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Narrow Plurality Disapprove of Extradition Treaty with China

TORONTO, October 11th – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 1143 Canadian voters, the narrow plurality, just more than a third, disapprove of the idea of Canada signing an extradition treaty with China (36%), while 3-in-10 approves (32%) and a similar proportion have no opinion (31%). Disapproval is strongest among the young mid-aged (35 to 44 - 42%), the very wealthiest ($100K to $250K - 46%), in Ontario (42%) and Alberta (43%) and slightly more so among Conservatives and New Democrats (41% each) than among Liberals (31%).

"It appears Canadians are leery of opening up their legal system to exploitation by the Chinese government. While this is presented as levelling the playing field between the two countries, it may be that more Canadians see the benefits of the agreement flowing mostly to China" said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- Just more than a third, disapprove of the idea of Canada signing an extradition treaty with China (36%)

- "It appears Canadians are leery of opening up their legal system to exploitation by the Chinese government. While this is presented as levelling the playing field between the two countries, it may be that more Canadians see the benefits of the agreement flowing mostly to China"

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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 1143 randomly selected Canadians 18 years of age or older. The poll was conducted between October 7th and 9th, 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.

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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Would you approve or disapprove of Canada signing an extradition treaty with China?

[All Respondents]

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1143	222	156	207	251	307	638	477
Approve	31	28	30	35	32	32	36	26
Disapprove	36	33	42	34	36	37	39	35
Don't know	32	39	27	31	31	31	25	40

Income

%	Total	<$20K	$20-$40K	$40-$60K	$60-$80K	$80-$100K	$100-$250K
Sample	1143	100	184	178	132	136	223
Approve	31	32	31	29	28	32	33
Disapprove	36	34	29	33	37	33	46
Don't know	32	34	40	38	35	35	22

Region / Language

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1143	59	328	337	87	171	161	845	298
Approve	31	23	33	29	36	31	35	31	32
Disapprove	36	40	27	42	21	43	39	39	26
Don't know	32	37	40	29	43	26	26	30	41

Current Federal Vote Preference

%	Total	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1143	355	432	142	70	62	41
Approve	31	35	31	27	28	35	35
Disapprove	36	41	31	41	38	36	41
Don't know	32	24	38	32	34	30	25

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