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## **It still looks like a PC majority...**

**...but the race is tightening. Slightly.**

Toronto, May 9th - In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ among 777 Ontario voters, the Progressive Conservatives would secure support from 4 in 10 (40%), the Liberals would secure about one-quarter (22%), and the NDP would see support from a third (33%)

Few (4%) say they would support either the Green Party, or another party (2%).

### **PC majority**

If the election were held today, we project these results would see a PC majority government with 75 seats. The NDP would serve as opposition with 37, and the Liberals would serve as third party with 12.

### **NDP leads as second choice**

About one-quarter (23%) say that they have the NDP as their second choice, with about one-fifth (19%) saying they would support the Greens.

About one-sixth (14%) say the Liberals are their second choice, with about 1 in 10 (9%) saying the PCs.

Few (3%) say another party would be their second choice, with a third (31%) saying they don't have a second choice.

### **4 in 10 say they are least likely to support the Liberals**

4 in 10 (41%) say the Liberals are the party they are least likely to vote for, with the Conservatives the least likely choice for a third (32%).

Few (6%) say the NDP, or the Greens (8%) are their least likely choice.

About 1 in 10 say no party is their least likely choice (12%).

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## **Horwath approval highest**

Kathleen Wynne's approval remains low, with only one-fifth (20%) saying they approve, with almost three-quarters (71%) say they disapprove. 1 in 10 (10%) say they do not know. Her net favourable score is -51 (approve – disapprove)

Doug Ford sees approval from one-third (34%), and disapproval from half (49%). About one-sixth (17%) say they do not know. His net favourable score is -15.

Horwath's approval is 4 in 10 (42%), with one-quarter (25%) saying they disapprove, and a third (33%) saying they do not know.

"The Conservatives are still leading, which is a great place to be on day one," said Dr. Lorne Bozinoff, President of Forum Research. "But the NDP support has strengthened in the waning days of the province's forty-first parliament. Their support isn't strong enough to challenge Doug Ford's lead yet...but it should be of concern to Ford and his team."

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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 777 randomly selected Ontario Voters. The poll was conducted May 9, 2018.

Results based on the total sample are considered accurate +/- 4%, 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. Forum Research conducted this poll as a public service and to demonstrate our survey research capabilities. Actual results depend on the parties' ability to get their voters out. Forum houses its poll results in the Data Library of the Department of Political Science at the University of Toronto.

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**Voter intent**

*If a provincial election were held today in Ontario, 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	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
<b>Sample</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>341</b>
Progressive Conservative	40	26	47	40	42	48	51	31
Liberal	22	24	20	18	25	21	20	23
New Democratic	33	42	29	36	28	29	25	41
Green	4	7	4	3	4	1	4	4
Another Party	2	2	1	3	1	1	1	1

**Region**

%	Total	Eastern Ontario	416	905	South-western Ontario	Northern Ontario
<b>Sample</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>88</b>
Progressive Conservative	40	49	35	42	33	45
Liberal	22	19	30	17	23	19
New Democratic	33	27	30	37	37	30
Green	4	4	6	3	4	4
Another Party	2	1	0	2	2	1



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### Second Choice

Which party would be your second choice?

### Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	777	130	91	134	191	231	402	358
Conservative	9	13	6	11	7	8	8	11
Liberal	14	17	13	12	13	14	14	14
NDP	23	21	21	23	28	23	27	20
Green	19	23	24	24	16	11	16	23
Another Party	3	4	6	4	2	2	4	3
None	31	22	30	27	34	42	32	30

### Region

%	Total	Eastern Ontario	416	905	South-western Ontario	Northern Ontario
Sample	777	139	240	169	132	97
Conservative	9	5	10	9	15	3
Liberal	14	14	14	12	14	17
NDP	23	25	27	23	17	25
Green	19	19	17	21	19	18
Another Party	3	4	2	4	3	3
None	31	32	31	30	30	34

### Voter Intent

%	Total	PROV VOTE - Progressive Conservative	PROV VOTE - Liberal	PROV VOTE - New Democratic	PROV VOTE - Green	PROV VOTE - Other Parties
Sample	777	322	178	187	36	13
Conservative	9	0	8	19	25	24
Liberal	14	8	0	30	13	18
NDP	23	28	53	0	29	3
Green	19	13	15	35	0	12
Another Party	3	6	1	1	7	31
None	31	44	23	15	26	12



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### Least likely choice

Which party would you be least likely to vote for?

### Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	777	130	91	134	191	231	402	358
Conservative	32	34	32	27	34	30	26	37
Liberal	41	35	38	48	43	40	48	34
NDP	6	5	5	5	8	8	7	6
Green	8	9	10	8	4	8	8	8
Another Party	2	5	0	0	0	2	1	2
Not applicable	12	12	15	11	10	11	11	13

### Region

%	Total	Eastern Ontario	416	905	South-western Ontario	Northern Ontario
Sample	777	139	240	169	132	97
Conservative	32	31	37	29	32	32
Liberal	41	44	34	44	39	41
NDP	6	5	4	7	9	5
Green	8	6	12	8	6	7
Another Party	2	0	1	3	2	0
Not applicable	12	13	13	10	12	15

### Voter Intent

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Other Parties
Sample	777	322	178	187	36	13
Conservative	32	0	72	47	34	23
Liberal	41	74	0	30	42	43
NDP	6	11	7	0	0	5
Green	8	7	8	11	0	0
Another Party	2	1	3	2	0	7
Not applicable	12	7	10	11	24	22



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### Wynne Approval

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Kathleen Wynne is doing as leader of the Ontario Liberal Party?

### Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	777	130	91	134	191	231	402	358
Approve	20	14	20	17	26	23	19	21
Disapprove	71	73	73	76	65	67	74	68
Don't know	10	13	7	7	9	10	7	12

### Region

%	Total	Eastern Ontario	416	905	South-western Ontario	Northern Ontario
Sample	777	139	240	169	132	97
Approve	20	15	27	18	20	16
Disapprove	71	74	67	69	73	74
Don't know	10	11	6	13	7	10

### Voter intention

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Other Parties
Sample	777	322	178	187	36	13
Approve	20	3	59	14	20	3
Disapprove	71	95	24	75	75	91
Don't know	10	2	17	11	5	6



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### Ford Approval

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Doug Ford is doing as leader of the Progressive Conservatives?

### Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	777	130	91	134	191	231	402	358
Approve	34	26	35	38	38	35	44	24
Disapprove	49	59	50	46	44	42	43	55
Don't know	17	15	15	16	18	23	14	21

### Region

%	Total	Eastern Ontario	416	905	South-western Ontario	Northern Ontario
Sample	777	139	240	169	132	97
Approve	34	37	32	31	34	37
Disapprove	49	45	53	51	48	44
Don't know	17	17	15	18	17	19

### Ballot intention

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Other Parties
Sample	777	322	178	187	36	13
Approve	34	70	5	9	26	36
Disapprove	49	10	84	78	60	39
Don't know	17	20	11	13	14	25



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### Horwath Approval

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Andrea Horwath (HOR-vath) is doing as leader of the NDP?

### Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	777	130	91	134	191	231	402	358
Approve	42	34	41	50	46	42	40	44
Disapprove	25	29	29	17	22	28	30	21
Don't know	33	37	29	33	32	31	29	35

### Region

%	Total	Eastern Ontario	416	905	South-western Ontario	Northern Ontario
Sample	777	139	240	169	132	97
Approve	42	32	42	47	43	42
Disapprove	25	25	26	23	29	26
Don't know	33	43	33	31	29	32

### Ballot intention

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Other Parties
Sample	777	322	178	187	36	13
Approve	42	27	39	75	27	35
Disapprove	25	36	26	8	44	34
Don't know	33	37	35	17	30	31

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