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Wynne Liberals on Track to Lose Party Status in 2018

Currently trending to win only 7 of 122 seats

Toronto, March 30th – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ among 884 Ontario voters, amongst those decided and leaning, the PCs (43%) hold a 15-point lead over their nearest rival – the NDP (28%). The Liberals (19%) are 24 points back of the leading Progressive Conservatives. The Green Party sits at (8%).

The PCs are close to their February support level, down one point (44%: Feb 16), while the NDP is up three points (25%: Feb 16), and the Liberals have dropped 5 points (24%: Feb 16).

Regionally, the Progressive Conservatives have commanding leads over their nearest rival in four of six regions, Toronto (PC 47% - NDP 24%), Eastern Ontario (PC 43% - Lib/NDP 24%), 905 (PC 47% - NDP 31%), and Southwestern Ontario (PC 42% - NDP 29%). The PCs are statistically tied with the NDP in North Eastern Ontario (PC 34% - NDP 31%).

The Liberals who hold the most seats in Toronto and the 905, but are, at present, displaying low levels of support: (19%) in Toronto and (12%) in the 905.

PC majority, NDP opposition, Liberals third party, without party status

If an election were held today the PCs would win a majority government with 86 seats. The NDP would win 29, and the Liberals just 7, not enough for official party status within the Legislature.

This projection sees an increase of 2 seats for the PCs (84: Feb 16) and the NDP (27: Feb 16), at the expense of the governing Liberals who are down 4 (11: Feb 16).

Andrea Horwath currently the most approved leader

Kathleen Wynne sees has an approval of (12%) and disapproval (79%), and her net favourable score (approve minus disapprove) worsens to -67 (-66: Feb 16).

The plurality of voters “do not know” what they think of Patrick Brown (44%). (27%) approve and (29%) disapprove, which increases his net favourable score to -2. (-3: Feb 16).

Andrea Horwath sees the highest approval amongst the three leaders, with (36%) approving, and (30%) disapproving. Over a third (34%) of respondents do not offer an opinion on her leadership of the NDP.

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No leader seen as best choice to be premier

A plurality of respondents, almost a third, selected none of these (30%) when asked who would make the best premier. Brown (23%) and Horwath (22%) were tied behind none, with Kathleen Wynne at just (9%), below “do not know” at (15%).

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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 884 randomly selected Ontario Voters. The poll was conducted on March, 28-30 2017.

Results based on the total sample are considered accurate +/- 3.3%, 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. Actual results 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 Election Voting Preference Trending

[Decided / Leaning]

%	Sample	Con	Lib	NDP	Green	Other
March 28-30, 2017	844	43	19	28	8	2
February 15-16, 2017	1026	44	24	25	6	2
November 21 st , 2016	1104	43	24	24	8	2
October 17-18 th , 2016	1078	43	24	23	8	2
September 12-13 th , 2016	1154	45	25	23	6	2
August 15 th , 2016	1097	41	28	23	6	2
July 12 th , 2016	1183	42	35	17	5	2
June 21 st , 2016	1173	40	30	21	8	2
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



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Overall Seat Distribution

%	Con	Lib	NDP
March 28-30, 2017	86	7	29
February 15-16, 2017	84	11	27
November 21 st , 2016	70	11	26
October 17-18 th , 2016	72	11	24
September 12-13 th , 2016	75	8	24
August 15 th , 2016	69	15	23
July 12 th , 2016	48	44	15
June 21 st , 2016	51	36	20
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



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Provincial Horserace [Decided/Leaning]

If a provincial election were held today, which party would you be most likely to vote for? + 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	828	130	116	137	205	240	437	375
Progressive Conservative	43	28	36	55	48	48	51	37
Liberal	19	21	17	15	16	24	17	19
New Democratic	28	41	37	20	26	20	22	34
Green	8	10	8	9	9	7	8	8
Another Party	2	1	3	1	2	2	2	1

Income

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100-250K
Sample	828	59	119	132	93	96	154
Progressive Conservative	43	34	41	37	45	38	49
Liberal	19	23	22	21	13	16	17
New Democratic	28	32	25	30	29	41	27
Green	8	8	10	11	12	5	7
Another Party	2	4	2	2	0	0	0

