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HIGHLIGHTS:

- In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 1172 Ontario voters, 4-in-10 will vote PC if the election were held today (40%)
- PCs would take 57, three more than required for a majority
- Premier Kathleen Wynne has the approval of just one fifth of the electorate (21%)
- Patrick Brown is seen as the best choice for Premier by a quarter (24%), about 10 points ahead of either Kathleen Wynne (16%) or Andrea Horwath (15%)

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Progressive Conservatives with 10 Point Lead

Slim PC majority seen

In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 1172 Ontario voters, 4-in-10 will vote PC if the election were held today (40%), while 3-in-10 support the Liberals (30%). Just more than a fifth support the NDP (21%). This is in contrast to one month ago, when the PC lead was just 5 points (April 28, PC - 39%, Liberal - 34%, NDP - 21%). Note that more than a tenth of those who voted Liberal in the last election will vote PC now (13%) and an identical proportion of past New Democrats will support Liberal candidates (13%). One sixth of past Liberals will now support the NDP (15%).

Slim PC majority seen

If the results above are projected up to the 107 seat Legislature, the PCs would take 57, three more than required for a majority, while the Liberals would capture 26 and the NDP 24 seats.

Leaders' favourables stable

Premier Kathleen Wynne has the approval of just one fifth of the electorate (21%) and her net favourable score (approve minus disapprove) is a truly negative -47. Patrick Brown has the approval of a quarter (25%), but his net score is a neutral +1, because of the high percentage of voters who don't know enough about him (52%) to rate him. Andrea Horwath has the highest approval of the three leaders, at about one third (34%), and her net favourable score is just +3. These findings are similar to those noted last month. Of note, 3-in-10 Liberal voters do not approve of Kathleen Wynne (29%).

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Patrick Brown preferred for Premier

Patrick Brown is seen as the best choice for Premier by a quarter (24%), about 10 points ahead of either Kathleen Wynne (16%) or Andrea Horwath (15%). The largest single group of voters says “none of these” is the best choice, however (28%).

“Both Kathleen Wynne and Patrick Brown are underperforming their respective parties in terms of approval, Wynne because she is genuinely disliked, even by some Liberals, and Brown because he’s not well-enough known yet to perform at the level his party currently aspires to. Horwath, on the other hand, continues to outperform her party. While voters genuinely admire her, they just aren’t ready to vote NDP provincially in Ontario” 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 1172 randomly selected Canadian adults. The poll was conducted on May 31st, 2016.

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 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. 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 Election Voting Preference Trending

[Decided / Leaning]

%	Sample	Con	Lib	NDP	Green	Other
May 31 st , 2016	1172	40	30	21	7	2
April 28 th , 2016	1157	39	34	21	5	2
March 23 rd , 2016	1225	40	30	24	5	2
February 26 th -29 th , 2016	1148	44	27	22	6	2
December 20 th , 2015	1003	34	31	26	7	2
November 2 nd -4 th , 2015	1158	36	30	26	6	2
August 11 th -12 th , 2015	1001	35	26	33	4	2
July 8 th , 2015	678	32	26	35	5	2
May 11 th , 2015	1001	33	24	36	5	2
May 1 st , 2015	912	36	29	24	9	2
March 26 th , 2015	881	34	29	27	8	2
February 28 th , 2015	996	39	32	21	6	2
January 30 th , 2015	1028	36	37	19	6	2
December 20 th , 2014	1058	36	35	20	7	2
November 29 th , 2014	1054	37	37	17	7	2
November 1 st , 2014	1104	35	40	19	4	2
October 1 st , 2014	1013	34	36	23	6	1
August 20-21 st , 2014	1229	32	39	19	8	2
Popular Vote – June 7 th , 2014 Provincial Election Results	-	31	39	24	5	2
June 11 th , 2014	1054	35	41	20	3	1
June 5 th , 2014	974	37	39	17	6	1
May 27 th , 2014	882	36	36	20	7	1
May 20 th , 2014	1136	34	41	20	4	1
May 12 th , 2014	996	35	38	21	5	1
May 2-3 rd , 2014	1845	38	33	22	6	1
April 7 th , 2014	928	38	31	23	7	1
Mar 24 th , 2014	908	32	35	25	7	1
Feb. 25 th , 2014	1014	35	32	26	6	1
Jan. 24-25 th , 2014	1222	36	33	26	4	1
Dec. 17-18 th , 2013	1044	38	31	24	5	1
Nov. 26 th , 2013	1126	38	32	23	6	1
Oct. 25 th , 2013	1049	34	31	27	7	1
Oct. 2 nd , 2013	1093	36	33	23	7	1
Aug 29 th , 2013	1019	35	32	26	6	1
Jul 22 nd , 2013	861	36	31	27	5	1
Jun 26 th , 2013	977	35	33	24	8	1
May 28 th , 2013	881	34	38	21	6	0
May 3 rd , 2013	832	35	35	25	4	1
April 26 th , 2013	1133	36	36	24	4	1
Mar 26 th to 27 th 2013	1156	35	32	26	5	1
Feb. 26 th to Mar 1 st , 2013	2773	32	32	29	5	1
Feb. 20 th , 2013	1053	36	29	28	5	1

