6	7	9	8	9	0
More likely to vote Bloc Quebecois	21	13	20	7	33	35	20	22	13
More likely to vote Green	11	23	10	5	3	12	9	12	13
More likely to vote for another party	8	5	6	15	7	5	4	13	0
Not sure	13	16	9	13	13	11	9	18	13

## Provincial vote

%	Total	Liberal, or PLQ	Parti Quebecois, or PQ	Coalition Avenir Quebec, or CAQ	Quebec Solidaire, or QS	Other Parties
Sample	393	28	75	203	45	28
More likely to vote Conservative	32	21	14	51	7	25
More likely to vote NDP	8	9	2	5	20	20
More likely to vote Liberal	8	48	1	5	9	8
More likely to vote Bloc Quebecois	21	0	71	13	10	5
More likely to vote Green	11	8	2	9	28	9
More likely to vote for another party	8	0	3	8	6	30
Not sure	13	14	7	10	20	3



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### **Federal vote**

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	The Green Party	BQ	PPC	Other parties
Sample	393	128	43	29	36	101	26	12
More likely to vote Conservative	32	88	5	10	2	2	36	0
More likely to vote NDP	8	2	0	65	2	5	3	13
More likely to vote Liberal	8	1	57	0	6	0	0	0
More likely to vote Bloc Quebecois	21	3	5	6	8	72	8	25
More likely to vote Green	11	2	7	0	68	7	5	0
More likely to vote for another party	8	0	2	3	8	6	35	52
Not sure	13	5	23	17	6	8	13	11

### **Region**

%	Total	Montreal	Quebec City	ROQ	North Shore	South Shore
Sample	393	138	68	187	87	100
More likely to vote Conservative	32	23	46	34	30	38
More likely to vote NDP	8	6	7	9	8	10
More likely to vote Liberal	8	13	8	4	5	4
More likely to vote Bloc Quebecois	21	23	10	23	23	24
More likely to vote Green	11	12	16	8	7	8
More likely to vote for another party	8	8	5	8	13	4
Not sure	13	15	8	13	12	13



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## **Language**

	%	Total	English	French	Other
Sample		393	23	366	4
More likely to vote Conservative		32	43	32	55
More likely to vote NDP		8	21	7	27
More likely to vote Liberal		8	6	8	18
More likely to vote Bloc Quebecois		21	10	22	0
More likely to vote Green		11	11	11	0
More likely to vote for another party		8	3	8	0
Not sure		13	7	13	0

## **Income**

	%	Total	< \$20k	\$20k - \$40k	\$40k - \$60k	\$60k - \$80k	\$80k - \$100k	\$100k - \$250k
Sample		393	34	74	52	51	46	83
More likely to vote Conservative		32	15	20	33	27	49	49
More likely to vote NDP		8	16	7	1	10	10	9
More likely to vote Liberal		8	15	8	7	2	6	8
More likely to vote Bloc Quebecois		21	20	26	27	37	18	12
More likely to vote Green		11	23	13	9	6	5	10
More likely to vote for another party		8	9	12	9	7	5	2
Not sure		13	3	14	14	12	6	10

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