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More now agree compulsory union dues should be prohibited

More also now agree with "right to work" in the public sector

TORONTO, NOVEMBER 26, 2013 - In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 1126 Ontario voters, just more than 4-in-10 agreed compulsory union dues should be outlawed (41%) and this represents an increase since the last time we asked this question (December, 2012 - 34%). Just slightly more disagree (43%), similar to the proportion noted previously (45%). One-in-eight do not have an opinion (16%). Support for outlawing compulsory dues is highest among males (46%), the less wealthy ($20K to $40K - 55%), in eastern Ontario (48%) and among PC supporters (61%), but not Liberals (33%) or New Democrats (28%).

"Right to work" in public sector more popular than a year ago

Two thirds agree private sector non-unionized workers should be able to compete for jobs in the public sector (64%), and this represents a sharp increase since last year (57%). The idea is especially popular with the youngest (70%), the less wealthy ($20K to $40K - 76%), among PCs (84%) but not New Democrats (43%). One quarter disagree (25%), and one tenth haven't formed an opinion (11%).

More disapprove of Rand Formula than approve

Just 4-in-10 approve of the Rand Formula, which stipulates conscientious objectors to union dues must donate to charity (41%), compared to more than this who disapprove (45%). One seventh don't have an opinion (15%). Disapproval of Rand is higher among the youngest (48%), males (47%), the less wealthy ($20K to $40K - 47%) and mid-income groups ($40K to $60K - 61%), southwestern Ontario (47%) and Toronto 905 (49%) and among PCs (53%).

Majority think Pan Am Games cost not well spent

Six-in-ten voters say the $2.5 billion projected cost of the Pan Am and ParaPan Games is not money well-spent (61%), and this view is especially common to the oldest (66%) and among the less wealthy (less than $20K - 66%, $20K to $40K - 71%). Disapproval does not vary strongly by region, or by party, with the exception that the Liberals are more likely than others to think the money is well-spent (35%). In total, fewer than a quarter think it well-spent (23%), and one eighth do not have an opinion (16%).

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Just more than 4-in-10 agreed compulsory union dues should be outlawed (41%).
- Two thirds agree private sector non-unionized workers should be able to compete for jobs in the public sector (64%).
- Just 4-in-10 approve of the Rand Formula, which stipulates conscientious objectors to union dues must donate to charity (41%).
- Six-in-ten voters say the $2.5 billion projected cost of the Pan Am and ParaPan Games is not money well-spent (61%).

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One half think government could have stopped Heinz closure

One half of voters say there was something the government could have done to prevent the Heinz plant in Leamington from closing (50%), while half this proportion, or one quarter say nothing could have been done (27%). One quarter do not know what to think (23%). Belief the government could have acted to stop the plant closure is common to the youngest (60%), the less wealthy ($20K to $40K - 58%) and the wealthier ($80K to $100K - 58%), in eastern Ontario (55%) and among PCs (60%), but not among Liberals (37%).

One half want gas plant hearings to continue

When given a choice, more voters say the gas plant hearings should continue (48%) than say they should end (36%), while one fifth don't have an opinion (17%). This view is especially common to males (55%), in eastern Ontario (57%) and among PCs (69%), but not among Liberals (29%). Of note, one quarter of PCs want the hearings to end (23%), while the majority of Liberals do as well (52%).

“There are rich veins for Tim Hudak to mine in these findings. The right to work, for instance, a signature issue of his, is getting more popular, especially among the young, and the Rand Formula is losing ground. If he were a more popular leader, these would be winning issues for him," said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- One half of voters say there was something the government could have done to prevent the Heinz plant in Leamington from closing (50%).
- When given a choice, more voters say the gas plant hearings should continue (48%) than say they should end (36%), while one fifth don't have an opinion (17%).
- “There are rich veins for Tim Hudak to mine in these findings. The right to work, for instance, a signature issue of his, is getting more popular, especially among the young, and the Rand Formula is losing ground. If he were a more popular leader, these would be winning issues for him," 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 1126 randomly selected Ontarians 18 years of age and older. The poll was conducted on November 25th and 26th, 2013.

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 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.

