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4-in-10 favour abolishing monarchy

Majority don't want Prince Charles as Head of State

TORONTO May 14th, 2015 - In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll among 1286 Canadian voters, just fewer than 4-in-10 favour abolishing the monarchy in Canada upon the death of the Queen (39%). Opposition to this idea is characteristic of just more (45%). One sixth don't share an opinion (16%). Abolishing the monarchy is especially popular among the youngest (49%), males (44%), the wealthy (\$80K to \$100K - 46%), in Quebec (71%), among New Democrats (49%), Francophones (72%) and mothers of children under 18 (46%). This compares very closely to levels of support noted in July 2013, just after the birth of Prince George (abolish - 37%, oppose - 48%).

Majority disagree Charles should become Head of State

More than half of Canadian adults don't want to see Prince Charles become Head of State of Canada upon the death of his mother (54%), while fewer than one third think this should happen (31%). One sixth don't know one way or another (15%). Wanting to see Charles as Head of State is characteristic of the oldest (37%), those in mid income groups (\$60K to \$80K - 38%), in Alberta and BC (37% each), among Conservatives and Liberals (37% each) but not New Democrats (28%) and among the least educated (36%). Among those who support the monarchy, just more than half agree Charles should be Head of State (56%), and one third disagree (32%). These findings are very close to those noted in July 2013 (agree - 33%, disagree - 53%).

Even split on Oath to the Queen

Equal proportions of voters agree (44%) and disagree (45%) all citizens should swear the Oath to the Queen, and this is the same as noted in July, 2013 (47% and 43%, respectively).

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- Just fewer than 4-in-10 favour abolishing the monarchy in Canada upon the death of the Queen (39%).
- More than half of Canadian adults don't want to see Prince Charles become Head of State of Canada.
- Equal proportions of voters agree (44%) and disagree (45%) all citizens should swear the Oath to the Queen.

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Increase in those who want a Canadian-born Head of State

Almost three quarters of voters agree the Head of State of Canada should be Canadian-born and live in Canada (73%), and this represents a clear increase since the last time we polled (July, 2013 - 63%). One tenth don't have an opinion (12%). Agreement is highest in Quebec (91%) and lowest in Alberta (59%).

"These measures appear to be static across two years, but you must remember that we polled immediately after a royal birth each time. It is clear there are a substantial number of people who, while they support the monarchy in Canada, don't necessarily support the Heir Apparent," 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 1286 randomly selected Canadians 18 years of age or older. The poll was conducted on May 12-13th, 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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Abolishment of Monarchy in Canada - Trending

%	In Favour	Opposed	Don't know
May 14 th , 2015	39	45	16
July 23 rd , 2013	37	48	15
May 22 nd , 2013	45	44	11
December 18 th , 2012	36	46	18
January 13 th , 2012	43	43	14

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Prince Charles to Become Canada's Head of State - Trending

%	Agree	Disagree	Don't know
May 14 th , 2015	31	54	15
July 23 rd , 2013	33	53	14
May 22 nd , 2013	27	61	12

Canada's Head of State Should be Canadian - Trending

%	Agree	Disagree	Don't know
May 14 th , 2015	73	16	12
July 23 rd , 2013	63	24	13
May 22 nd , 2013	71	17	12

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Abolishment of Monarchy in Canada

'Are you in favour of or opposed to abolishing the monarchy in Canada upon the death of the current Queen?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1286	159	171	245	309	402	659	627
In favour	39	49	42	37	31	29	44	34
Opposed	45	34	41	46	53	58	42	47
Don't know	16	17	17	17	16	13	13	19

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1286	70	177	460	116	212	251	1118	168
In favour	39	34	71	29	24	25	29	29	72
Opposed	45	41	16	55	58	57	53	54	13
Don't know	16	25	13	15	18	18	18	17	15

Federal Vote Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1286	408	337	335	80	27	40
In favour	39	31	34	49	37	90	37
Opposed	45	55	49	38	40	0	41
Don't know	16	14	17	12	24	10	22

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Prince Charles to Become Canada's Head of State

'Do you agree or disagree Prince Charles should become Canada's Head of State upon the death of the current Queen?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1286	159	171	245	309	402	659	627
Agree	31	26	32	30	36	37	31	31
Disagree	54	56	55	56	53	48	54	54
Don't know	15	18	13	14	12	16	14	16

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1286	70	177	460	116	212	251	1118	168
Agree	31	33	18	35	36	37	37	35	17
Disagree	54	53	69	49	46	45	51	49	71
Don't know	15	14	12	16	18	18	13	16	11

Federal Vote Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1286	408	337	335	80	27	40
Agree	31	37	37	28	28	0	17
Disagree	54	46	48	61	55	92	76
Don't know	15	16	16	11	17	8	7

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New Citizens to Swear the Oath to the Queen

'Do you agree or disagree all new citizens should be required to swear the oath to the Queen?'

[All respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1286	159	171	245	309	402	659	627
Agree	44	34	36	49	51	56	41	46
Disagree	45	57	50	38	36	34	49	41
Don't know	11	9	14	13	12	11	10	13

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1286	70	177	460	116	212	251	1118	168
Agree	44	45	19	52	58	58	46	52	17
Disagree	45	41	72	36	27	28	44	37	71
Don't know	11	14	9	12	15	14	10	12	11

Federal Vote Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1286	408	337	335	80	27	40
Agree	44	62	47	32	40	2	28
Disagree	45	29	43	55	47	87	68
Don't know	11	10	11	13	13	11	4

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Canada's Head of State Should be Canadian

'Do you agree or disagree Canada's Head of State should be a Canadian who resides in Canada?'

[All respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1286	159	171	245	309	402	659	627
Agree	73	72	77	73	67	72	75	70
Disagree	16	15	15	17	20	13	14	17
Don't know	12	13	8	10	12	15	11	13

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1286	70	177	460	116	212	251	1118	168
Agree	73	66	91	68	61	59	71	67	92
Disagree	16	15	3	21	22	25	15	20	2
Don't know	12	19	6	11	17	16	14	13	6

Federal Vote Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1286	408	337	335	80	27	40
Agree	73	68	71	76	73	96	79
Disagree	16	21	17	12	13	2	14
Don't know	12	11	12	13	14	2	8

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