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### One half approve of Mideast mission reset

#### One half prefer a non-combat role

TORONTO February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 1406 Canadian voters, one half approve of the change in Canada's mission in the Mideast from bombing to arming and training foreign fighters (48%), while just more than a third disapprove (36%). About one sixth don't have an opinion (16%). Disapproval of the new mission profile is characteristic of mid age groups (45 to 54 - 43%), males (40%), mid income groups (\$60K to \$80K - 40%), in Alberta (55%), among Conservative voters (70%) and among the least educated (40%).

#### Non-combat role preferred by one half

One half of voters think the best way Canada can contribute to the coalition against ISIS is in a non-combat role (51%), either training and arming foreign fighters (27%) or providing humanitarian aid only (24%). Just more than a quarter believe we should continue aerial bombing (28%). One seventh think we should do something else (14%) and about one tenth don't have an opinion (8%).

The humanitarian aid option is selected especially by the youngest (33%), females (27%), in Quebec (32%) and BC (27%) and among New Democrats (36%). The arming/training option is common to mid age groups (55 to 64 - 33%), males (29%) rather than females (24%), in the Atlantic provinces (40%) and among Liberals (34%). The bombing option is characteristic of the oldest (34%), males (31%), in Alberta (41%) and among Conservatives (59%).

"The country sorts itself very neatly into regions, age groups and political preferences when asked what we should be doing in the Mideast. The more Conservative, the more bellicose the answer, the more progressive, the further from combat our role is seen to be," said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

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## HIGHLIGHTS:

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- "The country sorts itself very neatly into regions, age groups and political preferences when asked what we should be doing in the Mideast. The more Conservative, the more bellicose the answer, the more progressive, the further from combat our role is seen to be," 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 1406 randomly selected Canadians 18 years of age or older. The poll was conducted between February 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 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](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.

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### **Mission in the Mideast**

*'Canada has changed its mission in the Mideast from bombing ISIS targets to arming and training local troops to fight ISIS on the ground. Mission strength will increase from about 650 to about 850 troops. Do you approve or disapprove of this change in mission?'*

[All Respondents]

### **Age / Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1406	240	199	266	336	365	761	645
Approve	48	58	43	43	50	41	50	46
Disapprove	36	28	40	43	33	42	40	33
Don't know	16	15	17	14	17	17	10	21

### **Region**

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1406	90	351	495	99	193	178	1076	330
Approve	48	63	48	48	46	34	49	48	48
Disapprove	36	25	38	35	34	55	30	36	37
Don't know	16	12	14	17	20	11	21	16	15

### **Federal Vote Preference**

%	Total	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1406	435	599	156	90	46	33
Approve	48	16	68	53	51	53	29
Disapprove	36	70	19	22	25	30	57
Don't know	16	14	13	24	24	17	14

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**Coalition against ISIS**

*'What is the best way Canada can contribute to the coalition against ISIS?'*

[All Respondents]

**Age / Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1406	240	199	266	336	365	761	645
Continue bombing ISIS targets from the air	28	18	30	32	30	34	31	24
Arming and training local troops to fight ISIS on the ground	27	27	21	25	33	28	29	24
Humanitarian aid only	24	33	23	18	21	18	20	27
Something else	14	15	20	15	10	10	14	15
Don't know	8	7	6	10	7	10	5	10

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Humanitarian aid only	24	19	32	19	21	20	27	21	32
Something else	14	13	11	17	11	15	16	15	12
Don't know	8	6	11	7	9	6	8	8	9

**Federal Vote Preference**

%	Total	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1406	435	599	156	90	46	33
Continue bombing ISIS targets from the air	28	59	14	13	12	21	29
Arming and training local troops to fight ISIS on the ground	27	12	39	27	22	31	15
Humanitarian aid only	24	9	25	36	45	29	29
Something else	14	16	12	17	17	12	21
Don't know	8	4	10	7	4	7	6

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