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Outlaw Compulsory Union Fees - Trending

[All Respondents]

%	Sample	Agree	Disagree	Don't know
Nov. 26th, 2013	**1126**	41	43	16
Dec. 17th, 2012	**990**	34	45	21

Non-Unionized Workers Should Be Able to Compete for Public Sector Jobs - Trending

[All Respondents]

%	Sample	Agree	Disagree	Don't know
Nov. 26th, 2013	**1126**	64	25	11
Dec. 17th, 2012	**990**	57	27	16

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Outlawing Compulsory Union Dues

'Do you agree or disagree compulsory union dues should be outlawed?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	**1126**	**90**	**130**	**247**	**315**	**344**	**529**	**597**
Agree	41	42	39	41	40	44	46	37
Disagree	43	39	46	44	48	42	46	40
Don't know	16	20	15	15	11	14	8	23

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	**1126**	**155**	**224**	**309**	**533**	**240**	**198**
Agree	41	48	41	40	41	44	33
Disagree	43	44	42	41	41	43	48
Don't know	16	8	17	18	18	13	19

Household Income

%	Total	<$20K	$20-$40K	$40-$60K	$60-$80K	$80-$100K	$100-$250K	$250K+
Sample	**1126**	**120**	**171**	**177**	**142**	**110**	**200**	**25**
Agree	41	23	55	46	46	39	38	50
Disagree	43	40	29	44	45	54	55	30
Don't know	16	38	16	9	9	8	8	21

Provincial Party Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other
Sample	**1126**	**387**	**348**	**247**	**71**	**31**
Agree	41	61	33	28	29	38
Disagree	43	27	51	61	32	57
Don't know	16	11	16	12	39	5

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Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	**1126**	**182**	**314**	**410**	**220**
Agree	41	34	45	43	38
Disagree	43	43	37	43	51
Don't know	16	23	18	14	11

Religion

%	Total	Christian	Protestant Christian	Evangelical Christian	Catholic	Other Christian	Non-Christian	None
Sample	**1126**	**816**	**400**	**41**	**290**	**85**	**71**	**239**
Agree	41	42	44	37	41	38	30	43
Disagree	43	43	45	24	44	42	47	42
Don't know	16	15	11	39	15	20	23	15

Ethnicity / Have Children

%	Total	Canadian	British, Scots, Irish or Welsh	Other European	Non-European	Yes	No
Sample	**1126**	**659**	**223**	**171**	**73**	**267**	**859**
Agree	41	41	36	53	35	40	42
Disagree	43	43	56	35	27	46	41
Don't know	16	16	8	12	38	14	16

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Unionized Public Sector Jobs

'Do you agree or disagree non-unionized private sector workers should have the right to compete against unionized civil servants for public sector jobs?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	**1126**	**90**	**130**	**247**	**315**	**344**	**529**	**597**
Agree	64	70	59	62	62	65	63	65
Disagree	25	23	29	26	26	22	31	20
Don't know	11	7	12	12	12	13	6	15

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	**1126**	**155**	**224**	**309**	**533**	**240**	**198**
Agree	64	66	65	62	63	65	63
Disagree	25	26	23	26	25	24	30
Don't know	11	8	12	12	12	11	7

Household Income

%	Total	<$20K	$20-$40K	$40-$60K	$60-$80K	$80-$100K	$100-$250K	$250K+
Sample	**1126**	**120**	**171**	**177**	**142**	**110**	**200**	**25**
Agree	64	53	76	73	62	59	61	78
Disagree	25	21	14	17	31	36	35	17
Don't know	11	26	10	10	8	5	4	5

Provincial Party Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other
Sample	**1126**	**387**	**348**	**247**	**71**	**31**
Agree	64	84	56	43	61	77
Disagree	25	9	32	44	27	21
Don't know	11	7	12	13	12	2

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Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	**1126**	**182**	**314**	**410**	**220**
Agree	64	62	63	68	59
Disagree	25	22	24	24	31
Don't know	11	16	12	8	10

Religion

%	Total	Christian	Protestant Christian	Evangelical Christian	Catholic	Other Christian	Non-Christian	None
Sample	**1126**	**816**	**400**	**41**	**290**	**85**	**71**	**239**
Agree	64	65	65	75	64	65	49	65
Disagree	25	25	26	11	27	22	40	22
Don't know	11	10	9	14	9	13	11	12

Ethnicity / Have Children

%	Total	Canadian	British, Scots, Irish or Welsh	Other European	Non-European	Yes	No
Sample	**1126**	**659**	**223**	**171**	**73**	**267**	**859**
Agree	64	63	60	75	62	64	64
Disagree	25	25	32	20	25	30	23
Don't know	11	12	9	6	13	7	13

