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Canadians Not Sold On TransMountain Purchase

Plurality supports government's stance on NAFTA, though

Toronto, June 1st – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ among 969 Canadian voters, half (TOP2: 52%) say that they disapprove of the government's purchase of the Transmountain pipeline, with 4 in 10 saying they disapprove strongly.

One quarter (BTM2: 25%) say that they approve, with 1 in 10 saying they approve strongly.

Respondents most likely to say they disapprove of the pipeline purchase include those aged 34 and younger (57%), females (53%), those aged 55-64 (58%), earning \$40,000-\$60,000 (69%), living in BC (61%), and supporting the Green Party (75%).

Respondents most likely to approve of the pipeline purchase include those aged 65+ (32%), earning \$80-\$100,000 (31%) or the most wealthy (34%), living in Alberta (34%), and supporting the Liberals (40%).

Plurality approves of NAFTA handling so far

4 in 10 (44%) say that they approve of the Federal Government's handling of the NAFTA negotiations so far, while a quarter (27%) say they disapprove, and almost a third (29%) say they do not know.

Respondents most likely to say they approve include those aged 55-64 (54%), males (50%), the most wealthy (58%), living in Quebec (46%) or BC (48%), and supporting the Liberals (72%).

Respondents most likely to say they disapprove include those aged 34 and younger (36%), earning \$20,000-\$40,000 (34%), living in the Atlantic provinces (35%), the prairies (33%), or Alberta (36%), and supporting the Conservatives (46%).

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Two-thirds say American tariffs will have an effect on the Canadian economy

Two-thirds (BTM2 67%) say that American tariffs on steel and aluminum will have a considerable effect on the Canadian economy with one-sixth (TOP2: 16%) saying it won't have much of an effect at all.

Respondents most likely to say the tariffs will have a considerable effect include those aged 35-44 (70%), 55-64 (71%), or 65+ (68%), males (69%), earning \$60,000-\$80,000 (76%), living in Alberta (78%), and supporting the Conservatives (72%).

Respondents most likely to say the tariffs won't have much of an effect include those aged 34 and younger (21%) or 55-64 (20%) and supporting the Green Party (22%).

"The decision to purchase the Transmountain pipeline is not a popular one," said Dr. Lorne Bozinoff, President of Forum Research. "With half of Canadians opposed to the move, it could be risky. It isn't all bad for the government right now, however, as the plurality of Canadians say that they approve of its handling of the contentious NAFTA negotiations. Two-thirds are concerned with American tariffs, though, so the situation is evolving rapidly; what effect the Canadian response will have, remains to be seen.

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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 969 randomly selected Canadian Voters. The poll was conducted May 31st.

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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Demographic Diagnostic Tables

Age	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Unweighted (%)		17	16	15	24	27
Sample	969	168	152	150	236	263
Weighted (%)		28	20	20	15	17
Weighted Sample	969	271	194	194	145	165

Gender	Total	Male	Female	Neither
Unweighted (%)		55	42	3
Sample	969	529	409	31
Weighted (%)		47	50	3
Weighted Sample	969	455	485	29

Vote	Total	PC	Liberal	NDP	Green	BQ	Other Parties	Undecided
Unweighted (%)		39	27	15	7	2	3	7
Sample	969	381	259	147	67	18	27	70
Weighted (%)		44	31	17	5	2	1	
Weighted Sample	969	426	300	165	48	19	10	

Numbers may not add up to 100% due to rounding.



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Government Purchase of Transmountain Pipeline

Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the government purchasing the Transmountain pipeline?

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	969	168	152	150	236	263	529	409
NET: TOP2	25	22	21	28	22	32	31	20
NET: BTM2	52	57	51	46	58	45	49	53
Strongly disapprove	38	49	34	31	39	29	37	37
Somewhat disapprove	14	7	17	15	19	16	12	15
Neither disapprove nor approve	17	16	20	18	14	18	16	19
Somewhat approve	14	13	10	15	14	18	15	13
Strongly approve	11	9	11	13	9	14	15	7
Don't know	6	5	8	8	5	5	5	8

