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Carbon Tax pushing Conservatives to vote

Nearly half oppose the Federal Carbon Tax

Toronto, June 6th – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ among 1633 Canadian voters, nearly half (45%) are opposed to the carbon tax, one-quarter (27%) are neither in favour nor opposed to it, and about one-quarter (28%) say they are in favour of the carbon tax.

Respondents most likely to say they oppose the Federal Carbon Tax include those aged 45 to 54 (50%) and 55 to 64 (48%), males (49%), those earning \$40,000 to \$60,000 (52%) and \$80,000 to \$100,000 (50%), the least educated (54%), and those living in the prairies (59%) and Alberta (61%).

Respondents most likely to say they support the Federal Carbon Tax include those aged 18 to 34 (36%), those earning \$60,000 and above (30%; 28%; 31%), those with post-graduate degrees (39%), and those living in Atlantic Canada (31%), Quebec (32%), and Ontario (31%).

Conservatives are more likely to oppose the Federal Carbon Tax (77%). Supporters of the New Democratic Party (38%) and the Bloc Quebecois (37%) are more likely to be neither in favour nor opposed. Liberal (49%) and Green (42%) party supporters are more likely to be in favour of the carbon tax.

Two-thirds say carbon tax will affect their vote

A majority of respondents (TOP2: 65%) say that the carbon tax will affect their vote in the October Federal Election, with 4-in-10 (40%) saying it is very likely to affect their vote and one-fourth (25%) saying it is somewhat likely to affect their vote.

One-third (BTM2: 34%) say it will not affect their vote in the October Federal Election, with one-quarter (22%) saying it is not very likely to affect their vote and one-tenth (12%) saying it is not likely at all to affect their vote.

Respondents most likely to say the carbon tax will affect their vote include males (68%), those earning less than \$20,000 (71%) and \$40,000 to \$60,000 (70%), the least educated (70%), and those living in Alberta (81%).

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Respondents most likely to say the carbon tax will not affect their vote include females (37%), those earning \$60,000 and more (38%; 36%; 35%), those who completed college or university (37%) and post-graduate degree-holders (38%), and those living in Quebec (37%) and Ontario (39%).

Of those that are opposed to the carbon tax, more than 8-in-10 (84%) say that they carbon tax is likely to affect their vote.

In contrast, only half (53%) of those that said they are in favour of the carbon tax said it was likely to affect their vote.

Conservative supporters (80%) are far more likely than others to say the carbon tax is likely to affect their vote.

Amongst other parties, two-thirds (68%) of Greens, and more than half (58%) of New Democrats say the carbon tax will affect their vote.

Only half of Liberals (48%) say the carbon tax will affect their vote.

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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 1633 randomly selected Canadians across the country. The poll was conducted from May 31st- June 2nd 2019.

Results based on the total sample are considered accurate +/- 3%, 19 times out of 20, measured as the average deviation across all response categories. 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 forumpoll.com.

Top2/Btm2 (or 3 or 4 where applicable) refers to the combined results of the most answered positive and negative responses:

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	631	112	91	133	119	176	303	315
NET: TOP3	66	57	60	68	78	86	67	64
NET: BTM3	34	43	39	32	21	14	32	36
Very satisfied	9	9	6	6	13	20	11	8
Satisfied	28	17	29	35	32	45	25	31



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Somewhat satisfied	28	31	26	28	32	20	31	25
Somewhat dissatisfied	12	11	16	14	11	8	13	12
Dissatisfied	11	15	15	9	5	3	9	13
Very dissatisfied	11	18	9	8	5	3	9	12
Don't know	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0

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Top 3 here collects very satisfied, satisfied, and somewhat satisfied into one category, and Btm 3 collects very dissatisfied, dissatisfied, and somewhat dissatisfied.

Due to rounding some numbers may not add up to 100

Federal Carbon Tax

Generally, are you in favour of, or opposed to, the Federal carbon tax?

