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Support for Bill C-51 split evenly

Fewer now see ISIS as direct threat

TORONTO September 16th, 2015 - In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll[™] among 1402 Canadian voters, 4-in-10 support Bill C-51, the new anti-terror legislation (41%) while just fewer oppose the bill (37%). More than a fifth can't make up their minds (22%). Opposition to the bill is characteristic of the youngest (47%), males (42%), the very wealthiest (\$100K to \$250K - 44%), in Atlantic Canada (50%) and BC (50%) but less so in Quebec (30%), among New Democrats (61%) but not among Conservatives (10%) obviously. These findings compare to June, 2015 (support - 39%, oppose - 41%, don't know - 20%).

Vote switching on this issue favours NDP

While as many Canadians are less likely to vote Conservative as are more likely to do so (15% and 16%, respectively) because of Bill C-51, and as many will be more likely to vote Liberal (10%) as are less likely to do so (7%), the number more willing to vote NDP on this issue (16%) is twice those less likely to vote the party (8%).

Fewer now see ISIS as a direct threat

Just more than one half of Canadian voters see ISIS as a direct threat to Canada (55%), while 3-in-10 disagree this is the case (30%). Just more than a tenth don't know if this is the case (14%). This compares with January, 2015, at the beginning of the Mid East mission, when agreement ISIS was a threat was characteristic of two thirds (67%).

"On the one hand, Bill C-51 doesn't arouse the general public anger the NDP seems to expect, and many people support it. On the other hand, there is seen to be less support for viewing ISIS as a direct threat to Canada, which is a concept that underpins most of our strategy in the Mid East," said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

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TORONTO September 16th, 2015 HIGHLIGHTS:

- 4-in-10 support Bill C-51, the new anti-terror legislation (41%) while just fewer oppose the bill (37%).
- As many Canadians are less likely to vote Conservative as are more likely to do so (15% and 16%, respectively) because of Bill C-51.
- Just more than one half of Canadian voters see ISIS as a direct threat to Canada (55%), while 3-in-10 disagree this is the case (30%).
- "On the one hand, Bill C-51 doesn't arouse the general public anger the NDP seems to expect, and many people support it. On the other hand, there is seen to be less support for viewing ISIS as a direct threat to Canada, which is a concept that underpins most of our strategy in the Mid East," 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 1402 randomly selected Canadians 18 years of age or older. The poll was conducted from September 14th to 15th, 2015.

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 <u>www.forumresearch.com/samplestim.asp</u>

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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Bill C-51: Support

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%	September 14-15 th , 2015	June 22-23 rd , 2015
Sample	1402	1268
Support	41	39
Oppose	37	41
Don't know	22	20



Bill C-51: Support

'The federal government passed Bill C-51, the new anti-terrorism legislation, with the support of the Liberal Party. The NDP opposed the bill. Do you support or oppose Bill C-51?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1402	192	176	229	381	424	673	729
Support	41	32	43	44	43	47	40	41
Oppose	37	47	35	34	33	31	42	33
Don't know	22	21	22	22	24	22	18	26

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1402	153	332	316	150	214	237	1118	284
Support	41	30	43	41	43	46	36	40	46
Oppose	37	50	30	36	34	34	50	39	29
Don't know	22	20	26	23	23	20	15	21	25

Federal Vote Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1402	417	348	373	97	43	39
Support	41	75	42	16	18	45	28
Oppose	37	10	35	61	66	28	47
Don't know	22	14	23	23	15	26	25

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Bill C-51: Next Federal Election Vote

'How has the passage of Bill C-51 influenced your decision on which party to vote for in the next federal election?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18- 34	35- 44	45- 54	55- 64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1402	192	176	229	381	424	673	729
More likely to vote Conservative	16	12	14	16	21	20	16	16
More likely to vote Liberal	10	7	11	9	12	12	10	9
More likely to vote NDP	16	15	19	16	17	14	18	15
Less likely to vote Conservative	15	17	11	16	16	15	14	16
Less likely to vote Liberal	7	7	9	7	5	5	7	7
Less likely to vote NDP	8	9	8	9	4	9	9	7
Won't make any difference to your vote	25	28	24	24	24	21	23	26
Don't know	4	6	4	3	2	3	3	4

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1402	153	332	316	150	214	237	1118	284
More likely to vote Conservative	16	8	8	18	28	21	16	18	9
More likely to vote Liberal	10	12	8	12	5	8	7	10	9
More likely to vote NDP	16	16	18	15	15	8	24	16	18
Less likely to vote Conservative	15	18	13	17	17	15	13	16	14
Less likely to vote Liberal	7	6	6	6	4	11	8	7	6
Less likely to vote NDP	8	7	8	7	7	12	8	8	7
Won't make any difference to your vote	25	26	33	22	19	22	18	22	33
Don't know	4	5	5	2	5	3	6	4	5

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%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1402	417	348	373	97	43	39
More likely to vote Conservative	16	49	4	1	5	3	9
More likely to vote Liberal	10	2	30	3	2	11	2
More likely to vote NDP	16	2	5	41	27	9	15
Less likely to vote Conservative	15	4	25	19	18	10	21
Less likely to vote Liberal	7	7	4	7	9	4	12
Less likely to vote NDP	8	15	6	4	6	14	5
Won't make any difference to your vote	25	20	22	23	28	49	32
Don't know	4	1	4	3	5	1	4

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ISIS

'Do you agree or disagree ISIS is a direct threat to Canada?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1402	192	176	229	381	424	673	729
Agree	55	48	56	58	60	60	52	58
Disagree	30	38	34	25	27	23	33	27
Don't know	14	14	10	17	14	17	14	15

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1402	153	332	316	150	214	237	1118	284
Agree	55	52	55	58	61	60	44	55	56
Disagree	30	35	29	28	25	28	39	30	29
Don't know	14	13	16	14	13	12	17	14	15

Federal Vote Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1402	417	348	373	97	43	39
Agree	55	81	49	41	39	58	42
Disagree	30	9	34	43	55	26	42
Don't know	14	9	17	17	7	16	16

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