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HIGHLIGHTS:

- As many as two thirds approve of the recent federal government agreement to expand CPP (63%)
- When asked if the original target of CPP, about 25% of pre-retirement income was too little or too much
- Close to one half, approves of the Ontario government's decision to cancel the ORPP once CPP expansion had been achieved (45%)
- When presented with four options regarding the intersection of CPP and ORPP, the winning choice (though not by much) was to expand CPP and cancel the ORPP (31%)
- "It is clear CPP expansion is popular with voters, especially the older ones, for whom pension reform has always been a hot button issue. Moreover, it appears the voters understand the purpose of the ORPP was primarily to prompt national pension reform, and they agree that, now that goal is achieved, the ORPP has served its purpose and can disappear" said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

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High Approval in Ontario for CPP Expansion

Plurality approves of cancelling ORPP as a result

In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 1183 Ontario voters, as many as two thirds approve of the recent federal government agreement to expand CPP (63%), and this approval is especially common to the oldest (55+ - 70%), females (66%) rather than males (52%), the least wealthy (less than \$20K - 68%), in the city of Toronto (69%), among Liberals (82%) and New Democrats (76%), but not among Progressive Conservatives (45%).

Plurality thinks CPP paid too little prior to expansion

When asked if the original target of CPP, about 25% of pre-retirement income was too little or too much, the plurality, more than 4-in-10 say it was too little (43%), while just one tenth thinks it too much (10%). Three-in-ten thinks 25% is "about right" (29%). As many as one fifth don't know (19%).

Plurality approves of cancelling ORPP in favour of CPP expansion

The plurality, close to one half, approves of the Ontario government's decision to cancel the ORPP once CPP expansion had been achieved (45%), while just 3-in-10 disapprove (31%), and close to one quarter have no opinion (23%).

Plurality agrees ORPP cancellation, CPP expansion is best course

When presented with four options regarding the intersection of CPP and ORPP, the winning choice (though not by much) was to expand CPP and cancel the ORPP (31%), followed by those who wished to expand CPP and still keep the ORPP (21%). A proportion just greater than a tenth thinks neither the CPP expansion nor the ORPP is necessary (13%, twice this proportion among PCs - 26%). Very few think the ORPP should be kept but CPP expansion cancelled (5%).

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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 1183 randomly selected Canadian adults. The poll was conducted on July 12th, 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.

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CPP Replacement Amount

Until last month, the Canada Pension Plan, or CPP, was designed to replace about 25% of pre-retirement income. Was that too much, too little or about right?

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1183	161	136	216	316	354	576	578
Too much	10	13	6	9	11	8	11	7
Too little	43	39	40	45	52	40	43	42
About right	29	22	35	34	23	35	32	28
Don't know	19	26	19	12	14	18	15	22

Income

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100-250K
Sample	1183	114	184	173	144	126	208
Too much	10	13	10	10	10	7	9
Too little	43	46	45	43	45	33	47
About right	29	22	30	30	27	37	31
Don't know	19	19	15	17	18	22	13

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	1183	158	177	360	537	260	228
Too much	10	8	10	9	10	9	12
Too little	43	38	41	45	43	43	42
About right	29	33	31	31	31	27	23
Don't know	19	20	18	15	16	20	23

Provincial Vote Preference

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Another Party
Sample	1183	477	354	161	67	51
Too much	10	15	5	7	7	7
Too little	43	37	48	46	55	41
About right	29	32	31	24	24	30
Don't know	19	16	16	22	14	22

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CPP Expansion

The provinces recently agreed to expand the Canada Pension Plan, or CPP. Higher contributions and benefits will commence in 2019, and be fully in place by 2023. Do you approve or disapprove of expanding CPP?

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1183	161	136	216	316	354	576	578
Approve	63	55	57	69	70	70	60	66
Disapprove	25	30	29	25	19	17	32	18
Don't know	12	14	14	6	12	13	8	16

Income

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100-250K
Sample	1183	114	184	173	144	126	208
Approve	63	68	65	65	62	60	65
Disapprove	25	22	21	24	27	27	26
Don't know	12	10	15	11	11	12	8

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	1183	158	177	360	537	260	228
Approve	63	60	69	65	66	58	63
Disapprove	25	28	16	24	21	30	26
Don't know	12	12	15	11	13	12	12

Provincial Vote Preference

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Another Party
Sample	1183	477	354	161	67	51
Approve	63	45	82	76	72	50
Disapprove	25	44	8	12	23	38
Don't know	12	11	9	12	6	11

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ORPP Cancellation

Because of the expansion of CPP, the Ontario government has cancelled plans for the Ontario Retirement Pension Plan, or ORPP. Do you approve or disapprove of this decision?

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1183	161	136	216	316	354	576	578
Approve	45	27	48	57	55	51	52	39
Disapprove	31	46	30	24	27	23	31	32
Don't know	23	27	22	19	18	26	17	29

Income

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100-250K
Sample	1183	114	184	173	144	126	208
Approve	45	30	28	40	44	49	67
Disapprove	31	45	46	36	35	26	19
Don't know	23	25	26	23	21	25	14

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Approve	45	39	51	51	51	39	42
Disapprove	31	39	29	25	26	36	35
Don't know	23	22	20	24	23	24	23

Provincial Vote Preference

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Another Party
Sample	1183	477	354	161	67	51
Approve	45	50	42	39	50	44
Disapprove	31	32	32	32	38	39
Don't know	23	18	26	29	13	17

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Solution to Pension Reform

Which of the following would be the best solution to pension reform in Ontario?

[All Respondents]

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Expand CPP, but cancel the ORPP	31	20	28	36	40	41	35	28
Keep the ORPP only, don't expand CPP	5	6	4	7	4	2	4	5
Cancel ORPP and don't expand CPP	13	12	18	16	12	8	18	9
Something else	11	16	8	10	10	10	11	12
Don't know	18	22	21	12	15	20	14	23

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Expand CPP and keep the ORPP	21	31	29	22	20	19	15
Expand CPP, but cancel the ORPP	31	19	22	29	31	32	45
Keep the ORPP only, don't expand CPP	5	9	5	6	5	4	2
Cancel ORPP and don't expand CPP	13	7	9	12	13	10	22
Something else	11	15	14	7	12	15	9
Don't know	18	18	21	24	19	20	8

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Keep the ORPP only, don't expand CPP	5	7	6	4	5	3	6
Cancel ORPP and don't expand CPP	13	14	10	11	10	19	14
Something else	11	15	11	10	10	11	12
Don't know	18	18	21	18	19	19	15

Provincial Vote Preference

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Expand CPP, but cancel the ORPP	31	27	39	30	36	11
Keep the ORPP only, don't expand CPP	5	5	4	8	5	7
Cancel ORPP and don't expand CPP	13	26	3	8	6	19
Something else	11	14	9	5	12	22
Don't know	18	15	16	25	16	14

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