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Canadians Favour Advance Consent in Assisted Dying

Support for Supreme Court decision high

In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 2271 Canadian voters, the wide majority continue to favour the Supreme Court's ruling in favour of assisted dying in the Carter case (72%) and this support has not changed materially since we polled it last (April, 2016 - 74%). The assisted dying ruling is favoured by younger voters (35 to 44 - 82%), the wealthiest (81%), in Quebec (81%), among New Democrats (79%) and among Francophones (82%).

Canadians favour advanced consent in assisted dying

A very similarly clear majority approves of "advance consent" in assisted dying, where a patient can leave explicit written instructions to be given assistance dying, even if they are incapacitated and unable to communicate when the time comes (74%). Those in favour follow a very similar demographic pattern to those in favour of the Carter ruling overall; youngish (35 to 44 - 85%), the wealthiest (\$100K to \$250K - 81%), in Quebec (80%), among New Democrats (79%) and Francophones (81%).

"We have known for years Canadians favour assisted dying. It is clear from these findings that they don't want to deny this right to those who can't, in the end, speak for themselves" said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 2271 Canadian voters, the wide majority continue to favour the Supreme Court's ruling in favour of assisted dying
- A very similarly clear majority approves of "advance consent" in assisted dying, where a patient can leave explicit written instructions to be given assistance dying
- "We have known for years Canadians favour assisted dying. It is clear from these findings that they don't want to deny this right to those who can't, in the end, speak for themselves" said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- "Both Kathleen Wynne and Patrick Brown are underperforming their respective parties in terms of approval. Wynne is underperforming because she is not nearly as well-liked as some liberals and Brown is underperforming because he is not well-enough known yet to perform at the level his party currently aspires to. Horwath, on the other

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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 2271 randomly selected Canadian adults. The poll was conducted on June 7th, 2016.

Results based on the total sample are considered accurate +/- 2%, 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.

With offices across Canada and around the world, 100% Canadian-owned Forum Research is one of the country's leading survey research firms. This Forum Poll™ and other polls may be found at Forum's poll archive at www.forumresearch.com/polls.asp

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Assisted Dying Approval – Trending

%	June 7 th , 2016	April 6 th , 2016	February 18 th , 2016
Sample	2271	1455	1406
Approve	72	74	70
Disapprove	16	15	19
Don't know	12	11	11

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Assisted Dying

'The Supreme Court has ruled that assisted death will be legal by June 6, 2016. Do you approve or disapprove of this ruling?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	2271	356	286	413	595	621	1120	1113
Approve	72	73	82	70	72	63	73	72
Disapprove	16	14	10	19	16	23	17	15
Don't know	12	12	8	11	11	15	10	13

Income

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100-250K
Sample	2271	236	356	368	265	266	425
Approve	72	61	70	70	76	75	81
Disapprove	16	20	16	17	15	13	13
Don't know	12	19	14	13	9	12	6

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	2271	195	556	875	158	226	261	1738	533
Approve	72	71	80	69	61	68	77	69	82
Disapprove	16	14	8	20	22	18	15	19	8
Don't know	12	14	12	11	17	14	8	12	10

Federal Vote Preference

%	Total	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	2271	679	968	242	130	92	73
Approve	72	63	77	79	76	94	61
Disapprove	16	27	11	11	16	4	23
Don't know	12	10	13	10	8	2	16

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Assisted Dying - Advance Consent

'Advance consent is when someone leaves explicit legal instructions for their assisted death in the event they become incompetent and can't make their wishes known themselves. Do you approve or disapprove of allowing assisted death for those who have signed advance consent, but may not be able to communicate their wishes?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	2271	356	286	413	595	621	1120	1113
Approve	74	74	85	70	74	68	74	75
Disapprove	14	15	10	14	14	16	15	13
Don't know	12	10	5	16	12	15	11	12

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	2271	195	556	875	158	226	261	1738	533
Approve	74	76	80	72	65	72	78	72	81
Disapprove	14	10	9	17	18	16	14	15	9
Don't know	12	14	11	12	17	12	8	12	10

Federal Vote Preference

%	Total	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	2271	679	968	242	130	92	73
Approve	74	69	76	79	80	91	62
Disapprove	14	22	11	9	11	1	16
Don't know	12	9	13	12	9	8	21

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