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Few aware Mulcair is dual citizen

One quarter less likely to vote NDP as a result

TORONTO September 30th, 2015 -In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 1499 Canadian voters, just more than one quarter are aware Tom Mulcair is also a citizen of France (27%), and this knowledge is common to the oldest (38%), males (32%), the wealthiest (31%), in Alberta (38%) but not, surprisingly, in Quebec (21%), among more Conservatives (34%) than New Democrats (30%) and among the best educated (34%).

One quarter less likely to vote NDP

One quarter of voters in total are less likely to vote NDP knowing Tom Mulcair is a dual citizen (26%), and this comprises as many as one quarter of Liberals (25%) and 4-in-10 prospective Conservatives (43%). More worrisome, about a tenth of New Democrats are less likely to vote their party because their leader is also a French citizen (8%).

"It's not a huge effect, but in a tight election, the fact that a fifth of Liberals and a tenth of New Democrats might be less likely to vote the party because of Mulcair's citizenship should worry the NDP, who are relying on soft Liberal votes for a victory," said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- Just more than one quarter are aware Tom Mulcair is also a citizen of France (27%).
- One quarter of voters in total are less likely to vote NDP knowing Tom Mulcair is a dual citizen (26%), and this comprises as many as one quarter of Liberals (25%) and 4-in-10 prospective Conservatives (43%).
- "It's not a huge effect, but in a tight election, the fact that a fifth of Liberals and a tenth of New Democrats might be less likely to vote the party because of Mulcair's citizenship should worry the NDP, who are relying on soft Liberal votes for a victory," 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 1499 randomly selected Canadians 18 years of age or older. The poll was conducted from September 28th to September 29th, 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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Mulcair: Citizen of France

'Are you aware or not aware that Tom Mulcair is also a citizen of France?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1499	266	204	305	354	370	803	696
Aware	27	23	23	29	28	38	32	24
Not aware	73	77	77	71	72	62	68	76

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1499	201	336	340	228	163	231	1179	320
Aware	27	30	21	27	31	38	29	30	19
Not aware	73	70	79	73	69	62	71	70	81

Federal Vote Preference

%	Total	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1499	483	375	377	103	60	36
Aware	27	34	22	30	18	20	25
Not aware	73	66	78	70	82	80	75

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Mulcair: Voting NDP

‘Are you more or less likely to vote NDP because Tom Mulcair is also a citizen of France?’

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1499	266	204	305	354	370	803	696
More likely	11	12	12	10	9	10	11	10
Less likely	26	20	24	28	28	32	30	22
Neither more nor less likely	62	68	63	61	60	57	58	66
Don't know	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	2

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1499	201	336	340	228	163	231	1179	320
More likely	11	9	13	8	12	9	15	9	14
Less likely	26	23	18	27	34	35	25	29	16
Neither more nor less likely	62	67	67	63	52	56	59	61	68
Don't know	1	1	2	1	2	0	1	1	2

Federal Vote Preference

%	Total	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1499	483	375	377	103	60	36
More likely	11	7	6	18	13	17	13
Less likely	26	43	25	8	30	17	32
Neither more nor less likely	62	49	67	74	56	63	56
Don't know	1	1	2	0	1	2	0

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