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## **Canada Should Protect Great Lakes if US Won't**

Toronto, April 26<sup>th</sup> – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ amongst 1479 Canadian voters, a solid majority (57%) believe that if the United States cuts funding to the protection of the great lakes, that Canada has a responsibility to increase great lakes funding in response. Only (23%) say no, Canada does not have a responsibility to increase funding, with (20%) saying they don't know.

Respondents most likely to say that Canada has a responsibility to increase great lakes funding includes those aged 34 and younger (61%), the least wealthy (63%) or earning \$80,000-\$100,000 (63%), living in Ontario (62%) or BC (60%), and supporting the Green Party (70%). Those with a post-graduate (61%) or college/university degree (59%) are also likely to believe Canada has a responsibility to increase great lakes funding should the United States cut the funding for their protection.

Respondents most likely to say that Canada does not have a responsibility to increase great lakes funding includes those aged 45-54 (28%), males (30%), the most wealthy (32%), living in Manitoba/Saskatchewan (29%) or Alberta (29%), and supporting the Conservatives (36%). Those with some college or university (26%) are also likely to believe Canada does not have a responsibility to increase great lakes funding if the United States cuts it.

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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 1479 randomly selected Canadian Voters. The poll was conducted on April 21-24, 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](http://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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**Great Lakes Funding**

*If the United States cuts funding to the protection of the great lakes, does Canada have a responsibility to increase great lakes funding?*

**Age/Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1479	277	209	235	324	434	788	662
Yes	57	61	55	54	56	55	55	58
No	23	20	26	28	25	20	30	18
Don't know	20	19	19	18	19	25	15	25

**Income**

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1479	173	243	243	182	131	234
Yes	57	63	56	60	54	63	54
No	23	16	19	21	23	24	32
Don't know	20	21	24	18	23	13	14

**Region**

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC
Sample	1479	99	356	536	129	158	201
Yes	57	59	53	62	46	44	60
No	23	17	26	22	29	29	19
Don't know	20	24	20	16	26	27	21

**Education**

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	1479	262	379	559	279
Yes	57	51	53	59	61
No	23	23	26	23	21
Don't know	20	25	21	18	18

**Voter Intention**

%	Total	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1479	456	456	230	118	71	41
Yes	57	44	65	67	70	64	26
No	23	36	15	19	19	23	37
Don't know	20	20	20	14	12	13	37



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