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## **MINORITY PARLIAMENT...ALMOST...**

Toronto, April 22 - In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ among 1073 PEI voters, and amongst those decided and leaning, about a third (35.3%) say they would support the PCs, a third (34.3%) say they support the Green Party, a quarter (25.7%) say they will support the Liberals.

About 1 in 20 (4.6%) say they will support the NDP, and almost no one (0.1%) will support another party.

### **13 PC Seats, 10 Green, 3 Liberal**

We project that the PCs will secure 13 seats, the Greens will secure 10, and the Liberals will secure 3.

### **Proportional voting not likely to succeed**

Proportional representation has evenly split PEI, with about half (52.9%) saying that they will vote no on the referendum question, while a similar proportion (47.1%) say they will vote yes.

“Based on our projection, the government won't be settled on election night. Until the by-election, called in response to the tragedy, resolves, the government of PEI will be in a state of flux,” said Dr. Lorne Bozinoff, President of Forum Research.

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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 1073 randomly selected PEI voters. This poll was not sponsored by a third party and was conducted on April 18th, 20th, and 22nd, 2019.

Results based on the total sample are considered accurate +/- 4%, 19 times out of 20, measured as the average deviation across all response categories. 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 depend on a Candidate's 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 U of T.

With offices across Canada and around the world, 100% Canadian-owned Forum Research is one of the country's leading survey research firms. This Forum Poll™ and others, can be found at [forumpoll.com](http://forumpoll.com).

***Top2/Btm2 (or 3 or 4 where applicable) refers to the combined results of the most answered positive and negative responses:***

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	631	112	91	133	119	176	303	315
NET: TOP3	66	57	60	68	78	86	67	64
NET: BTM3	34	43	39	32	21	14	32	36
Very satisfied	9	9	6	6	13	20	11	8
Satisfied	28	17	29	35	32	45	25	31
Somewhat satisfied	28	31	26	28	32	20	31	25
Somewhat dissatisfied	12	11	16	14	11	8	13	12
Dissatisfied	11	15	15	9	5	3	9	13
Very dissatisfied	11	18	9	8	5	3	9	12
Don't know	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0



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*Top 3 here collects very satisfied, satisfied, and somewhat satisfied into one category, and Btm 3 collects very dissatisfied, dissatisfied, and somewhat dissatisfied.*

**Due to rounding some numbers may not add up to 100**

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**Voter intent**

*If a provincial election were held today, which party are you most likely to vote for? + Even though you may not have made up your mind, which party are you leaning towards at this time?*

*[Base=decided and leaning]*

**Age/gender**

%	Total	Under 25 years	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over	Male	Female	Other
Sample	1073	89	118	141	147	250	328	541	499	33
Progressive Conservative	35.3	25.0	33.0	41.4	41.7	32.5	34.3	37.5	34.0	25.3
New Democratic	4.6	5.8	1.0	5.2	3.5	5.8	5.3	4.0	4.5	14.2
Green	34.3	40.7	49.9	34.8	25.0	33.3	32.0	30.0	37.5	44.3
Liberal	25.7	28.4	16.1	18.5	29.7	28.3	28.2	28.5	23.9	15.8
Other	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.3

**Region**

%	Total	Rural East	Rural West	Summerside	Charlottetown
Sample	1073	308	158	134	473
Progressive Conservative	35.3	37.1	44.2	31.3	30.4
New Democratic	4.6	3.9	5.6	3.8	4.8
Green	34.3	33.6	22.1	45.1	37.9
Liberal	25.7	25.2	27.9	19.7	26.8
Other	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0

**Income**

%	Total	Less than \$20,000	\$20,000 to \$40,000	40,000 to \$60,000	\$60,000 to \$80,000	\$80,000 to \$100,000	\$100,000 to \$250,000	\$250,000 or more
Sample	1073	106	205	180	149	106	170	22
Progressive Conservative	35.3	20.0	39.3	31.8	42.7	40.3	33.5	25.3
New Democratic	4.6	9.3	4.9	4.2	7.7	2.8	1.7	4.4
Green	34.3	49.2	32.7	33.4	29.4	32.2	37.9	21.4
Liberal	25.7	21.4	23.1	30.5	20.1	24.7	26.9	49.0
Other	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0



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### Referendum

*Should Prince Edward Island change its voting system to a mixed member proportional voting system?*

### Age/gender

%	Total	Under 25 years	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over	Male	Female	Other
Sample	1116	93	123	144	160	257	339	558	523	35
No	52.9	52.6	40.4	49.8	62.8	55.3	52.6	54.7	51.5	48.6
Yes	47.1	47.4	59.6	50.2	37.2	44.7	47.4	45.3	48.5	51.4

### Region

%	Total	Rural East	Rural West	Summerside	Charlottetown
Sample	1116	320	166	142	488
No	52.9	55.5	64.8	47.3	46.3
Yes	47.1	44.5	35.2	52.7	53.7

### Income

%	Total	Less than \$ 20,000	\$20,000 to \$40,000	40,000 to \$60,000	\$60,000 to \$80,000	\$80,000 to \$100,000	\$100,000 to \$250,000	\$250,000 or more
Sample	1116	115	208	185	153	110	173	22
No	52.9	50.6	50.2	53.4	51.4	56.6	53.8	60.9
Yes	47.1	49.4	49.8	46.6	48.6	43.4	46.2	39.1

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