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Overall Seat Distribution

%	Con	Lib	NDP
May 31 st , 2016	57	26	24
April 28 th , 2016	53	33	21
March 23 rd , 2016	57	26	24
February 26 th -29 th , 2016	67	16	24
December 20 th , 2015	44	35	28
November 2 nd -4 th , 2015	54	19	34
August 11 th -12 th , 2015	54	19	34
July 8 th , 2015	35	27	45
May 11 th , 2015	49	18	40
May 1 st , 2015	48	33	26
March 26 th , 2015	52	23	32
February 28 th , 2015	49	39	19
January 30 th , 2015	34	56	17
December 20 th , 2014	37	52	18
November 29 th , 2014	38	52	17
November 1 st , 2014	37	56	14
October 1 st , 2014	35	51	21
August 20-21 st , 2014	31	61	15
Election – June 12 th , 2014	28	58	21
June 5 th , 2014	39	57	11
May 27 th , 2014	42	50	15
May 20 th , 2014	31	63	13
May 12 th , 2014	26	68	13
May 2-3 rd , 2014	45	49	13
April 7 th , 2014	49	45	13
Mar 24 th , 2014	29	66	12
Feb. 25 th , 2014	48	42	17
Jan. 24-25 th , 2014	47	46	14
Dec. 17-18 th , 2013	43	51	13
Nov. 26 th , 2013	47	44	16
Oct. 25 th , 2013	41	48	18
Oct. 2 nd , 2013	47	44	16
Aug 29 th , 2013	36	53	18
Jul 22 nd , 2013	45	46	16
Jun 26 th , 2013	42	54	11
May 28 th , 2013	37	60	10
May 3 rd , 2013	36	59	12
April 26 th , 2013	38	59	10
Mar 26 th to 27 th 2013	43	50	14
Feb. 26 th to Mar 1 st , 2013	36	53	18
Feb. 20 th , 2013	52	39	16
Jan. 23 to 24 th , 2013	40	40	27
Dec. 17 th , 2012	44	38	25

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Ontario Provincial Party Leader Approval Rating Trending (% Approve)
 [All Respondents]

	Sample	Wynne	Brown	Horwath
May 31 st , 2016	1172	21	25	34
April 28 th , 2016	1157	20	27	32
March 23 rd , 2016	1225	20	26	35
February 26 th -29 th , 2016	1148	20	30	38
December 20 th , 2015	1003	23	25	40
November 2 nd -4 th , 2015	1158	21	27	41
August 11 th -12 th , 2015	1001	30	21	38
July 8 th , 2015	678	29	19	38
May 11 th , 2015	1001	26	17	41
	Sample	Wynne	Wilson	Horwath
May 1 st , 2015	912	29	22	39
March 26 th , 2015	881	33	22	40
February 28 th , 2015	996	36	24	37
January 30 th , 2015	1028	40	22	36
December 20 th , 2014	1058	37	22	35
November 29 th , 2014	1054	42	22	33
November 1 st , 2014	1104	46	23	31
October 1 st , 2014	1079	41	18	31
August 20-21 st , 2014	1229	46	27	35
July 3 rd , 2014	810	41	-	28
		Wynne	Hudak	Horwath
May 27 th , 2014	882	34	27	34
May 20 th , 2014	1136	38	25	35
May 12 th , 2014	996	38	23	35
May 2-3 rd , 2014	1845	34	26	36
April 7 th , 2014	928	34	27	40
Mar 24 th , 2014	908	34	23	38
Feb. 25 th , 2014	1014	32	24	40
Jan. 24-25 th , 2014	1222	40	21	40
Dec. 17-18 th , 2013	1044	35	28	41
Nov. 26 th , 2013	1126	35	26	44
Oct. 25 th , 2013	1049	33	26	46
Oct. 2 nd , 2013	1093	39	25	41
Aug 29 th , 2013	1063	36	24	50
Jul 22 nd , 2013	914	35	27	43
Jun 26 th , 2013	1037	37	26	43
May 28 th , 2013	918	41	26	43
May 3 rd , 2013	869	42	27	49
April 26 th , 2013	1133	38	27	43
Mar 26 th to 27 th 2013	1156	40	27	44
Feb. 26 th to Mar 1 st , 2013	2773	34	24	44
Feb. 20 th , 2013	1053	36	27	49

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Current Provincial Vote Preference

'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?'

