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Almost 7 in 10 Support the End of the College Strike

Almost half strongly approve

Toronto, December 1st – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ among 861 Ontario voters, almost 7 in 10 (TOP2: 68%) say they approve of Queen's Park forcing striking college staff back to work, with almost half (47%) saying that they strongly approve. Just under one-fifth (BTM2: 19%) say they disapprove, but just over 1 in 10 (12%) say they strongly disapprove.

Just under 1 in 10 (8%) says they neither approve nor disapprove, while few (5%) say they do not know.

Respondents most likely to say they approve of forcing staff back to work include those aged 65+ (80%), earning \$80-\$100,000 (84%), the least educated (71%) or with a college/university degree (74%), living in Eastern (73%) or North-Eastern (73% n=70%) Ontario, or the 905 (74%), and supporting the PCs (79%) or Liberals (78%).

Respondents most likely to say they disapprove of forcing staff back to work include those aged 34 and younger (22%) or 35-44 (24%), with a post-graduate degree (30%), living in Toronto (24%), and supporting the NDP (35%) or Green (35%).

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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 861 randomly selected Ontario Voters. The poll was conducted November 29-30, 2017.

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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Back to work

Overall, do you approve or disapprove of Queen's Park forcing striking college staff back to work?

Age/Gender

| % | Total | 18-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65+ | Male | Female |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|------|--------|
| Sample | 861 | 129 | 128 | 146 | 191 | 267 | 483 | 354 |
| TOP2 | 68 | 61 | 63 | 70 | 74 | 80 | 70 | 68 |
| BTM2 | 19 | 22 | 24 | 20 | 15 | 11 | 19 | 18 |
| Strongly approve | 47 | 39 | 38 | 53 | 52 | 61 | 51 | 44 |
| Somewhat approve | 21 | 22 | 25 | 16 | 22 | 19 | 20 | 23 |
| Neither approve nor disapprove | 8 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 10 | 5 | 8 | 7 |
| Somewhat disapprove | 7 | 6 | 9 | 9 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 8 |
| Strongly disapprove | 12 | 16 | 15 | 11 | 8 | 6 | 13 | 11 |
| Don't know | 5 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 7 |

Income

| % | Total | <\$20K | \$20-\$40K | \$40-\$60K | \$60-\$80K | \$80-\$100K | \$100-\$250K |
|--------------------------------|-------|--------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| Sample | 861 | 77 | 114 | 126 | 107 | 77 | 181 |
| TOP2 | 68 | 64 | 57 | 66 | 65 | 84 | 73 |
| BTM2 | 19 | 13 | 23 | 21 | 20 | 15 | 20 |
| Strongly approve | 47 | 44 | 35 | 42 | 49 | 51 | 49 |
| Somewhat approve | 21 | 20 | 23 | 24 | 16 | 32 | 23 |
| Neither approve nor disapprove | 8 | 11 | 9 | 8 | 14 | 2 | 5 |
| Somewhat disapprove | 7 | 5 | 9 | 8 | 5 | 11 | 9 |
| Strongly disapprove | 12 | 8 | 14 | 13 | 15 | 4 | 11 |
| Don't know | 5 | 12 | 11 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 3 |



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Region

| % | Total | Eastern Ontario | 416 | 905 | South-western Ontario | North-eastern Ontario | North-western Ontario |
|--------------------------------|-------|-----------------|-----|-----|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Sample | 861 | 160 | 207 | 198 | 208 | 70 | 18 |
| TOP2 | 68 | 73 | 58 | 74 | 66 | 73 | 48 |
| BTM2 | 19 | 17 | 24 | 16 | 20 | 19 | 35 |
| Strongly approve | 47 | 53 | 38 | 52 | 50 | 40 | 24 |
| Somewhat approve | 21 | 20 | 20 | 22 | 16 | 33 | 24 |
| Neither approve nor disapprove | 8 | 8 | 14 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 17 |
| Somewhat disapprove | 7 | 6 | 11 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 3 |
| Strongly disapprove | 12 | 11 | 13 | 9 | 14 | 13 | 33 |
| Don't know | 5 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 1 | 0 |

Education

| % | Total | Secondary school or less | Some college or university | Completed college or university | Post graduate studies |
|--------------------------------|-------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Sample | 861 | 140 | 202 | 346 | 173 |
| TOP2 | 68 | 71 | 67 | 74 | 56 |
| BTM2 | 19 | 14 | 20 | 16 | 30 |
| Strongly approve | 47 | 52 | 44 | 54 | 31 |
| Somewhat approve | 21 | 20 | 22 | 19 | 25 |
| Neither approve nor disapprove | 8 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 9 |
| Somewhat disapprove | 7 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 12 |
| Strongly disapprove | 12 | 9 | 15 | 9 | 18 |
| Don't know | 5 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 5 |



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Ballot intention

| % | Total | Progressive Conservative | Liberal | New Democratic | Green | Other Parties |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|---------|-------------------|-------|------------------|
| Sample | 861 | 341 | 218 | 159 | 65 | 31 |
| TOP2 | 68 | 79 | 78 | 52 | 42 | 68 |
| BTM2 | 19 | 13 | 11 | 35 | 35 | 12 |
| Strongly approve | 47 | 64 | 49 | 25 | 24 | 41 |
| Somewhat approve | 21 | 15 | 29 | 27 | 18 | 27 |
| Neither approve nor disapprove | 8 | 6 | 6 | 10 | 8 | 8 |
| Somewhat disapprove | 7 | 5 | 7 | 12 | 9 | 4 |
| Strongly disapprove | 12 | 8 | 5 | 23 | 26 | 9 |
| Don't know | 5 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 15 | 11 |



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