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## **Surging New Democrats pull into the lead**

### **Conservatives, Liberals tied for second**

TORONTO June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 - In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 1281 Canadian voters, more than one third will vote NDP if a federal election were held today (34%), and this puts the official opposition in first place in the polls, with the Liberals (28%) and the Conservatives (26%) in a tie for second place. The Bloc Quebecois (7%) the Green Party (5%) and other parties (1%) are not competitive.

The NDP vote is characteristic of the youngest (43%), the least wealthy (39%) and the wealthiest (37%), in BC (30%) and among the best educated (43%).

The Liberal vote is common to older voters (45 to 54 and 65+ - 31%), the wealthiest (34%), in the Atlantic provinces (38%, down from 53% two weeks ago) and Ontario (31%). among Anglophones (31%) but not Francophones (15%), and among females (29%) but not males (26%).

The Conservative vote is characteristic of the oldest (29%), males (30%), the wealthier (\$90K to \$100K - 34%), in Alberta (39%, down from 49% two weeks ago) and among the least educated (30%). There is little appeal for this party among Francophones (16%) or mothers of children (23%).

In Ontario, all three parties are essentially tied (Conservatives - 30%, Liberals - 31%, NDP - 33%). In Quebec, the NDP leads (31%), with the Liberals (24%) and the newly resurgent Bloc (26%) tied in second place. The Conservatives do not contend in Quebec (15%). In Alberta, the NDP is very close (35%) behind the dominant Conservatives (39%).

Of note, one sixth of those who voted Conservative in 2011 will vote Liberal this time (14%) and a tenth will vote NDP (10%). Among those who voted Liberal in 2011, as many as one quarter will vote NDP this time around (25%). Of those who voted NDP last time, just one tenth will vote Liberal this year (13%), a figure which used to be in the high 20s and low 30s.

With respect to our last sounding of public opinion two weeks ago, The NDP have essentially changed places with the two other parties (June 5 - Conservatives - 31%, Liberals- 32%, NDP - 28%).

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### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

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## **Thin NDP minority government seen**

If these results are projected up to a 338 seat House of Commons, the NDP would capture a minority of 120 seats, 50 fewer than needed for a majority. The Conservatives would be very close with 112 seats, and the Liberals would take 86. The Greens would retain their Leader's seat and the newly resurgent Bloc would take as many as 18 seats. If André Arthur runs as an independent, he would retain his seat.

## **Harper's approval tumbles, Mulcair's up**

Prime Minister Harper has the approval of just more than one quarter of voters (28%), down from one third two weeks ago (33%) and his net favourable score (approve minus disapprove) is an abysmal -34, down from -27 last time. These are the lowest approval ratings we have recorded for this Prime Minister. Tom Mulcair's approval has risen to half (49%) from less than that (46%) two weeks ago, and his net is a very positive +24. Justin Trudeau has seen his approval stay in the same band (40% now, 38% two weeks ago) as does his net score (a neutral -1 now, +2 two weeks ago).

## **Despite NDP lead, voters expect Conservative victory**

Despite voting intentions that clearly point to an NDP preference, most voters now expect the Conservatives to win the election (30%) after giving this measure to the Conservatives and the Liberals equally (31% each two weeks ago). Now the Liberals are seen to be in second place (26%), tied with the NDP (25%).

"Well, we can't speak of a tie anymore, or a hung parliament. The NDP own first place fair and square, and their leader's approvals are soaring, while the Prime Minister's favourables are plumbing new unexplored depths. It may be wondered at this point, however, if the NDP aren't cresting too soon, four months out from E Day," 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 1281 randomly selected Canadians 18 years of age or older. The poll was conducted on June 15-16<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

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](http://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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**Federal Party Preference Trending**

[Decided/Leaning]