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Rand Formula

'In Canada, the Rand Formula says union members who conscientiously object to paying dues must pay an equivalent amount to charity. Do you approve or disapprove of the Rand Formula?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	**1126**	**90**	**130**	**247**	**315**	**344**	**529**	**597**
Approve	41	37	40	44	45	40	43	38
Disapprove	45	48	44	43	41	44	47	42
Don't know	15	15	16	12	14	16	10	20

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	**1126**	**155**	**224**	**309**	**533**	**240**	**198**
Approve	41	40	43	37	39	40	47
Disapprove	45	46	40	49	45	47	37
Don't know	15	14	17	15	16	13	16

Household Income

%	Total	<$20K	$20-$40K	$40-$60K	$60-$80K	$80-$100K	$100-$250K	$250K+
Sample	**1126**	**120**	**171**	**177**	**142**	**110**	**200**	**25**
Approve	41	33	41	32	53	54	43	48
Disapprove	45	35	47	61	38	42	48	38
Don't know	15	32	13	7	9	4	9	14

Provincial Party Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other
Sample	**1126**	**387**	**348**	**247**	**71**	**31**
Approve	41	35	47	46	38	25
Disapprove	45	53	38	41	34	69
Don't know	15	13	16	13	28	6

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Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	**1126**	**182**	**314**	**410**	**220**
Approve	41	33	35	42	50
Disapprove	45	48	49	44	38
Don't know	15	19	16	14	12

Religion

%	Total	Christian	Protestant Christian	Evangelical Christian	Catholic	Other Christian	Non-Christian	None
Sample	**1126**	**816**	**400**	**41**	**290**	**85**	**71**	**239**
Approve	41	41	43	33	45	31	48	37
Disapprove	45	46	45	60	41	55	30	46
Don't know	15	13	13	8	14	14	23	17

Ethnicity / Have Children

%	Total	Canadian	British, Scots, Irish or Welsh	Other European	Non-European	Yes	No
Sample	**1126**	**659**	**223**	**171**	**73**	**267**	**859**
Approve	41	42	45	35	36	39	41
Disapprove	45	42	46	51	46	49	42
Don't know	15	16	9	14	19	11	17

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Pan-Am Games

'The total costs for the 2015 Pan-Am and ParaPan Games will be about two and a half billion dollars. Is this money well spent or not?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	**1126**	**90**	**130**	**247**	**315**	**344**	**529**	**597**
Money well spent	23	17	27	28	28	21	25	22
Not money well spent	61	63	58	56	61	66	63	59
Don't know	16	20	15	16	11	13	12	19

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	**1126**	**155**	**224**	**309**	**533**	**240**	**198**
Money well spent	23	20	28	24	26	17	27
Not money well spent	61	63	59	59	59	65	60
Don't know	16	17	13	17	16	17	13

Household Income

%	Total	<$20K	$20-$40K	$40-$60K	$60-$80K	$80-$100K	$100-$250K	$250K+
Sample	**1126**	**120**	**171**	**177**	**142**	**110**	**200**	**25**
Money well spent	23	11	17	19	18	31	31	50
Not money well spent	61	66	71	64	64	61	51	47
Don't know	16	23	11	17	18	9	18	3

Provincial Party Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other
Sample	**1126**	**387**	**348**	**247**	**71**	**31**
Money well spent	23	19	35	23	12	7
Not money well spent	61	65	50	65	64	67
Don't know	16	17	15	11	24	26

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Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	**1126**	**182**	**314**	**410**	**220**
Money well spent	23	20	22	25	25
Not money well spent	61	66	66	56	61
Don't know	16	15	12	20	14

Religion

%	Total	Christian	Protestant Christian	Evangelical Christian	Catholic	Other Christian	Non-Christian	None
Sample	**1126**	**816**	**400**	**41**	**290**	**85**	**71**	**239**
Money well spent	23	24	24	7	23	32	26	22
Not money well spent	61	58	55	67	62	57	56	68
Don't know	16	18	21	26	15	11	19	10

Ethnicity / Have Children

%	Total	Canadian	British, Scots, Irish or Welsh	Other European	Non-European	Yes	No
Sample	**1126**	**659**	**223**	**171**	**73**	**267**	**859**
Money well spent	23	24	28	22	13	26	22
Not money well spent	61	60	59	67	59	55	64
Don't know	16	16	14	11	29	19	14

