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## **BC Election Down to the Wire**

### **NDP hold slight lead in popular support, but Liberals right behind**

Toronto, May 8th – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ among 1076 British Columbia voters, amongst those decided and leaning, on election day more than 4-in-10 (41%) say they will support the NDP, (39%) say they will support the Liberals, (17%) say they will support the Green Party, with (3%) saying they will support another party.

### **Green Party to hold balance of power**

Based upon pre-election tracking, Forum Research projects a BC minority government with the Liberals securing 42 seats, the NDP securing 42 seats, the Green Party winning 2 seats, and 1 seat to be won by another party/independent.

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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 1076 randomly selected British Columbia Voters. The poll was conducted May 8th, 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. Actual results will depend on the parties' ability to get their voters out. 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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**Provincial Trend**

%	Sample	Con	Lib	NDP	Green	Other
May 8, 2017	1076	0	39	41	17	3
April 28-29, 2017	1067	7	29	37	24	3
Apr 4-5, 2017	1040	12	29	39	18	3
Feb 28-Mar 1, 2017	1056	14	32	36	15	3
Feb 21-23, 2017	1061	15	28	39	14	3

**Ballot Intention**

*Which party are you most likely to vote for, or have you already voted for, in the BC provincial election on May 9th? + Even though you may not have made up your mind, which party are you leaning towards at this time?*

**Age/Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1026	175	131	171	214	335	509	490
Liberal	39	27	31	44	40	45	44	34
New Democratic	41	49	45	36	40	38	37	45
Green	17	19	20	17	19	14	16	18
Another Party	3	5	4	3	2	2	3	2

**Income**

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1026	131	135	155	133	99	197
Liberal	39	30	34	40	38	39	42
New Democratic	41	40	47	43	42	43	36
Green	17	24	18	17	17	15	20
Another Party	3	7	1	0	3	3	2

**Region**

%	Total	Vancouver Lower Mainland	Vancouver Island	Interior North
Sample	1026	542	247	237
Liberal	39	40	29	43
New Democratic	41	44	41	34
Green	17	14	28	18
Another Party	3	2	3	5



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## Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	1026	160	329	327	210
Liberal	39	44	42	34	35
New Democratic	41	33	40	47	41
Green	17	19	16	16	20
Another Party	3	4	2	3	4



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