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Anglophones More Worried About Their Place in Québec Than Before

Toronto, July 30th, 2019 – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ among 977 Quebecers, the majority of anglophones (n=126)(BTM2: 81%) are more worried about their rights as an English-speaking citizen of Québec than they were 2 years ago, with half (52%) saying they are much more worried.

1 in 5 anglophone Quebecers (TOP2: 19%) say they are less worried about their rights as an English-speaking citizen of Québec compared to 2 years ago, but few (2%) say they are much less worried.

Anglophone Quebecers say Their Government is Doing a Worse Job Protecting Their Rights Than 2 Years Ago

The majority of English-speaking Quebecers (BTM2: 83%) say the Québec government is doing a worse job protecting the rights of anglophones in Québec than it was 2 years ago, with over half (54%) saying the government is doing much worse.

1 in 6 anglophone Quebecers (TOP2: 17%), say the government is doing a better job, with 1 in 6 (16%) saying a bit better.

Strong Consensus Among Anglophone Quebecers who Think Their Government is Doing a Bad Job Attracting and Retaining English-Speaking People to Québec

There is a strong agreement among anglophone Quebecers that the current Québec government is doing a bad job of attracting, and retaining, English-speaking people to the province (BTM2: 92%), with 3 in 5 (63%) saying the government is doing a very bad job.

Fewer than 1 in 10 anglophone Quebecers say the Québec government is doing a good job (TOP2: 8%), with few (2%) saying they're doing a very good job.

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“Anglophones are concerned about their place in Québec right now,” said Dr. Lorne Bozinoff, President of Forum Research. “They feel much less secure than they did two years ago. How the government approaches this challenge will be interesting to watch, as they have a very strong base of support amongst Francophones.”



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Anglophones in Québec say Services for Them Have Gotten Worse

The majority of anglophones in Québec (BTM2: 66%) say services for English-speaking citizens are worse than they were 2 years ago, with a third (34%) saying the services are much worse.

1 in 6 anglophones in Québec (TOP2: 16%) say services are better compared to 2 years ago, with 1 in 20 (5%) saying it's much better.

One-fifth (18%) say there is no change in services for English-speaking citizens from 2 years ago.

Quebecers divided on whether the government should focus on attracting people that speak languages other than French

Half (TOP2: 53%) of all respondents (anglophone and francophone) say it is important for the Québec government to focus on attracting people from other provinces or countries that speak a variety of languages other than French, with over a quarter (27%) saying it is very important.

Respondents most likely to say it is important include those aged 65 and over (61%), voting Liberal in the provincial election (73%), voting Liberal in the federal election (66%), living in Québec City (58%), Montreal (55%), and North Shore (55%), and anglophones (81%)

About half (BTM2: 47%) say it is not important for the government to attract people from other provinces or countries that speak languages other than French, with a quarter (26%) saying it's not important at all.

Respondents most likely to say it is not important include those aged 35 to 44 (56%), voting PQ (58%) or CAQ (55%) in the provincial election, voting BQ in the federal election (71%), living in South Shore (53%) the least wealthy (54%), those earning \$60k-\$80k (51%), and those earning \$80k-\$100k (54%).

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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 977 randomly selected Quebecers. The poll was conducted from July 22-July 24, 2019.

Results based on the total sample are considered accurate +/- 3%, 19 times out of 20, measured as the average deviation across all response categories. 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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Top2/Btm2 (or 3 or 4 where applicable) refers to the combined results of the most answered positive and negative responses:

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	631	112	91	133	119	176	303	315
NET: TOP3	66	57	60	68	78	86	67	64
NET: BTM3	34	43	39	32	21	14	32	36
Very satisfied	9	9	6	6	13	20	11	8
Satisfied	28	17	29	35	32	45	25	31
Somewhat satisfied	28	31	26	28	32	20	31	25
Somewhat dissatisfied	12	11	16	14	11	8	13	12
Dissatisfied	11	15	15	9	5	3	9	13
Very dissatisfied	11	18	9	8	5	3	9	12
Don't know	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0

Top 3 here collects very satisfied, satisfied, and somewhat satisfied into one category, and Btm 3 collects very dissatisfied, dissatisfied, and somewhat dissatisfied. TABLE IS AN EXAMPLE ONLY.