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%	Sample	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other
June 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1281	26	28	34	5	7	1
June 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1156	31	32	28	5	3	1
May 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1286	31	31	30	4	3	1
April 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2015	977	35	31	23	6	5	1
April 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1365	33	35	22	6	3	1
March 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2015	1239	31	34	23	5	5	1
March 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1370	32	36	21	6	4	1
February 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1018	32	39	17	5	4	1
January 27-28 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1309	35	34	20	6	5	1
January 5-6 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1650	33	37	20	5	4	1
Dec. 10-11 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	1560	33	41	17	5	3	1
Nov. 19-20 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	1442	33	36	18	8	4	1
Oct. 5-8 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	1504	34	38	19	4	4	1
Sept. 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	1267	34	40	18	3	4	1
August 18-19 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	1798	32	41	17	5	5	1
July 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	1624	28	44	18	3	5	1
June 16-17 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	1683	31	39	19	5	4	1
May 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2014	1694	30	36	23	5	6	1
Apr 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	1572	30	39	20	4	6	1
Mar 25-28 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	1764	29	39	22	3	5	1
Feb. 18-19 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	1824	29	39	21	4	6	1
Jan. 23-24 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	1228	28	38	24	4	5	1
Jan. 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	1779	28	37	25	4	5	1
Dec. 12-13 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	1634	32	38	21	3	5	1
Nov. 12-13 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	1834	29	38	22	4	6	1
Oct. 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2013	1007	28	40	20	5	6	1
Oct. 21-22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2013	1859	30	39	19	5	7	1
Sept 16-17 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	1527	31	36	21	4	7	1
August 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	1145	29	38	22	4	6	1
July 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2013	1501	31	35	22	4	7	1
June 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	1420	30	38	20	4	6	0
May 21 <sup>st</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2013	1709	27	44	20	3	4	1
April 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	1764	30	43	19	2	5	1
April 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2013	1269	29	33	25	6	5	1
March 6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	1663	31	30	27	5	6	1
Feb 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	1051	32	30	26	4	6	1
Jan 16 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	1555	36	25	28	4	7	1
Dec 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	1296	31	27	28	6	6	1
Nov 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	1776	33	28	28	4	6	1

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**Seat Distribution Projection Trending**

%	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other
June 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	112	86	120	1	18	1
June 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	151	101	83	1	1	1
May 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	131	95	111	1	0	0
April 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2015	146	101	77	1	12	1
April 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	142	137	58	1	0	0
March 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2015	129	125	65	1	17	1
March 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	130	138	65	1	4	0
February 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	112	194	30	1	1	0
January 27-28 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	145	125	61	1	5	1
January 5-6 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	137	126	70	1	0	1

**Switch from 308 to 338 seat distribution**

Dec. 10-11 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	109	164	34	1	0	0
Nov. 19-20 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	125	124	52	1	6	0
Oct. 5-8 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	132	130	44	1	1	0
Sept. 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	113	162	30	1	2	0
August 18-19 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	110	142	51	1	4	0
July 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	84	192	30	1	1	0
June 16-17 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	109	142	53	1	3	0
May 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2014	111	110	75	1	11	0
Apr 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	100	158	39	1	10	0
Mar 25-28 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	99	159	40	1	9	0
Feb. 18-19 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	100	134	51	1	22	0
Jan. 23-24 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	104	132	65	1	6	0
Jan. 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	111	130	61	1	5	0
Dec. 12-13 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	110	147	48	1	2	0
Nov. 12-13 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	108	134	53	1	12	0
Oct. 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2013	104	146	47	1	10	0
Oct. 21-22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2013	106	147	33	1	21	0
Sept 16-17 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	121	102	45	1	39	0
August 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	107	127	63	1	10	0
July 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2013	129	120	44	1	14	0
June 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	113	150	39	1	5	0
May 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2013	77	192	37	1	1	0
April 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	99	170	35	1	3	0
April 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2013	119	117	65	1	6	0
March 6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	125	88	76	1	18	0
Feb 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	129	86	81	1	11	0
Jan 16 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	144	68	73	1	22	0
Dec 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	129	77	77	1	24	0
Nov 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	138	83	76	1	10	0
Oct 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	122	76	101	1	8	0
Sep 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	142	66	87	1	12	0

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**Federal Vote Preference**

*'If a federal 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	1213	223	176	221	262	331	641	572
Conservative	26	20	25	27	28	29	30	23
Liberal	28	22	23	31	29	31	26	29
New Democratic	34	43	40	28	30	32	33	34
Green	5	8	5	5	3	2	5	5
Bloc Quebecois	7	6	6	8	10	5	6	8
Other	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

