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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**NDP Majority Government Likely****PC trails tightly behind**

Toronto, October 2nd – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ among 910 Manitoba voters ahead of the October 3rd provincial election, almost half (44.7%) of those who are decided or leaning are likely to vote for the New Democratic Party while the majority of others (41.7%) are likely to vote for the Progressive Conservative Party. We have a small group supporting the Liberal Party (12.3%), little support for the Green Party (0.9%), and other parties (0.8%).

NDP's strong grip on majority

We project 35 seats for the NDP, 20 seats for PC, and 2 for Liberal. Either party must win at least 29 seats to form a majority government.

“This has turned out to be a “change” election. We are likely to see the end of the PC era. It is very difficult to win three consecutive terms in Canadian politics.” said Dr. Lorne Bozinoff, President of Forum Research.

The poll was conducted by Forum Research with the results based on an interactive voice response telephone survey of 910 randomly selected Manitoba residents over the age of 18, 59.2% by cellphone and 40.8% on landlines. The poll was conducted on October 2nd, 2023. Results based on the total sample are considered accurate +/- 3.3%, 19 times out of 20. Subsample and regional results will be less accurate. Margins of error for subsample and regional results are available at www.forumresearch.com/samplestim.asp.

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The key questions covered in the recent poll included:

Which party are you most likely to vote for, or have you already voted for, in the Manitoba provincial election? + 1b. Even though you may not have made up your mind, which party are you leaning towards at this time?

[Decided/ Leaning]

Age/Gender

| % | TOTAL | Under 34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65+ | Male | Female | Other |
|--------------------------|-------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| | 875 | 206 | 139 | 158 | 163 | 208 | 396 | 458 | 20 |
| Progressive Conservative | 41.3% | 48.2% | 27.3% | 40.8% | 48.2% | 38.8% | 48.8% | 35.1% | 34.9% |
| Liberal | 12.3% | 11.5% | 11.1% | 11.7% | 10.8% | 15.6% | 12.0% | 12.1% | 22.4% |
| New Democratic Party | 44.7% | 37.4% | 60.1% | 46.4% | 39.9% | 44.1% | 37.4% | 51.4% | 34.8% |
| Green | 0.9% | 1.0% | 1.2% | 0.8% | 0.6% | 0.9% | 0.7% | 0.8% | 6.1% |
| Another party | 0.8% | 2.0% | 0.3% | 0.3% | 0.4% | 0.6% | 1.0% | 0.6% | 1.9% |

Region

| % | TOTAL | Winnipeg | Brandon | Other |
|--------------------------|-------|----------|---------|-------|
| Total | 875 | 510 | 27 | 338 |
| Progressive Conservative | 41.3% | 29.8% | 38.3% | 59.0% |
| Liberal | 12.3% | 17.1% | 7.1% | 5.5% |
| New Democratic Party | 44.7% | 52.0% | 51.3% | 33.2% |
| Green | 0.9% | 0.8% | 0.4% | 1.1% |
| Another party | 0.8% | 0.4% | 2.8% | 1.2% |

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