Age/gender

%	Total	18 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over	Male	Female	Neither
Sample	1633	216	235	260	370	552	836	755	42
Opposed to the carbon tax	45	38	46	50	48	45	49	41	48
Neither in favour of nor opposed to	27	26	25	30	27	27	24	30	26
In favour of	28	36	29	20	26	27	27	29	26



Income

%	Total	Less than \$20,000	\$20,000 to \$40,000	\$40,000 to \$60,000	\$60,000 to \$80,000	\$80,000 to \$100,000	\$100,000 to \$250,000
Sample	1633	137	270	229	189	183	356
Opposed to the carbon tax	45	42	41	52	46	50	43
Neither in favour of nor opposed to	27	32	33	21	24	22	26
In favour of	28	26	26	27	30	28	31

Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate degree
Sample	1633	287	405	644	297

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Region

%	Total	ATL	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
Sample	1633	124	403	597	122	167	220
Opposed to the carbon tax	45	52	32	43	59	61	49
Neither in favour of nor opposed to	27	17	35	26	18	18	31
In favour of	28	31	32	31	22	21	21

Voter Intention

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc Quebecois	People's Party of Canada	- Other
Sample	1633	535	487	165	195	97	62	22
Opposed to the carbon tax	45	77	22	25	29	25	71	73
Neither in favour of nor opposed to	27	19	30	38	29	37	21	18
In favour of	28	4	49	36	42	38	8	9



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Federal Carbon Tax Vote Intention

How likely is the carbon tax to affect your vote in the October Federal election?

Age/gender

%	Total	18 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over	Male	Female	Neither
Sample	1633	216	235	260	370	552	836	755	42
NET: TOP2	65	63	66	65	68	63	68	61	64
NET: BTM2	34	37	33	34	30	36	31	37	31
Very likely	40	39	42	42	40	37	46	34	38
Somewhat likely	25	24	24	23	28	26	22	27	26
Not very likely	22	23	24	22	18	24	19	25	21
Not likely at all	12	14	10	12	12	12	12	12	10
You're not likely to vote	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	5

Income

%	Total	Less than \$20,000	\$20,000 to \$40,000	\$40,000 to \$60,000	\$60,000 to \$80,000	\$80,000 to \$100,000	\$100,000 to \$250,000
Sample	1633	137	270	229	189	183	356
NET: TOP2	65	71	68	70	60	64	65
NET: BTM2	34	24	31	29	38	36	35
Very likely	40	40	40	44	41	43	38
Somewhat likely	25	30	27	26	19	22	27
Not very likely	22	17	18	18	21	28	24
Not likely at all	12	7	13	11	17	8	11
You're not likely to vote	1	5	1	1	2	0	0



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NET: TOP2	65	70	67	63	60
NET: BTM2	34	25	32	37	38
Very likely	40	46	44	36	37
Somewhat likely	25	24	24	26	23
Not very likely	22	18	22	23	23
Not likely at all	12	7	10	14	15
You're not likely to vote	1	5	0	0	1
Sample	1633	287	405	644	297

Region

%	Total	ATL	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
Sample	1633	124	403	597	122	167	220
NET: TOP2	65	74	60	60	67	81	65
NET: BTM2	34	26	37	39	32	18	34
Very likely	40	45	31	37	52	58	42
Somewhat likely	25	29	29	24	16	23	23
Not very likely	22	22	22	24	25	13	24
Not likely at all	12	4	15	15	7	4	10
You're not likely to vote	1	0	3	1	1	1	1



Voter Intention

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc Quebecois	People's Party of Canada	- Other
Sample	1633	535	487	165	195	97	62	22
NET: TOP2	65	80	48	59	68	57	73	68
NET: BTM2	34	19	51	40	32	42	26	23
Very likely	40	58	24	26	41	34	55	48
Somewhat likely	25	23	24	34	26	23	18	21
Not very likely	22	14	32	25	24	20	11	7
Not likely at all	12	5	19	15	8	22	15	16

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Favour/Opposed Carbon Tax

%	Total	Opposed to the carbon tax	Neither in favour of nor opposed to	In favour of
Sample	1633	750	442	441
NET: TOP2	65	84	45	53
NET: BTM2	34	16	51	47
Very likely	40	61	19	27
Somewhat likely	25	23	26	26
Not very likely	22	11	36	27
Not likely at all	12	5	16	20

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