Due to rounding some numbers may not add up to 100

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Anglophones' Concern About Their Rights

Right now, are you more worried or less worried about your rights as an English-speaking citizen of Quebec than you were 2 years ago?
 [Base=anglophone]

Age/gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	126	10	10	17	34	55	48	77
NET: TOP2	19	23	29	15	13	20	19	19
NET: BTM2	81	77	71	85	87	80	81	81
Much less worried	2	0	0	0	0	7	2	1
Somewhat less worried	17	23	29	15	13	13	16	17
Somewhat more worried	29	20	40	27	33	29	17	37
Much more worried	52	57	31	58	55	51	65	44

Voter intention – Provincial

%	Total	Liberal, or PLQ	Parti Quebecois, or PQ	Coalition Avenir Quebec, or CAQ	Quebec Solidaire, or QS	Other Parties
Sample	126	86	2	6	8	16
NET: TOP2	19	16	53	47	11	29
NET: BTM2	81	84	47	53	89	71
Much less worried	2	2	53	7	0	0
Somewhat less worried	17	14	0	41	11	29
Somewhat more worried	29	29	47	21	54	11
Much more worried	52	55	0	31	34	60



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%	Total	Montreal	Quebec City	ROQ	North Shore	South Shore
Sample	126	85	3	38	11	27
NET: TOP2	19	17	73	20	6	24
NET: BTM2	81	83	27	80	94	76
Much less worried	2	2	0	2	0	3
Somewhat less worried	17	15	73	18	6	22
Somewhat more worried	29	25	27	36	40	35
Much more worried	52	59	0	44	54	41

Income

%	Total	< \$20k	\$20k - \$40k	\$40k - \$60k	\$60k - \$80k	\$80k - \$100k	\$100k - \$250k
Sample	126	19	16	16	18	8	22
NET: TOP2	19	8	24	37	15	27	16
NET: BTM2	81	92	76	63	85	73	84
Much less worried	2	4	0	4	2	0	0
Somewhat less worried	17	4	24	33	13	27	16
Somewhat more worried	29	35	26	0	60	23	27
Much more worried	52	57	50	63	25	50	57



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Protecting Anglophones' Rights

Right now, would you say that the Quebec government is doing a better or worse job protecting the rights of anglophones in Quebec than it was 2 years ago? [Base=anglophone]

Age/gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	126	10	10	17	34	55	48	77
NET: TOP2	17	30	22	15	13	11	11	22
NET: BTM2	83	70	78	85	87	89	89	78
Much better	1	0	0	0	0	4	2	0
A bit better	16	30	22	15	13	7	8	22
A bit worse	29	22	47	23	30	33	21	35
Much worse	54	48	31	63	57	56	69	43

Voter intention – Provincial

%	Total	Liberal, or PLQ	Parti Quebecois, or PQ	Coalition Avenir Quebec, or CAQ	Quebec Solidaire, or QS	Other Parties
Sample	126	86	2	6	8	16
NET: TOP2	17	14	100	47	11	22
NET: BTM2	83	86	0	53	89	78
Much better	1	1	0	7	0	0
A bit better	16	13	100	41	11	22
A bit worse	29	31	0	21	47	22
Much worse	54	56	0	31	42	56



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Sample	126	85	3	38	11	27
NET: TOP2	17	13	36	23	6	29
NET: BTM2	83	87	64	77	94	71
Much better	1	1	0	2	0	3
A bit better	16	12	36	21	6	27
A bit worse	29	26	64	34	65	23
Much worse	54	61	0	43	29	48

Income

%	Total	< \$20k	\$20k - \$40k	\$40k - \$60k	\$60k - \$80k	\$80k - \$100k	\$100k - \$250k
Sample	126	19	16	16	18	8	22
NET: TOP2	17	25	19	19	21	27	12
NET: BTM2	83	75	81	81	79	73	88
Much better	1	4	0	0	2	0	0
A bit better	16	21	19	19	19	27	12
A bit worse	29	30	22	17	49	19	30
Much worse	54	45	59	63	29	54	58

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Attracting/Retaining English-Speaking People

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In your opinion is the current Quebec government doing a good job or a bad job of attracting to, and retaining, English-speaking people to the province?

[Base=anglophone]

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	126	10	10	17	34	55	48	77
NET: TOP2	8	0	22	0	10	13	8	8
NET: BTM2	92	100	78	100	90	87	92	92
A very good job	2	0	7	0	5	0	4	0
A somewhat good job	6	0	14	0	5	13	4	8
A somewhat bad job	29	35	10	27	36	30	15	39
A very bad job	63	65	68	73	55	57	77	53

Voter intention – Provincial

%	Total	Liberal, or PLQ	Parti Quebecois, or PQ	Coalition Avenir Quebec, or CAQ	Quebec Solidaire, or QS	Other Parties
Sample	126	86	2	6	8	16
NET: TOP2	8	6	53	27	23	3
NET: BTM2	92	94	47	73	77	97
A very good job	2	2	0	13	0	0
A somewhat good job	6	5	53	13	23	3
A somewhat bad job	29	29	47	8	15	38
A very bad job	63	65	0	65	63	58

