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Canadians Bullish on Majority Governments

Neither minorities nor coalitions preferred

In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 1474 Canadian voters, fully two thirds prefer a majority government as an electoral outcome (66%) to just one fifth who prefer a minority government (19%). Just fewer don't have an opinion (16%). Preference for majorities is common to Gen X (45 to 54 - 70%), mid income groups (\$60K to \$80K - 73%), among Conservatives (70%) and Liberals (74%), among the best educated (post grad - 76%) and those who approve of CETA (72%) and NAFTA (71%). Minority governments are preferred only by New Democrats (31%) and Bloquistes (28%).

Majorities preferred to both minorities and coalitions

Majority governments are preferred by 6-in-10 (59%) when coalitions are added in the mix (13%) along with minorities (14%). In this scenario, one seventh don't have an opinion (14%). The distribution of preference is similar to that for majorities versus minorities noted above. Coalitions are preferred especially by the least wealthy (20%), in BC (19%), among New Democrats (19%) and, especially, Greens (27%).

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- Fully two thirds prefer a majority government as an electoral outcome (66%)
- Majority governments are preferred by 6-in-10 (59%) when coalitions are added in the mix (13%)
- "Canadians like the stability that comes with a majority government, and the decisiveness with which it can take action. They have only so much patience for the parliamentary give and take beloved of the smaller parties" 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 1474 randomly selected Canadian voters. The poll was conducted on November 9th-10th, 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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Election Outcomes

Which of the following electoral outcomes would you prefer, if a federal election were held today?

[All Respondents]

Age/Gender

| % | Total | 18-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65+ | Male | Female |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|------|--------|
| Sample | 1474 | 283 | 243 | 243 | 361 | 344 | 749 | 705 |
| Majority government | 66 | 60 | 67 | 70 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 63 |
| Minority government | 19 | 20 | 17 | 16 | 20 | 20 | 21 | 16 |
| Don't know | 16 | 20 | 16 | 14 | 14 | 12 | 10 | 21 |

Income

| % | Total | <20K | 20-40K | 40-60K | 60-80K | 80-100K | 100-250K |
|---------------------|-------|------|--------|--------|--------|---------|----------|
| Sample | 1474 | 148 | 249 | 203 | 179 | 141 | 324 |
| Majority government | 66 | 56 | 61 | 63 | 73 | 67 | 70 |
| Minority government | 19 | 18 | 19 | 24 | 15 | 22 | 17 |
| Don't know | 16 | 26 | 20 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 12 |

Region / Language

| % | Total | Atl | Que | ON | Man/Sask | AB | BC | English | French |
|---------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|----------|-----|-----|---------|--------|
| Sample | 1474 | 117 | 320 | 550 | 107 | 169 | 211 | 1163 | 311 |
| Majority government | 66 | 62 | 66 | 67 | 64 | 62 | 66 | 66 | 65 |
| Minority government | 19 | 26 | 18 | 18 | 20 | 20 | 17 | 19 | 19 |
| Don't know | 16 | 12 | 16 | 15 | 16 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 16 |

Current Federal Vote Preference

| % | Total | Cons | Lib | NDP | Green | Bloc | Other Parties |
|---------------------|-------|------|-----|-----|-------|------|---------------|
| Sample | 1474 | 414 | 629 | 169 | 98 | 53 | 55 |
| Majority government | 66 | 70 | 74 | 55 | 47 | 62 | 45 |
| Minority government | 19 | 21 | 10 | 31 | 27 | 28 | 30 |
| Don't know | 16 | 9 | 15 | 13 | 26 | 10 | 24 |

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Education

| % | Total | Secondary school or less | Some college or university | Completed college or university | Post graduate studies |
|----------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Sample | 1474 | 264 | 384 | 559 | 267 |
| Majority government | 66 | 57 | 60 | 68 | 76 |
| Minority government | 19 | 20 | 20 | 18 | 17 |
| Don't know | 16 | 23 | 20 | 13 | 8 |

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Election Outcomes (Expanded)

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| Sample | 1474 | 283 | 243 | 243 | 361 | 344 | 749 | 705 |
| Majority government | 59 | 50 | 59 | 62 | 65 | 61 | 62 | 56 |
| Minority government | 14 | 14 | 14 | 13 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 12 |
| Coalition government | 13 | 17 | 13 | 13 | 10 | 10 | 13 | 13 |
| Don't know | 14 | 19 | 14 | 11 | 10 | 12 | 8 | 20 |

Income

| % | Total | <20K | 20-40K | 40-60K | 60-80K | 80-100K | 100-250K |
|----------------------|-------|------|--------|--------|--------|---------|----------|
| Sample | 1474 | 148 | 249 | 203 | 179 | 141 | 324 |
| Majority government | 59 | 48 | 50 | 61 | 64 | 61 | 64 |
| Minority government | 14 | 13 | 20 | 14 | 11 | 19 | 13 |
| Coalition government | 13 | 20 | 11 | 13 | 15 | 6 | 14 |
| Don't know | 14 | 19 | 19 | 12 | 10 | 14 | 9 |

Region / Language

| % | Total | Atl | Que | ON | Man/Sask | AB | BC | English | French |
|----------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|----------|-----|-----|---------|--------|
| Sample | 1474 | 117 | 320 | 550 | 107 | 169 | 211 | 1163 | 311 |
| Majority government | 59 | 52 | 57 | 62 | 57 | 55 | 59 | 60 | 54 |
| Minority government | 14 | 20 | 15 | 14 | 15 | 15 | 11 | 14 | 15 |
| Coalition government | 13 | 14 | 12 | 11 | 17 | 13 | 19 | 13 | 15 |
| Don't know | 14 | 14 | 16 | 13 | 11 | 17 | 11 | 13 | 16 |

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| Sample | 1474 | 414 | 629 | 169 | 98 | 53 | 55 |
| Majority government | 59 | 67 | 68 | 44 | 34 | 38 | 36 |
| Minority government | 14 | 16 | 9 | 25 | 21 | 24 | 17 |
| Coalition government | 13 | 8 | 10 | 19 | 27 | 26 | 24 |
| Don't know | 14 | 9 | 13 | 12 | 19 | 11 | 24 |

Education

| % | Total | Secondary school or less | Some college or university | Completed college or university | Post graduate studies |
|----------------------|-------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Sample | 1474 | 264 | 384 | 559 | 267 |
| Majority government | 59 | 51 | 58 | 60 | 64 |
| Minority government | 14 | 18 | 14 | 14 | 13 |
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