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Opinion shifts away from road tolls

But opinion split on Wynne's move to block toll proposal

Toronto, February 08th – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ among 1,090 Toronto voters, opinion has shifted away from approval for road tolls (43%) on city owned highways, toward disapproval (48%), with (9%) saying they don't know. This shift represents a modest change from November when (46%) approved of road tolls and (45%) disapproved.

Those most likely to disapprove of road tolls are 35-44 (60%), earn an income of \$60,000-\$80,000 (63%), and travel to work by car (58%). Those most likely to approve of road tolls are 55-64 (54%), earn over \$100,000 (54%), and have a post-graduate education (61%).

Reversal no clear win for Wynne

Despite the majority now disapproving of the plan to institute road tolls on the DVP and Gardiner expressways, a slim majority (within the margin of error) of respondents disapprove (43%) of Kathleen Wynne's decision to deny the proposal, while (42%) approve.

Disapproval was common to those between 55-64 (57%), males (46%), and the most wealthy (54%).

Approval was common to those aged 35-44 (48%), those earning \$60,000-\$80,000 (62%), and those that drive to work (51%).

“With public opinion shifting negatively toward road tolls, one could assume that support for preventing them would be strong; however, opinion on the Premier's decision to block them is mixed at best,” 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 1090 randomly selected Toronto Voters. The poll was conducted on Jan 31-Feb 5 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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Road Tolls Approval

Mayor Tory has called for tolls on the Don Valley Parkway and the Gardiner Expressway, with the proceeds going to fund transit projects. Do you approve or disapprove of this?

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1090	177	159	215	257	282	552	523
Approve	43	43	35	43	54	47	47	40
Disapprove	48	47	60	47	37	41	45	50
Don't know	9	10	5	9	9	11	7	10

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1090	98	184	144	121	112	215
Approve	43	45	37	38	32	43	54
Disapprove	48	46	47	51	63	53	39
Don't know	9	9	16	12	5	4	7

Region

%	Total	Former City of Toronto	East York	North York	Etobicoke	York	Scarborough
Sample	1090	316	95	215	154	233	77
Approve	43	60	44	42	38	33	36
Disapprove	48	32	42	46	57	59	56
Don't know	9	8	14	12	4	8	8

Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate degree
Sample	1090	124	248	433	285
Approve	43	30	39	39	61
Disapprove	48	57	55	49	33
Don't know	9	13	6	12	6



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Method of Transportation

%	Total	Private vehicle	Public transit	Bicycle	Walking	Some other way	Don't travel to work or school
Sample	1090	456	300	33	61	21	219
Approve	43	34	44	74	69	40	51
Disapprove	48	58	45	19	24	51	38
Don't know	9	7	11	7	7	9	11

Mayoral Vote Preference

%	Total	John Tory	Doug Ford	Someone else	Undecided
Sample	1090	521	262	193	114
Approve	43	61	23	42	28
Disapprove	48	29	71	54	56
Don't know	9	10	7	5	16



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Kathleen Wynne's Stop of Road Tolls

Do you approve or disapprove of Kathleen Wynne's decision to stop Mayor Tory's plan to introduce road tolls?

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1090	177	159	215	257	282	552	523
Approve	42	45	48	45	30	31	38	45
Disapprove	43	35	43	43	57	50	46	41
Don't know	15	20	9	12	13	19	16	14

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1090	98	184	144	121	112	215
Approve	42	42	46	39	62	42	34
Disapprove	43	36	32	47	30	49	54
Don't know	15	22	22	14	8	8	11

Region

%	Total	Former City of Toronto	East York	North York	Etobicoke	York	Scarborough
Sample	1090	316	95	215	154	233	77
Approve	42	27	40	46	50	49	44
Disapprove	43	54	44	36	40	40	43
Don't know	15	19	15	18	10	11	12

Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate degree
Sample	1090	124	248	433	285
Approve	42	40	51	41	35
Disapprove	43	39	32	44	56
Don't know	15	21	17	16	9

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Sample	1090	456	300	33	61	21	219
Approve	42	51	41	19	18	49	31
Disapprove	43	38	42	71	59	40	49
Don't know	15	11	17	10	23	11	21

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Mayoral Vote Preference

%	Total	John Tory	Doug Ford	Someone else	Undecided
Sample	1090	521	262	193	114
Approve	42	26	56	54	49
Disapprove	43	58	33	36	25
Don't know	15	16	11	10	26

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