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NDP Leads Going Into the Final Week, but the Gap is Narrowing

Weaver most popular leader by far

Toronto, May 1st – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ among 1067 British Columbia voters, amongst those and decided and leaning, the NDP (37%) has an eight point lead over the governing Liberals (29%). The Green Party has the support of a quarter (24%) of respondents, with (7%) saying they are supporting the Conservatives, and (3%) saying they support another party.

If the election were held today, the NDP would secure 47 seats, the Liberals 34 seats, the Green Party 4, with 2 going to other parties.

Respondents most likely to support the NDP include those 34 or younger (40%), 45-54 (38%), or 55-64 (38%), females (40%), earning \$40,000-\$60,000 (44%), \$60,000-\$80,000 (44%), or \$80,000-\$100,000, (43%) with a post-graduate degree (43%), and living on Vancouver Island (39%) or Vancouver/Lower Mainland (36%).

Respondents most likely to support the Liberals include those aged 65 and over (41%), males (32%), and the most wealthy (35%).

Respondents most likely to say they support the Green Party include those 34 and younger (30%) or 35-44 (31%), the least wealthy (30%) or earning \$20,000-\$40,000 (28%), and living on Vancouver Island (28%) and Interior North (25%).

Weaver most popular leader, Clark ticks up, Horgan ticks down

Just over a quarter (28%) approve of the job Christy Clark is doing as premier, 6-in-10 (62%), and (11%) don't know. Premier Clark's net favourable score (approve – disapprove) is -34, slightly better than the beginning of April (April 5: -36)

Just under a third (31%) approve of John Horgan's job as the leader of the opposition, a similar proportion (34%) disapprove, and (35%) don't know. Horgan's net favourable score is -3, down five points since early April (April 5: +2).

4-in-10 (42%) approve of Andrew Weaver's job as the leader of the Green Party. (17%) disapprove, and (40%) don't know. Weaver's net favourable score is +25, an increase of 11 points since early April (April 5th: +14).

Best Premier tied between Horgan and Clark

A quarter (25%) of respondents say, regardless of their party affiliation, that John Horgan would make the best Premier of BC, which is a statistical tie with Christy

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Clark (24%). Andrew Weaver (21%) is third, just behind the pair. (16%) say they don't know, with (15%) saying none of the above would make the best premier.

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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 1067 randomly selected British Columbia Voters. The poll was conducted April 28-29, 2017.

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. Actual results will 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 Trend

%	Sample	Con	Lib	NDP	Green	Other
April 28-29, 2017	1067	7	29	37	24	3
Apr 4-5, 2017	1040	12	29	39	18	3
Feb 28-Mar 1, 2017	1056	14	32	36	15	3
Feb 21-23, 2017	1061	15	28	39	14	3

Ballot Intention

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?

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1010	152	112	173	226	347	497	495
Liberal	29	20	18	29	33	41	32	26
New Democratic	37	40	36	38	38	31	34	40
Conservative	7	7	11	6	6	6	8	6
Green	24	30	31	22	21	19	22	27
Another Party	3	3	4	5	1	3	4	1

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1010	104	183	147	110	117	193
Liberal	29	18	30	22	28	25	35
New Democratic	37	40	31	44	44	43	34
Conservative	7	9	5	8	5	4	8
Green	24	30	28	25	20	26	20
Another Party	3	3	5	1	4	3	3

Region

%	Total	Vancouver Lower Mainland	Vancouver Island	Interior North
Sample	1010	697	235	78
Liberal	29	30	27	29
New Democratic	37	36	39	35
Conservative	7	8	4	4
Green	24	23	28	25
Another Party	3	3	3	6



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Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	1010	139	305	370	196
Liberal	29	30	31	30	25
New Democratic	37	36	34	36	43
Conservative	7	5	10	5	5
Green	24	25	21	25	27
Another Party	3	5	4	4	0



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Clark approval

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Christy Clark is doing as premier?

