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Plurality Think Current System of Voting A-OK

Toronto, March 8th – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ among 1,340 Canadian voters, (45%) support the Federal Government’s decision to keep Canadian voting procedures the same. (38%) do not support the move, while (17%) do not know.

Those most likely to support the decision to keep the current system of voting include those aged 65 and over (54%), living in Manitoba/Saskatchewan (52%) or Alberta (53%), supporting either the Liberal (54%) or Conservative (53%) Party. The least educated (50%) and those with some college or university (51%) are also likely to support the move to keep voting the same.

Respondents most likely to be opposed to keeping the current system of voting include those aged 34 or less (46%), earning \$100,000-\$250,000 (44%), living in BC (44%), supporting either the Green Party (59%) or NDP (58%). Those with post-graduate degrees (46%), or a college or university degree (44%) are also likely to oppose the decision to keep voting procedures the same.

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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 1,340 randomly selected Canadian Voters. The poll was conducted on Feb 24-26 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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Electoral Reform

Do you support the Federal government's decision to keep Canadian voting procedures the same?

[All Respondents]

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1340	124	131	226	338	521	659	653
Yes	45	36	43	49	46	54	46	44
No	38	46	41	35	36	29	41	36
Don't know	17	17	17	16	18	16	13	21

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1340	143	266	182	162	114	180
Yes	45	51	45	46	46	38	44
No	38	26	37	38	41	41	44
Don't know	17	23	18	16	13	21	12

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC
Sample	1340	93	330	521	89	131	176
Yes	45	47	44	44	52	53	37
No	38	33	42	39	26	34	44
Don't know	17	20	14	18	21	13	19



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Current Vote Preference

%	Total	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1340	414	449	177	76	81	44
Yes	45	53	54	25	24	40	23
No	38	33	31	58	59	51	41
Don't know	17	14	16	17	16	9	36

Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	1340	245	328	510	257
Yes	45	50	51	42	39
No	38	22	32	44	46
Don't know	17	27	17	14	14



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