Income

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100-250K
Sample	969	95	143	124	105	100	194
NET: TOP2	25	17	24	16	29	31	34
NET: BTM2	52	56	54	69	47	44	48
Strongly disapprove	38	48	38	47	30	30	36
Somewhat disapprove	14	8	16	22	17	14	12
Neither disapprove nor approve	17	13	20	13	16	18	16
Somewhat approve	14	8	17	9	13	13	20
Strongly approve	11	10	6	7	16	18	14
Don't know	6	14	3	3	8	6	2



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Region

%	Total	ATL	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
Sample	969	146	157	217	134	151	164
NET: TOP2	25	19	18	27	23	34	30
NET: BTM2	52	56	56	44	54	51	61
Strongly disapprove	38	42	43	32	39	34	43
Somewhat disapprove	14	14	13	12	15	17	18
Neither disapprove nor approve	17	20	16	23	16	13	5
Somewhat approve	14	9	13	14	14	15	16
Strongly approve	11	10	5	12	9	19	14
Don't know	6	6	10	6	8	2	3

Voter Intent

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Bloc Quebecois	Other
Sample	969	381	259	147	67	18	27
NET: TOP2	25	23	40	16	11	29	26
NET: BTM2	52	56	31	64	75	58	55
Strongly disapprove	38	40	19	53	66	43	44
Somewhat disapprove	14	16	12	12	9	16	10
Neither disapprove nor approve	17	19	21	13	6	0	12
Somewhat approve	14	10	24	10	10	29	3
Strongly approve	11	13	16	7	1	0	24
Don't know	6	2	7	6	8	13	7



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American Tariffs and Canadian Economy

What effect, if any, will American tariffs on steel and aluminum have on the Canadian economy?

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	969	168	152	150	236	263	529	409
NET: TOP2	67	64	70	62	71	68	69	65
NET: BTM2	16	21	10	15	20	13	21	11
No effect at all	3	7	3	2	2	2	4	2
A minor effect	13	14	8	13	18	11	16	9
A moderate effect	35	35	38	31	36	32	39	31
A major effect	32	28	32	31	36	35	30	33
Don't know	17	15	20	23	8	19	10	24

Income

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100-250K
Sample	969	95	143	124	105	100	194
NET: TOP2	67	57	64	69	76	70	72
NET: BTM2	16	15	18	17	15	15	19
No effect at all	3	6	2	7	4	6	1
A minor effect	13	9	16	10	12	9	19
A moderate effect	35	27	30	46	35	39	34
A major effect	32	30	34	24	41	32	38
Don't know	17	28	18	14	9	15	9

Region

%	Total	ATL	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
Sample	969	146	157	217	134	151	164
NET: TOP2	67	62	67	66	67	78	62
NET: BTM2	16	16	16	18	17	7	18
No effect at all	3	4	6	2	5	1	3
A minor effect	13	12	11	15	12	6	15
A moderate effect	35	28	34	36	33	40	33
A major effect	32	34	33	30	34	39	29
Don't know	17	22	17	17	15	15	20



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Voter Intent

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Bloc Quebecois	Other
Sample	969	381	259	147	67	18	27
NET: TOP2	67	72	66	65	58	64	61
NET: BTM2	16	16	17	17	22	17	14
No effect at all	3	2	3	9	3	7	4
A minor effect	13	14	14	8	19	10	10
A moderate effect	35	35	34	37	30	15	34
A major effect	32	36	32	28	28	49	27
Don't know	17	12	17	18	20	19	25



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Approval of NAFTA Negotiations

Do you approve or disapprove or disapprove of the Federal Government's handling of the NAFTA negotiations?

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	969	168	152	150	236	263	529	409
Approve	44	33	43	48	54	50	50	39
Disapprove	27	36	27	19	23	22	28	24
Don't know	29	31	30	33	23	28	22	38

Income

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100-250K
Sample	969	95	143	124	105	100	194
Approve	44	32	39	43	52	51	58
Disapprove	27	18	34	29	30	20	30
Don't know	29	50	27	28	18	29	13

Region

%	Total	ATL	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
Sample	969	146	157	217	134	151	164
Approve	44	40	46	47	33	33	48
Disapprove	27	35	20	27	33	36	20
Don't know	29	26	34	26	34	31	32

Voter Intent

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Bloc Quebecois	Other
Sample	969	381	259	147	67	18	27
Approve	44	30	72	45	42	28	12
Disapprove	27	46	9	18	24	12	46
Don't know	29	24	19	38	34	60	41



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