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### **Airport Privatization Opposed**

#### **But a Quarter are Undecided**

Toronto, March 24<sup>th</sup> – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ amongst 1029 Canadian voters, (45%), a strong plurality, oppose the privatization of Canada’s airports. Just over 1-in-10 support the privatization (13%), and about a quarter (26%) are undecided. Fifteen percent do not know (15%).

Opposition is characteristic of those in the highest income category (\$100k to \$250k: 54%), with a post graduate degree (57%), living British Columbia (66%), and NDP voters (65%).

Respondents likely to support the privatization are male (17%), and Conservative (15%) or Liberal voters (16%).

“The privatization of Canada’s airports is opposed by a strong plurality of voters, but it's worth noting that more than a quarter of Canadians are still undecided on the issue,” said Dr. Lorne Bozinoff, President of Forum Research.

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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 1029 randomly selected Canadian Voters. The poll was conducted on March 22-23, 2017.

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](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. 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](http://www.forumresearch.com/polls.asp)

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### Airport Privatization

Overall, would you support, oppose, or neither support or oppose the privatization of Canada's airports?

#### Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1029	159	120	174	265	311	545	464
Support	13	16	10	14	12	11	17	9
Neither support nor oppose	26	27	26	26	22	28	25	28
Oppose	45	45	46	42	50	47	47	45
Don't know	15	12	18	18	16	14	11	19

#### Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1029	122	178	171	136	100	161
Support	13	15	8	18	11	20	14
Neither support nor oppose	26	27	34	24	27	27	22
Oppose	45	33	45	46	44	42	54
Don't know	15	25	13	12	17	12	10

#### Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC
Sample	1029	76	245	420	52	95	141
Support	13	19	14	11	23	12	10
Neither support nor oppose	26	37	37	20	34	28	14
Oppose	45	30	34	54	19	41	66
Don't know	15	14	15	14	24	19	11



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### **Education**

<b>%</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Secondary school or less</b>	<b>Some college or university</b>	<b>Completed college or university</b>	<b>Post graduate studies</b>
<b>Sample</b>	<b>1029</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>187</b>
<b>Support</b>	13	12	11	14	15
<b>Neither support nor oppose</b>	26	31	26	29	17
<b>Oppose</b>	45	29	47	46	57
<b>Don't know</b>	15	28	16	11	11

### **Voter Intention**

<b>%</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cons</b>	<b>Lib</b>	<b>NDP</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Bloc</b>	<b>Other Parties</b>
<b>Sample</b>	<b>1029</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Support</b>	13	15	16	9	12	5	4
<b>Neither support nor oppose</b>	26	28	25	21	28	32	39
<b>Oppose</b>	45	48	41	65	42	42	32
<b>Don't know</b>	15	9	19	5	17	21	25



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