Region

%	Total	Eastern Ontario	Toronto 416	Toronto 905	South-western Ontario	North-eastern Ontario	North-western Ontario
Sample	828	151	171	214	179	102	11
Progressive Conservative	43	43	47	47	42	34	17
Liberal	19	24	19	12	20	25	30
New Democratic	28	24	24	31	29	31	41
Green	8	8	10	8	8	8	11
Another Party	2	2	1	2	1	2	0



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Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	828	113	215	352	148
Progressive Conservative	43	48	50	42	34
Liberal	19	22	17	15	27
New Democratic	28	17	26	33	27
Green	8	9	7	9	11
Another Party	2	4	1	1	1



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Wynne Approval

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

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	884	139	120	150	220	255	465	402
Approve	12	19	7	9	8	15	11	13
Disapprove	79	66	85	86	83	77	84	75
Don't know	9	15	7	6	9	8	5	12

Income

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100-250K
Sample	884	62	127	138	105	98	163
Approve	12	21	16	17	7	11	11
Disapprove	79	67	74	72	86	76	86
Don't know	9	13	9	11	7	13	3

Region

%	Total	Eastern Ontario	Toronto 416	Toronto 905	South-western Ontario	North-eastern Ontario	North-western Ontario
Sample	884	159	181	228	196	109	11
Approve	12	13	19	7	12	12	13
Disapprove	79	76	77	81	80	80	66
Don't know	9	11	4	12	8	9	21

Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	884	124	227	372	161
Approve	12	11	10	11	19
Disapprove	79	84	81	80	71
Don't know	9	5	9	10	11



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Brown Approval

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

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	884	139	120	150	220	255	465	402
Approve	27	28	28	27	24	27	35	20
Disapprove	29	26	33	27	31	31	30	27
Don't know	44	46	40	45	45	43	35	53

Income

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100-250K
Sample	884	62	127	138	105	98	163
Approve	27	34	33	27	29	23	32
Disapprove	29	24	26	32	24	38	30
Don't know	44	42	41	40	46	39	38

Region

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Sample	884	159	181	228	196	109	11
Approve	27	23	30	26	28	30	15
Disapprove	29	23	30	30	30	27	49
Don't know	44	53	40	44	42	42	36

Education

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Approve	27	35	37	21	22
Disapprove	29	24	18	33	38
Don't know	44	41	45	46	40



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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	884	139	120	150	220	255	465	402
Approve	36	33	37	32	44	37	32	39
Disapprove	30	29	33	32	28	28	37	23
Don't know	34	38	30	36	28	35	31	37

Income

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Sample	884	62	127	138	105	98	163
Approve	36	27	43	36	35	49	34
Disapprove	30	29	27	28	20	29	40
Don't know	34	43	30	36	45	22	26

Region

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Sample	884	159	181	228	196	109	11
Approve	36	31	37	37	38	34	38
Disapprove	30	26	31	32	31	25	23
Don't know	34	44	31	30	31	41	39

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Sample	884	124	227	372	161
Approve	36	40	32	37	38
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Don't know	34	37	40	32	28



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Best Premier

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

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	884	139	120	150	220	255	465	402
Kathleen Wynne	9	11	4	12	5	14	10	9
Patrick Brown	23	21	23	23	26	24	32	16
Andrea Horwath	22	20	28	21	25	18	20	24
None of these	30	29	33	34	29	26	28	32
Don't know	15	19	12	11	15	18	11	19

Income

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100-250K
Sample	884	62	127	138	105	98	163
Kathleen Wynne	9	10	19	12	4	11	8
Patrick Brown	23	24	14	26	18	21	32
Andrea Horwath	22	24	18	16	20	34	23
None of these	30	27	29	32	37	25	28
Don't know	15	15	20	13	21	9	8

Region

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Sample	884	159	181	228	196	109	11
Kathleen Wynne	9	10	14	8	8	7	24
Patrick Brown	23	25	27	23	22	19	4
Andrea Horwath	22	14	18	25	25	23	38
None of these	30	31	26	33	30	29	34
Don't know	15	20	15	11	15	23	0



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Andrea Horwath	22	20	20	22	25
None of these	30	22	28	33	33
Don't know	15	21	17	15	11

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