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1067	163	117	184	236	367	522	523
Approve	28	20	16	29	29	39	32	23
Disapprove	62	66	73	62	61	52	59	65
Don't know	11	14	11	9	9	10	9	12

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1067	114	187	154	114	124	198
Approve	28	18	25	23	29	27	32
Disapprove	62	65	66	64	61	65	61
Don't know	11	17	9	12	10	8	7

Region

%	Total	Vancouver Lower Mainland	Vancouver Island	Interior North
Sample	1067	731	253	83
Approve	28	28	25	29
Disapprove	62	60	66	63
Don't know	11	12	9	8

Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	1067	153	322	389	203
Approve	28	25	32	25	28
Disapprove	62	62	57	64	65
Don't know	11	13	12	11	7

Current Provincial Vote Preference

%	Total	Liberal	New Democratic	Conservative	Green	Another Party
Sample	1067	317	357	82	234	20
Approve	28	75	5	33	9	15
Disapprove	62	17	90	52	78	71
Don't know	11	8	5	15	13	15



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John Horgan approval

Do you approve or disapprove of the job John Horgan is doing as leader of the opposition?

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1067	163	117	184	236	367	522	523
Approve	31	26	32	34	35	31	32	30
Disapprove	34	31	30	29	40	42	37	31
Don't know	35	43	38	37	24	27	31	39

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1067	114	187	154	114	124	198
Approve	31	24	22	35	41	35	33
Disapprove	34	32	35	29	34	31	39
Don't know	35	44	43	36	25	34	28

Region

%	Total	Vancouver Lower Mainland	Vancouver Island	Interior North
Sample	1067	731	253	83
Approve	31	31	35	26
Disapprove	34	34	35	33
Don't know	35	35	30	41

Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	1067	153	322	389	203
Approve	31	26	28	31	40
Disapprove	34	32	35	34	36
Don't know	35	43	37	35	25

Current Provincial Vote Preference

%	Total	Liberal	New Democratic	Conservative	Green	Another Party
Sample	1067	317	357	82	234	20
Approve	31	9	64	20	18	27
Disapprove	34	61	9	41	44	33
Don't know	35	30	27	39	38	40



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Andrew Weaver Approval

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Andrew Weaver is doing as Leader of the Green Party?

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1067	163	117	184	236	367	522	523
Approve	42	34	50	40	53	40	42	42
Disapprove	17	18	13	14	18	22	22	13
Don't know	40	47	37	46	29	37	36	45

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1067	114	187	154	114	124	198
Approve	42	44	41	39	45	51	42
Disapprove	17	11	17	17	23	12	21
Don't know	40	45	42	44	32	37	37

Region

%	Total	Vancouver Lower Mainland	Vancouver Island	Interior North
Sample	1067	731	253	83
Approve	42	43	47	32
Disapprove	17	16	21	20
Don't know	40	41	32	48

Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	1067	153	322	389	203
Approve	42	39	38	44	48
Disapprove	17	12	19	18	18
Don't know	40	49	43	38	34

Current Provincial Vote Preference

%	Total	Liberal	New Democratic	Conservative	Green	Another Party
Sample	1067	317	357	82	234	20
Approve	42	33	39	27	71	22
Disapprove	17	23	19	35	4	34
Don't know	40	44	42	38	25	44



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Best premier

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

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1067	163	117	184	236	367	522	523
Christy Clark	24	17	11	25	27	39	28	20
John Horgan	25	26	23	28	27	21	23	28
Andrew Weaver	21	20	29	16	24	17	22	20
None of these	15	20	19	15	9	10	14	15
Don't know	16	17	19	16	13	13	13	18

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1067	114	187	154	114	124	198
Christy Clark	24	14	23	19	24	21	31
John Horgan	25	24	23	21	23	31	30
Andrew Weaver	21	21	19	23	23	22	19
None of these	15	15	22	13	17	14	11
Don't know	16	26	13	24	12	12	10

Region

%	Total	Vancouver Lower Mainland	Vancouver Island	Interior North
Sample	1067	731	253	83
Christy Clark	24	24	26	20
John Horgan	25	26	24	23
Andrew Weaver	21	20	24	19
None of these	15	15	13	19
Don't know	16	15	14	19



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Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	1067	153	322	389	203
Christy Clark	24	20	26	24	22
John Horgan	25	18	24	24	34
Andrew Weaver	21	23	16	23	21
None of these	15	15	17	15	12
Don't know	16	23	17	14	10

Current Provincial Vote Preference

%	Total	Liberal	New Democratic	Conservative	Green	Another Party
Sample	1067	317	357	82	234	20
Christy Clark	24	72	2	28	6	11
John Horgan	25	3	58	12	11	11
Andrew Weaver	21	6	13	6	58	5
None of these	15	10	13	30	14	45
Don't know	16	9	15	24	12	28



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