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Heinz Closure

'Do you think there is anything the provincial government could do to prevent Heinz from closing their plant in Leamington or not?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	**1126**	**90**	**130**	**247**	**315**	**344**	**529**	**597**
There was something the government could do	50	60	42	47	47	48	50	50
There was nothing the government could do	27	23	28	28	31	30	33	22
Don't know	23	17	30	25	21	22	18	27

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	**1126**	**155**	**224**	**309**	**533**	**240**	**198**
There was something the government could do	50	55	42	52	48	53	47
There was nothing the government could do	27	24	29	27	28	34	20
Don't know	23	21	29	21	24	13	33

Household Income

%	Total	<$20K	$20-$40K	$40-$60K	$60-$80K	$80-$100K	$100-$250K	$250K+
Sample	**1126**	**120**	**171**	**177**	**142**	**110**	**200**	**25**
There was something the government could do	50	39	58	52	53	58	38	52
There was nothing the government could do	27	26	24	25	28	30	35	38
Don't know	23	35	18	23	19	12	27	9

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%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other
Sample	**1126**	**387**	**348**	**247**	**71**	**31**
There was something the government could do	50	60	37	51	57	41
There was nothing the government could do	27	21	37	26	16	45
Don't know	23	19	26	23	28	14

Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	**1126**	**182**	**314**	**410**	**220**
There was something the government could do	50	59	47	50	48
There was nothing the government could do	27	17	29	26	35
Don't know	23	24	24	24	18

Religion

%	Total	Christian	Protestant Christian	Evangelical Christian	Catholic	Other Christian	Non-Christian	None
Sample	**1126**	**816**	**400**	**41**	**290**	**85**	**71**	**239**
There was something the government could do	50	52	52	66	50	52	47	46
There was nothing the government could do	27	25	26	15	25	25	23	34
Don't know	23	23	22	19	25	23	30	20

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Ethnicity / Have Children

%	Total	Canadian	British, Scots, Irish or Welsh	Other European	Non-European	Yes	No
Sample	**1126**	**659**	**223**	**171**	**73**	**267**	**859**
There was something the government could do	50	47	56	50	58	44	53
There was nothing the government could do	27	27	28	34	13	31	26
Don't know	23	26	16	16	29	25	21

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Gas Plants

'Do you think the committee hearings into the gas plant controversy should continue or end?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	**1126**	**90**	**130**	**247**	**315**	**344**	**529**	**597**
Hearings should continue	48	51	42	49	50	45	55	41
Hearings should end	36	31	39	37	38	36	37	35
Don't know	17	18	19	13	12	19	8	25

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	**1126**	**155**	**224**	**309**	**533**	**240**	**198**
Hearings should continue	48	57	46	53	50	43	38
Hearings should end	36	32	35	32	33	40	41
Don't know	17	11	19	15	17	17	21

Household Income

%	Total	<$20K	$20-$40K	$40-$60K	$60-$80K	$80-$100K	$100-$250K	$250K+
Sample	**1126**	**120**	**171**	**177**	**142**	**110**	**200**	**25**
Hearings should continue	48	36	43	53	47	48	48	63
Hearings should end	36	23	41	32	41	46	38	31
Don't know	17	40	16	15	11	6	14	6

Provincial Party Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other
Sample	**1126**	**387**	**348**	**247**	**71**	**31**
Hearings should continue	48	69	29	48	31	25
Hearings should end	36	23	52	36	21	70
Don't know	17	8	19	16	48	5

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Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	**1126**	**182**	**314**	**410**	**220**
Hearings should continue	48	44	49	48	49
Hearings should end	36	26	33	39	39
Don't know	17	30	18	13	13

Religion

%	Total	Christian	Protestant Christian	Evangelical Christian	Catholic	Other Christian	Non-Christian	None
Sample	**1126**	**816**	**400**	**41**	**290**	**85**	**71**	**239**
Hearings should continue	48	49	52	38	46	49	45	46
Hearings should end	36	36	34	23	40	36	37	35
Don't know	17	15	14	39	14	14	18	19

Ethnicity / Have Children

%	Total	Canadian	British, Scots, Irish or Welsh	Other European	Non-European	Yes	No
Sample	**1126**	**659**	**223**	**171**	**73**	**267**	**859**
Hearings should continue	48	45	56	52	36	46	49
Hearings should end	36	37	32	35	34	39	34
Don't know	17	18	11	13	29	15	17

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