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Majority approves of Forcillo guilty verdict

One half disapproves of not guilty verdict on murder two

TORONTO January 25th - In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 549 Toronto adults, the majority (54%) approve of the verdict of guilty of attempted murder handed down by the jury in the James Forcillo trial, while one third disapprove of this verdict (34%). One sixth have no opinion (15%). Approval of the verdict is most common to the oldest (60%), the wealthiest (60\$), John Tory voters from the last election (59%) and in North York (60%).

One half disapproves of not guilty verdict

One half of Toronto adults disapprove of Constable Forcillo being found not guilty of second degree murder (51%), while one third approve of this verdict (34%).

Disapproval of the not guilty verdict is especially characteristic of the youngest (59%), those in mid income groups (\$20K to \$40K - 62%, \$40K to \$60K - 56%, \$60K to \$80K - 60%, \$80K to \$100K - 61%), Olivia Chow voters (69%), in the downtown (57%) and East York (61% - caution: small base size).

One half disapproves of Forcillo suspension without pay

One half of Torontonians disapprove of Constable Forcillo being suspended with pay after a guilty verdict (53%), whereas just more than one third approve of this arrangement (35%). One tenth don't have an opinion (11%). The profile of those who disapprove is similar to the profile of those who disapprove of the not guilty verdict in the second degree murder charge; young, mid-income, Chow voters in the downtown.

"It is clear that public sentiment was in favour of a guilty verdict, and, in fact, some of those who do not approve of the guilty verdict may be those who wished for a more severe verdict by the jury. While more than a half of the city's residents agree he should have been found guilty of something, more than half think it should have been the more serious charge," said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- The majority (54%) approve of the verdict of guilty of attempted murder handed down by the jury in the James Forcillo trial.
- One half of Toronto adults disapprove of Constable Forcillo being found not guilty of second degree murder (51%).
- One half of Torontonians disapprove of Constable Forcillo being suspended with pay after a guilty verdict (53%).
- "It is clear that public sentiment was in favour of a guilty verdict, and, in fact, some of those who do not approve of the guilty verdict may be those who wished for a more severe verdict by the jury. While more than a half of the city's residents agree he should have been found guilty of something, more than half think it should have been the more serious charge," said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

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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 549 randomly selected voters in Toronto, Ontario. The poll was conducted on January 25th, 2016.

Results based on the total sample are considered accurate +/- 4%, 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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Forcillo Trial Verdict: Attempted Murder

'Constable James Forcillo was found guilty today of attempted murder in the 2013 streetcar shooting death of Sammy Yatim. This verdict carries a minimum jail sentence of four years. Do you approve or disapprove of this verdict?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	549	110	83	111	117	128	284	265
Approve	54	43	56	59	59	60	58	50
Disapprove	37	46	38	35	30	26	32	41
Don't know	10	11	6	6	11	15	10	9

Region

%	Total	The former City of Toronto + East York	North York	Etobicoke + York	Scarborough
Sample	549	226	100	123	100
Approve	54	53	60	53	47
Disapprove	37	41	29	40	37
Don't know	10	6	11	6	16

Last Mayoral Vote

%	Total	Doug Ford	John Tory	Olivia Chow	Someone else
Sample	549	89	251	74	39
Approve	54	46	59	57	72
Disapprove	37	45	31	38	22
Don't know	10	9	10	6	6

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Forcillo Trial Verdict: Second Degree Murder

'Constable Forcillo was found not guilty of second degree murder, which carries a minimum jail sentence of 10 years with no parole. Do you approve or disapprove of the verdict of not guilty on the charge of second degree murder?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	549	110	83	111	117	128	284	265
Approve	34	25	34	36	41	45	37	31
Disapprove	51	59	52	55	44	37	47	55
Don't know	15	16	14	9	15	19	15	14

Region

%	Total	The former City of Toronto + East York	North York	Etobicoke + York	Scarborough
Sample	549	226	100	123	100
Approve	34	33	35	39	30
Disapprove	51	58	44	53	50
Don't know	15	10	21	8	21

Last Mayoral Vote

%	Total	Doug Ford	John Tory	Olivia Chow	Someone else
Sample	549	89	251	74	39
Approve	34	36	36	24	25
Disapprove	51	46	47	69	59
Don't know	15	17	17	7	15

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Forcillo: Suspension with Pay

'Constable Forcillo has been suspended with pay from the Toronto Police Service. Do you approve or disapprove of this?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	549	110	83	111	117	128	284	265
Approve	35	24	40	35	48	40	35	36
Disapprove	53	64	51	52	42	47	54	53
Don't know	11	13	8	13	9	13	11	12

Region

%	Total	The former City of Toronto + East York	North York	Etobicoke + York	Scarborough
Sample	549	226	100	123	100
Approve	35	37	36	37	30
Disapprove	53	52	52	55	54
Don't know	11	11	12	8	15

Last Mayoral Vote

%	Total	Doug Ford	John Tory	Olivia Chow	Someone else
Sample	549	89	251	74	39
Approve	35	33	38	33	26
Disapprove	53	59	53	60	59
Don't know	11	9	9	7	15

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