**Region**

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1213	97	231	464	98	140	183	1026	187
Conservative	26	24	15	30	32	39	27	29	16
Liberal	28	38	24	31	27	19	24	31	15
New Democratic	34	34	31	33	36	35	39	34	33
Green	5	1	3	5	4	6	8	5	2
Bloc Quebecois	7	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	33
Other	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

**Past Federal Vote**

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1213	385	269	259	63	57	46
Conservative	26	71	7	3	2	5	22
Liberal	28	14	65	13	13	8	17
New Democratic	34	10	25	77	46	15	40
Green	5	2	2	3	33	1	6
Bloc Quebecois	7	1	0	4	6	69	8
Other	1	1	0	0	0	1	8

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### ***Stephen Harper Approval***

*'Do you approve or disapprove of the job Stephen Harper is doing as Prime Minister?'*

*[All Respondents]*

#### **Age / Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1281	243	190	228	277	343	672	609
Approve	28	22	31	29	30	33	32	25
Disapprove	62	66	63	61	62	56	60	64
Don't know	10	11	7	10	8	10	8	11

#### **Region**

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1281	104	246	490	103	149	189	1082	199
Approve	28	21	22	33	25	39	24	29	25
Disapprove	62	72	64	59	66	54	67	62	61
Don't know	10	7	14	8	9	7	9	8	14

#### **Federal Vote Preference**

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1281	323	317	392	80	58	43
Approve	28	84	10	10	19	10	9
Disapprove	62	10	82	83	73	80	61
Don't know	10	6	8	6	8	10	31

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### ***Tom Mulcair Approval***

*'Do you approve or disapprove of the job Tom Mulcair is doing as Leader of the Opposition?'*

*[All Respondents]*

### **Age / Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1281	243	190	228	277	343	672	609
Approve	49	42	55	46	51	56	54	44
Disapprove	26	22	22	33	28	26	30	22
Don't know	25	35	23	21	21	18	15	34

### **Region**

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1281	104	246	490	103	149	189	1082	199
Approve	49	55	54	49	47	42	44	47	58
Disapprove	26	20	21	25	30	29	34	28	17
Don't know	25	25	25	26	23	29	22	25	24

### **Federal Vote Preference**

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Don't know	25	24	28	15	37	26	27

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### ***Justin Trudeau Approval***

*'Do you approve or disapprove of the job Justin Trudeau is doing as leader of the Liberal Party?'*

*[All Respondents]*

### **Age / Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1281	243	190	228	277	343	672	609
Approve	40	38	43	40	43	36	38	41
Disapprove	41	41	38	43	38	45	47	36
Don't know	19	22	18	17	19	19	15	23

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Sample	1281	104	246	490	103	149	189	1082	199
Approve	40	46	37	38	57	31	44	41	32
Disapprove	41	35	35	45	33	52	41	42	37
Don't know	19	19	28	17	11	17	15	16	31

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Disapprove	41	70	9	44	43	49	49
Don't know	19	17	12	19	23	26	28

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**Expected Federal Election Party Winner**

*'Which party do you expect to win the next federal election?'*

*[All Respondents]*

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New Democratic	25	23	33	22	24	24	27	24
Green	2	4	3	1	0	1	2	2
Bloc Quebecois	3	4	1	2	4	3	2	3
Don't know	15	12	16	14	17	17	13	17

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Liberal	26	31	24	27	22	16	30	27	18
New Democratic	25	32	25	23	36	21	25	24	29
Green	2	0	3	2	1	2	4	2	2
Bloc Quebecois	3	1	6	1	2	4	1	2	7
Don't know	15	19	16	14	16	18	13	14	18

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Conservative	30	83	11	12	21	15	17
Liberal	26	4	65	17	23	15	15
New Democratic	25	4	12	59	22	16	14
Green	2	0	0	0	20	2	9
Bloc Quebecois	3	2	0	1	2	25	9
Don't know	15	8	12	11	11	27	35

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