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One half approve of mission to Ukraine

Approval as high as three quarters among federal Conservatives

TORONTO April 16th, 2015 - In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 1365 Canadian voters, one half (48%) approved of the new Canadian Forces mission to Ukraine, while just fewer disapproved (40%). One tenth did not share an opinion (13%).

The mission to Ukraine is especially popular among males (54%), those in mid income groups (\$60K to \$80K - 52%), in the prairies (53%) and Alberta (55%), among federal Conservatives (74%), the least educated (54%) and Anglophones (52%). The mission is least popular among lower income groups (49% disapprove), in Quebec (50%) among federal Liberals and New Democrats (50% each) and among Francophones (51%).

By comparison, when we first we polled the Iraq mission against ISIS in November 2014, approval was higher at two thirds (66%). Support has subsequently dropped to 4-in-10 (39%) for the Iraq mission, and as little as one third for the extension of that mission into Syria (32%).

“Our polling has been showing the appeal of these military adventures waning among voters as they go on. This new one has entered the charts at a lower level of approval than the mission to Iraq did,” said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- One half (48%) approved of the new Canadian Forces mission to Ukraine, while just fewer disapproved (40%).
- “Our polling has been showing the appeal of these military adventures waning among voters as they go on. This new one has entered the charts at a lower level of approval than either the mission to Iraq or the extension to Syria did,” 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 1365 randomly selected Canadians 18 years of age or older. The poll was conducted on April 14 -16th, 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 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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Canadian Troops in Ukraine Approval

'Prime Minister Harper announced Canada will send troops to Ukraine to train the Ukrainian Forces. 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	1248	170	164	221	296	397	674	574
Approve	48	49	45	47	49	48	54	42
Disapprove	40	40	38	42	39	40	39	41
Don't know	13	11	18	11	13	12	8	17

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1248	117	216	183	163	129	231
Approve	48	38	39	50	52	45	59
Disapprove	40	42	49	41	35	45	29
Don't know	13	20	12	8	13	10	12

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1248	102	298	510	87	166	85	968	280
Approve	48	41	36	53	53	55	47	52	35
Disapprove	40	41	50	37	34	32	41	36	51
Don't know	13	18	14	10	13	12	12	12	14

Federal Vote Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1248	400	389	247	85	36	40
Approve	48	74	37	33	37	35	41
Disapprove	40	18	50	50	54	46	52
Don't know	13	8	13	17	9	19	6

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