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More Favour Abolishing the Monarchy than Not

Majority don't want Prince Charles as Head of State

In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 1429 Canadian voters, slightly more favour abolishing the monarchy in Canada upon the death of the current Queen (43%) than oppose this idea (40%). Support for ending our ties to the Crown is common to younger (46%) and older (46%) mid age groups, mid income groups (\$40K to \$60K - 48%), in Quebec (73%), among New Democrats (55%), Francophones (75%), the best educated (post grad - 47%), among those who have ever used marijuana (51%) and still do (55%) and among gun owners (49%).

Since we last polled this question, there has been a slight change from supporting the monarchy to calling for its abolition. In March, 2015, more than 4-in-10 supported the monarchy (45%) while fewer wanted to see it end (39%). This year, those proportions are reversed.

Majority don't want Charles to succeed to Canadian throne

The majority of Canadian voters disagree Prince Charles should become Canada's Head of State upon the death of the current Queen (54%), and just 3-in-10 think he should (29%). Fewer than a fifth don't have an opinion (17%). Opposition to the current Prince of Wales becoming Head of State is common to Boomers (55 to 64 - 60%), the wealthy (\$80K to \$100K - 58%), in Quebec (70%), among New Democrats (59%), Francophones (71%), among marijuana users (59%) and among gun owners (60%).

The percentage who do not wish to see Charles become Head of State has stayed stable since last year (March, 2015 - 54%).

"We have been polling this increasingly urgent constitutional issue since the beginning of 2012, and sentiment doesn't change much; there is an even split in opinion, more or less, on whether to retain the Canadian monarchy or not. There is a substantial majority opinion, though, also relatively unchanged, that Charles should not succeed the Queen as Head of State in this country. It is unlikely the Prince of Wales will abdicate before he succeeds, which means Canadians may be stuck with a monarch the majority don't want" said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- Slightly more favour abolishing the monarchy in Canada upon the death of the current Queen (43%) than oppose this idea (40%)
- The majority of Canadian voters disagree Prince Charles should become Canada's Head of State upon the death of the current Queen (54%)
- "We have been polling this increasingly urgent constitutional issue since the beginning of 2012, and sentiment doesn't change much; there is an even split in opinion, more or less, on whether to retain the Canadian monarchy or not. There is a substantial majority opinion, though, also relatively unchanged, that Charles should not succeed the Queen as Head of State in this country. It is unlikely the Prince of Wales will abdicate before he succeeds, which means Canadians may be stuck with a monarch the majority don't want"

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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 1429 randomly selected Canadian adults. The poll was conducted on July 5th, 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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Abolition of Monarchy in Canada - Trending

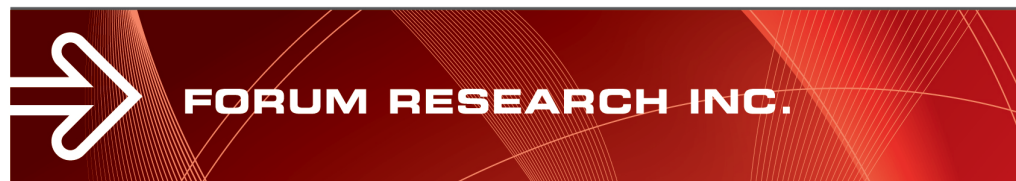
%	In Favour	Opposed	Don't know
July 6 th , 2016	43	40	17
May 14 th , 2015	39	45	16
July 23 rd , 2013	37	48	15
May 22 nd , 2013	45	44	11
December 18 th , 2012	36	46	18
January 13 th , 2012	43	43	14

Prince Charles to Become Canada's Head of State - Trending

%	Agree	Disagree	Don't know
July 6 th , 2016	29	54	17
May 14 th , 2015	31	54	15
July 23 rd , 2013	33	53	14
May 22 nd , 2013	27	61	12

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Abolishing the Monarchy

Are you in favour or opposed to abolishing the monarchy in Canada upon the death of the current Queen?

[All Respondents]

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1429	253	196	251	341	388	722	679
Favor	43	43	46	44	46	35	44	42
Opposed	40	35	37	38	42	52	41	40
Don't know	17	22	16	18	13	13	15	18

Income

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100-250K
Sample	1429	137	272	224	201	154	242
Favor	43	41	44	48	47	39	43
Opposed	40	31	34	39	39	48	45
Don't know	17	29	22	13	15	14	12

Region / Language

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1429	105	320	554	100	144	206	1120	309
Favor	43	35	73	33	34	30	35	33	75
Opposed	40	48	14	48	52	54	43	49	12
Don't know	17	17	14	18	13	17	22	18	14

Federal Vote Preference

%	Total	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1429	377	655	162	75	58	41
Favor	43	27	44	55	55	85	66
Opposed	40	61	38	27	22	9	28
Don't know	17	12	18	18	23	7	6

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Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	1429	305	411	501	212
Favor	43	39	43	43	47
Opposed	40	41	40	42	36
Don't know	17	20	17	15	17

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Marijuana Usage

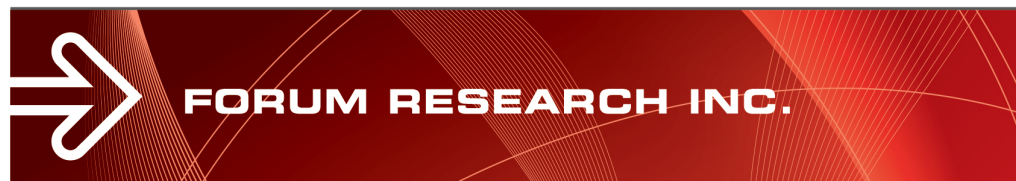
%	Total	Ever Used Marijuana- Yes	Ever Used Marijuana- No	Currently Use Marijuana- Yes	Currently Use Marijuana- No
Sample	1429	614	815	155	459
Favor	43	51	36	55	49
Opposed	40	33	46	26	36
Don't know	17	16	18	19	15

Gun Ownership

%	Total	Gun Owners	Do Not Own a Gun
Sample	1429	250	1179
Favor	43	49	42
Opposed	40	40	40
Don't know	17	11	18

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Prince Charles Succession

Do you agree or disagree Prince Charles should become Canada's Head of State upon the death of the current Queen?

[All Respondents]

Age/Gender

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Sample	1429	253	196	251	341	388	722	679
Agree	29	28	32	28	27	31	31	27
Disagree	54	52	52	54	60	53	54	54
Don't know	17	20	16	18	13	16	15	19

Income

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Agree	29	26	29	30	31	29	32
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Agree	29	37	15	34	38	34	29	34	13
Disagree	54	47	70	48	45	45	56	48	71
Don't know	17	16	16	17	17	21	15	17	16

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Sample	1429	377	655	162	75	58	41
Agree	29	43	28	25	14	22	16
Disagree	54	45	56	59	57	72	75
Don't know	17	12	17	15	30	6	10

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Don't know	17	15	18	17	15

Opinion of Monarchy Continuation

%	Total	Favor	Opposed	Don't know
Sample	1429	591	612	226
Agree	29	9	56	18
Disagree	54	84	31	31
Don't know	17	6	13	52

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