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Majority continue to oppose public funding for Catholic schools

Levels steady since last summer

TORONTO March 1st - In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 1148 Ontario voters, more than half disagreed that Catholic schools should continue to receive public funding (52%), while fewer than 4-in10 agreed they should continue to be funded (38%). One tenth do not have an opinion. These results are almost identical to those noted last summer (July, 2015, disagree - 51%, agree - 38%, don't know - 11%).

Those who agree with public funding for Catholic schools tend to be mid aged (45 to 64 - 41%), mid income groups (\$60K to \$80K - 46%), in eastern Ontario (47%) and among the less well-educated (some college or university or less - 41%).

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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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Catholic Schools to Continue Receiving Public Funding - Trending

%	March 1 st , 2016	July 8 th , 2015	May 29 th , 2013	February 20 th , 2013	October 31 st , 2012	May 14 th , 2012	Jan 18 th , 2012
Sample	1148	678	918	1053	1102	1072	1041
Agree	38	38	44	39	44	40	45
Disagree	52	51	48	54	50	53	49
Don't know	10	11	8	7	6	6	6

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Catholic Schools Funding

'Do you agree or disagree that Catholic schools should continue to receive public funding in Ontario?'

[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
Agree	38	36	37	41	41	39	38	38
Disagree	52	53	56	52	49	50	53	51
Don't know	10	11	8	8	10	12	8	11

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	1148	170	201	342	543	283	152
Agree	38	47	33	35	34	39	43
Disagree	52	43	58	54	56	52	49
Don't know	10	10	9	10	10	9	9

Provincial Vote Preference

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Another Party
Sample	1148	519	285	198	82	33
Agree	38	42	38	34	22	55
Disagree	52	51	49	53	70	43
Don't know	10	6	13	12	8	2

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