



## Majority want raccoons euthanized

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### John Tory supporters most enthusiastic

TORONTO AUGUST 26th, 2014 - In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 931 Toronto voters, the majority (53%) approve of the idea of humanely euthanizing raccoons to control their population, while just more than a quarter disagree (27%). One fifth have no opinion (19%).

A death sentence for the masked bandits is most common to the oldest (55+ - 59%), males (60%), the wealthiest (\$80K to \$100K - 60%, \$100K to \$250K - 61%), in North York (57%) and Etobicoke/York (56%), property owners (57%), provincial PC voters (62%) but not New Democrats (36%), John Tory supporters (61%) and to those who had intended to vote for Karen Stintz (61%).

#### ***Raccoon Control By Age / Gender***

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	931	60	86	183	248	354	392	539
Approve	53	46	57	54	59	59	60	48
Disapprove	27	31	31	25	24	23	26	29
Don't know	19	23	13	21	18	19	15	23

"It's not a good year to be a raccoon in Toronto, and these little second-storey operators should be grateful they have a friend in Mayor Ford, who has said he does not agree with euthanization," said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

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