[Decided/Leaning]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1103	150	155	196	274	328	534	545
Progressive Conservative	40	28	47	39	47	41	47	34
Liberal	30	29	26	31	28	33	25	35
New Democratic	21	28	20	21	19	19	21	22
Green	7	13	5	7	5	5	6	8
Another Party	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	2

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	1103	156	143	352	495	270	182
Progressive Conservative	40	46	36	42	40	43	30
Liberal	30	32	35	32	33	22	27
New Democratic	21	14	20	17	18	28	29
Green	7	6	7	7	7	6	10
Another Party	2	2	1	1	1	1	2

Past Provincial Vote Preference

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other parties
Sample	1103	388	369	138	61	57
Progressive Conservative	40	89	13	9	21	38
Liberal	30	5	65	13	8	23
New Democratic	21	3	15	69	14	24
Green	7	1	5	8	55	4
Another Party	2	1	1	1	2	12

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Kathleen Wynne Approval

'Do you approve or disapprove of the job Kathleen Wynne is doing as premier?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1172	158	166	212	291	345	560	588
Approve	21	23	16	19	20	24	16	24
Disapprove	68	60	73	73	72	66	73	63
Don't know	11	16	11	8	8	10	11	13

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	1172	167	158	372	530	280	195
Approve	21	20	27	21	23	18	16
Disapprove	68	70	61	67	65	72	69
Don't know	11	10	12	12	12	10	15

Provincial Vote Preference

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Another Party
Sample	1172	453	330	183	83	54
Approve	21	3	55	17	12	6
Disapprove	68	92	29	76	65	88
Don't know	11	4	16	7	22	6

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Patrick Brown Approval

'Do you approve or disapprove of the job Patrick Brown is doing as leader of the Opposition?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1172	158	166	212	291	345	560	588
Approve	25	19	27	23	34	26	32	18
Disapprove	24	22	24	28	21	23	27	20
Don't know	52	59	49	49	45	51	41	62

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	1172	167	158	372	530	280	195
Approve	25	23	28	22	24	26	27
Disapprove	24	22	29	23	25	24	19
Don't know	52	55	43	55	51	50	54

Provincial Vote Preference

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Another Party
Sample	1172	453	330	183	83	54
Approve	25	47	11	14	12	13
Disapprove	24	12	34	29	29	37
Don't know	52	41	55	57	59	50

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Andrea Horwath Approval

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

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1172	158	166	212	291	345	560	588
Approve	34	32	36	30	34	37	31	37
Disapprove	31	32	32	31	34	24	39	23
Don't know	36	36	32	40	32	38	30	40

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	1172	167	158	372	530	280	195
Approve	34	29	32	37	35	36	29
Disapprove	31	31	37	30	33	28	27
Don't know	36	40	31	33	32	35	44

Provincial Vote Preference

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Another Party
Sample	1172	453	330	183	83	54
Approve	34	31	28	64	24	21
Disapprove	31	34	35	13	34	54
Don't know	36	35	38	23	41	25

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Best Premier of ON

'Regardless of which party you would vote for, who do you think would make the best Premier of Ontario??'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1172	158	166	212	291	345	560	588
Kathleen Wynne	16	16	13	16	16	20	16	17
Patrick Brown	24	19	28	23	30	26	32	18
Andrea Horwath	15	12	19	17	13	15	13	17
None of these	28	33	26	28	29	22	26	28
Don't know	16	21	14	15	12	17	13	21

Region

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Sample	1172	167	158	372	530	280	195
Kathleen Wynne	16	16	18	20	19	13	11
Patrick Brown	24	27	22	21	22	29	24
Andrea Horwath	15	12	16	16	16	15	16
None of these	28	26	31	25	27	30	30
Don't know	16	19	13	18	16	14	18

Provincial Vote Preference

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Another Party
Sample	1172	453	330	183	83	54
Kathleen Wynne	16	1	46	14	9	0
Patrick Brown	24	55	7	5	7	13
Andrea Horwath	15	10	9	44	8	13
None of these	28	22	19	25	56	64
Don't know	16	12	20	12	20	9

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