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Most Believe Kinder Morgan Pipeline will have a Positive Economic Effect, But a Negative Environmental One

Toronto, March 3rd – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ among 1,061 British Columbia voters, the plurality believes the pipeline expansion will have a positive economic effect (43%), with (25%) saying it will have a negative effect, and (21%) believing its effect will be neutral. A further (12%) did not have an opinion.

When it comes to the potential environmental impact of the pipeline expansion, the half believe it will have a negative impact on the environment of the province (50%). Only (12%) say its effect will benefit the environment and (27%) believe its effect will be neutral. (11%) reported they didn't know what the environmental effects would be.

It's the economy

The opinion that the pipeline expansion will benefit the economy is most likely held by those aged 65 and over (54%), males (50%), the most wealthy (54%), and Liberal (66%) supporters.

The opinion that the pipeline expansion will detract from the economy is most likely held by those aged 34 or less (29%), the least wealthy (36%), those earning between \$40,000-\$60,000 (39%), and Green Party (41%) supporters.

Environmental damage expected

Respondents likely to believe that the pipeline expansion will have a negative effect on the environment include those aged 35-44 (60%), females (57%), the least wealthy (59%), those earning \$40,000-\$60,000 (61%), and Green Party (72%) supporters.

Those who believe the pipeline expansion will have a positive effect on the environment are male (14%), and Liberal (21%) or Conservative (19%) supporters.

"It's not a surprise that most believe the Kinder Morgan Pipeline expansion will have a positive economic effect but a negative environmental one. Balancing enhancing the economy versus the protecting the environment on projects of this scope is so often the most challenging part," said Dr. Lorne Bozinoff, President of Forum Research.

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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 1,061 randomly selected British Columbia Voters. The poll was conducted on Feb 22-23, 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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Kinder Morgan Economic Effects

Will the Kinder Morgan pipeline expansion have a positive, a negative, or a neutral effect on the economy of British Columbia?

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1061	165	167	173	224	332	530	510
Positive effect	43	36	35	42	48	54	50	35
Negative effect	25	29	26	25	22	20	22	28
Neutral effect	21	21	26	25	18	14	19	23
Don't know	12	13	14	7	12	12	9	15



Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1061	126	185	133	140	108	187
Positive effect	43	23	48	31	42	46	54
Negative effect	25	36	21	39	29	23	17
Neutral effect	21	23	20	20	16	21	19
Don't know	12	19	11	10	14	11	10

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Region

%	Total	Vancouver Lower Mainland	Vancouver Island	Interior North
Sample	1061	738	234	89
Positive effect	43	42	40	48
Negative effect	25	24	32	21
Neutral effect	21	23	17	15
Don't know	12	11	11	17

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Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	1061	170	298	381	212
Positive effect	43	39	42	43	46
Negative effect	25	21	24	27	26
Neutral effect	21	26	22	19	19
Don't know	12	14	13	11	10



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Voting Preference

%	Total	Liberal	Conservative	New Democratic	Green	Another Party
Sample	1061	277	147	386	132	30
Positive effect	43	66	62	29	21	38
Negative effect	25	12	13	34	41	22
Neutral effect	21	14	14	25	26	33
Don't know	12	8	11	12	12	7

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Kinder Morgan Environmental Effects

What affect, if any, will the Kinder Morgan pipeline expansion have on the environment of British Columbia?

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1061	165	167	173	224	332	530	510
Positive effect	12	11	11	13	10	13	14	10
Negative effect	50	56	60	52	45	37	43	57
Neutral effect	27	22	20	27	29	37	33	21
Don't know	11	11	9	9	16	13	10	13

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1061	126	185	133	140	108	187
Positive effect	12	10	10	11	17	18	10
Negative effect	50	59	47	61	45	45	49
Neutral effect	27	16	31	19	24	26	32
Don't know	11	15	12	9	15	11	9

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Region

%	Total	Vancouver Lower Mainland	Vancouver Island	Interior North
Sample	1061	738	234	89
Positive effect	12	11	10	18
Negative effect	50	50	54	42
Neutral effect	27	27	26	25
Don't know	11	11	10	15

Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	1061	170	298	381	212
Positive effect	12	15	14	10	8
Negative effect	50	44	52	49	54
Neutral effect	27	26	25	28	27
Don't know	11	15	9	12	10



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%	Total	Liberal	Conservative	New Democratic	Green	Another Party
Sample	1061	277	147	386	132	30
Positive effect	12	21	19	4	6	22
Negative effect	50	29	24	65	72	51
Neutral effect	27	37	46	21	9	17
Don't know	11	12	11	9	13	10

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