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Sample	126	85	3	38	11	27
NET: TOP2	8	4	37	14	11	15
NET: BTM2	92	96	63	86	89	85
A very good job	2	0	37	3	0	4
A somewhat good job	6	4	0	11	11	11
A somewhat bad job	29	28	27	32	30	32
A very bad job	63	68	36	54	58	53

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Sample	126	19	16	16	18	8	22
NET: TOP2	8	21	4	14	9	0	0
NET: BTM2	92	79	96	86	91	100	100
A very good job	2	4	0	10	0	0	0
A somewhat good job	6	17	4	4	9	0	0
A somewhat bad job	29	20	34	33	40	33	23
A very bad job	63	59	61	53	50	67	77



Services for English-Speaking Citizens

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Would you say that services for English-speaking citizens are better or worse than they were 2 years ago? (Base=anglophone)



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Age/gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	126	10	10	17	34	55	48	77
NET: TOP2	16	32	17	10	5	17	17	15
NET: BTM2	66	63	53	65	79	63	67	67
Much better	5	9	0	5	5	5	7	5
A bit better	10	23	17	5	0	12	10	10
A bit worse	32	39	22	22	38	32	22	40
Much worse	34	24	31	43	41	31	45	27
No change	18	5	30	25	16	20	16	19

Voter intention – Provincial

%	Total	Liberal, or PLQ	Parti Quebecois, or PQ	Coalition Avenir Quebec, or CAQ	Quebec Solidaire, or QS	Other Parties
Sample	126	86	2	6	8	16
NET: TOP2	16	12	47	54	12	21
NET: BTM2	66	73	0	39	40	57
Much better	5	6	0	13	12	0
A bit better	10	7	47	41	0	21
A bit worse	32	40	0	8	27	13
Much worse	34	33	0	31	13	44
No change	18	15	53	7	48	22



Region

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%	Total	Montreal	Quebec City	ROQ	North Shore	South Shore
Sample	126	85	3	38	11	27
NET: TOP2	16	11	37	22	20	23
NET: BTM2	66	69	27	62	74	58
Much better	5	5	0	7	9	7
A bit better	10	7	37	15	11	16
A bit worse	32	36	0	27	54	17
Much worse	34	34	27	36	20	41
No change	18	19	36	16	6	19

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Sample	126	19	16	16	18	8	22
NET: TOP2	16	36	0	16	6	37	11
NET: BTM2	66	55	78	57	58	63	76
Much better	5	19	0	10	0	0	0
A bit better	10	17	0	6	6	37	11
A bit worse	32	32	42	10	24	29	47
Much worse	34	23	36	47	33	34	30
No change	18	9	22	27	36	0	13



Attracting People That Speak Languages Other Than French

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In your opinion, how important is it for the government of Quebec to focus on attracting people from other provinces or countries that speak a variety of languages other than French? [All respondents]

Age/gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female	Non-binary
Sample	977	113	150	149	209	356	470	492	15
NET: TOP2	53	50	44	53	55	61	51	54	47
NET: BTM2	47	50	56	47	45	39	49	46	53
Very important	27	22	18	29	31	34	25	29	20
Somewhat important	26	28	26	24	24	27	26	26	27
Not very important	22	26	28	14	25	17	21	23	7
Not important at all	26	24	28	33	20	22	28	22	47

Voter intention – Provincial

%	Total	Liberal, or PLQ	Parti Québécois, or PQ	Coalition Avenir Québec, or CAQ	Quebec Solidaire, or QS	Other Parties
Sample	977	225	120	393	117	70
NET: TOP2	53	73	42	45	52	57
NET: BTM2	47	27	58	55	48	43
Very important	27	45	23	18	24	32
Somewhat important	26	28	18	27	28	25
Not very important	22	15	18	24	27	24
Not important at all	26	12	40	31	22	19

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Sample	977	346	117	514	203	311
NET: TOP2	53	55	58	50	55	47
NET: BTM2	47	45	42	50	45	53
Very important	27	33	25	24	21	25
Somewhat important	26	22	33	27	35	22
Not very important	22	21	21	22	19	24
Not important at all	26	23	21	27	26	29

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Language

%	Total	English	French	Other
Sample	977	126	807	44
NET: TOP2	53	81	50	45
NET: BTM2	47	19	50	55
Very important	27	55	23	29
Somewhat important	26	26	26	16
Not very important	22	7	23	36
Not important at all	26	12	28	19

Income

%	Total	< \$20k	\$20k - \$40k	\$40k - \$60k	\$60k - \$80k	\$80k - \$100k	\$100k - \$250k
Sample	977	116	188	135	137	81	171
NET: TOP2	53	46	57	55	49	46	55
NET: BTM2	47	54	43	45	51	54	45
Very important	27	27	31	25	27	25	26
Somewhat important	26	19	26	30	22	21	29
Not very important	22	25	18	21	24	30	19
Not important at all	26	29	25	24	28	25	26



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