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Majority calls for coalition if Conservative minority elected

Three quarters of NDP, Liberal voters agree

TORONTO June 16th, 2015 - In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 1281 Canadian voters, the majority (53%) would support a Liberal/NDP coalition government if the next election resulted in a Conservative minority. Among Liberal and NDP voters, as many as three quarters call for a cooperative government of the centre/left (75% and 76%, respectively) and even one tenth of Conservative voters agree (12%). A coalition government is especially popular among the wealthiest (59%), the youngest (56%) and the best educated (65%).

Should the election result in a Liberal minority or an NDP minority, there is much less interest in coalition governments between the remaining two parties (NDP/Conservative coalition - 23%, Liberal/Conservative coalition - 22%). A Conservative/NDP coalition attracts a third of Conservatives (35%) and a quarter of New Democrats (25%). A Liberal/Conservative coalition attracts almost 4-in-10 Conservatives (39%) and almost 3-in-10 Liberals (28%). Interest in an NDP/Liberal coalition has increased in the past two weeks, while interest in the other two pairings has declined.

Majority sees a coalition as an appropriate form of government in a minority

More than a half of voters continue to view coalition governments as appropriate if no party has a majority (58%), and this hasn't changed in several weeks (57% and 58% previously). Conservatives (33%) are far less likely to see coalitions as legitimate than either Liberals (72%) or New Democrats (75%). Coalitions are especially well-accepted in the Atlantic (63%), the prairies (61%) and in BC (62%).

"The key here is which side of the minority you end up on. The Liberal and New Democrat voters both find coalition appropriate and want to enter into one with each other in the event of a Conservative minority, but Conservatives are wary of cooperative government, perhaps because they know they are no one's preferred partner. Our previous polling has shown that many Conservative voters actually view coalition as illegitimate," said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- The majority (53%) would support a Liberal/NDP coalition government if the next election resulted in a Conservative minority.
- More than a half of voters continue to view coalition governments as appropriate if no party has a majority (58%).
- "The key here is which side of the minority you end up on. The Liberal and New Democrat voters both find coalition appropriate and want to enter into one with each other in the event of a Conservative minority, but Conservatives are wary of cooperative government, unless it's to keep one of the two other parties from governing with a minority. Our previous polling has shown that many Conservative voters actually view coalition as illegitimate," 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 15-16th, 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

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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Appropriateness of a Coalition – Trending

| % | June 16 th , 2015 | June 5 th , 2015 | April 16 th , 2015 |
|------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Sample | 1281 | 1156 | 1365 |
| Yes | 58 | 57 | 58 |
| No | 31 | 32 | 30 |
| Don't know | 11 | 11 | 12 |

Support for NDP-Liberal Coalition - Trending

| % | June 16 th , 2015 | June 5 th , 2015 |
|------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sample | 1281 | 1156 |
| Yes | 53 | 49 |
| No | 37 | 39 |
| Don't know | 10 | 11 |

Support for Conservative-Liberal Coalition - Trending

| % | June 16 th , 2015 | June 5 th , 2015 |
|------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sample | 1281 | 1156 |
| Yes | 22 | 27 |
| No | 67 | 60 |
| Don't know | 11 | 13 |

Support for Conservative-NDP Coalition - Trending

| % | June 16 th , 2015 | June 5 th , 2015 |
|------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sample | 1281 | 1156 |
| Yes | 23 | 26 |
| No | 64 | 60 |
| Don't know | 13 | 14 |

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Appropriateness of a Coalition

'If no party gets a majority of seats in the next federal election, is it appropriate for two or more parties to form a coalition or not?'

[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 |
| Yes | 58 | 56 | 57 | 53 | 64 | 64 | 62 | 54 |
| No | 31 | 29 | 31 | 38 | 28 | 28 | 32 | 29 |
| Don't know | 11 | 15 | 12 | 9 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 17 |

Region

| % | Total | Atl | Que | ON | Man/Sask | AB | BC | English | French |
|------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|----------|-----|-----|---------|--------|
| Sample | 1281 | 104 | 246 | 490 | 103 | 149 | 189 | 1082 | 199 |
| Yes | 58 | 63 | 57 | 59 | 61 | 48 | 62 | 59 | 55 |
| No | 31 | 25 | 31 | 31 | 33 | 39 | 26 | 30 | 32 |
| Don't know | 11 | 11 | 12 | 10 | 6 | 14 | 12 | 11 | 12 |

Federal Vote Preference

| % | Total | Conservative | Liberal | NDP | Green | Bloc | Other Parties |
|------------|-------|--------------|---------|-----|-------|------|---------------|
| Sample | 1281 | 323 | 317 | 392 | 80 | 58 | 43 |
| Yes | 58 | 33 | 72 | 75 | 50 | 53 | 28 |
| No | 31 | 58 | 23 | 18 | 30 | 29 | 39 |
| Don't know | 11 | 10 | 5 | 7 | 20 | 18 | 34 |

Past Federal Vote Preference

| % | Total | Conservative | Liberal | NDP | Green | Bloc | Other Parties |
|------------|-------|--------------|---------|-----|-------|------|---------------|
| Sample | 1281 | 399 | 281 | 266 | 67 | 60 | 57 |
| Yes | 58 | 38 | 72 | 73 | 69 | 54 | 52 |
| No | 31 | 52 | 20 | 22 | 18 | 29 | 19 |
| Don't know | 11 | 10 | 8 | 5 | 13 | 17 | 29 |

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Support for NDP-Liberal Coalition

'If the federal election resulted in a Conservative minority, would you support an NDP-Liberal coalition or not?'

[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 |
| Yes | 53 | 56 | 49 | 52 | 55 | 50 | 53 | 52 |
| No | 37 | 34 | 38 | 39 | 37 | 38 | 40 | 34 |
| Don't know | 10 | 10 | 13 | 9 | 8 | 12 | 7 | 14 |

Region

| % | Total | Atl | Que | ON | Man/Sask | AB | BC | English | French |
|------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|----------|-----|-----|---------|--------|
| Sample | 1281 | 104 | 246 | 490 | 103 | 149 | 189 | 1082 | 199 |
| Yes | 53 | 67 | 49 | 53 | 58 | 42 | 56 | 54 | 45 |
| No | 37 | 22 | 37 | 40 | 31 | 48 | 33 | 36 | 41 |
| Don't know | 10 | 10 | 15 | 7 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 9 | 14 |

Federal Vote Preference

| % | Total | Conservative | Liberal | NDP | Green | Bloc | Other Parties |
|------------|-------|--------------|---------|-----|-------|------|---------------|
| Sample | 1281 | 323 | 317 | 392 | 80 | 58 | 43 |
| Yes | 53 | 12 | 75 | 76 | 66 | 27 | 25 |
| No | 37 | 82 | 17 | 19 | 24 | 61 | 48 |
| Don't know | 10 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 10 | 12 | 27 |

Past Federal Vote Preference

| % | Total | Conservative | Liberal | NDP | Green | Bloc | Other Parties |
|------------|-------|--------------|---------|-----|-------|------|---------------|
| Sample | 1281 | 399 | 281 | 266 | 67 | 60 | 57 |
| Yes | 53 | 19 | 78 | 76 | 72 | 37 | 40 |
| No | 37 | 72 | 13 | 19 | 21 | 48 | 42 |
| Don't know | 10 | 9 | 9 | 5 | 7 | 15 | 17 |

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Support for Conservative-Liberal Coalition

'If the federal election resulted in an NDP minority, would you support a Conservative-Liberal coalition or not?

[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 |
| Yes | 22 | 22 | 17 | 24 | 21 | 24 | 23 | 21 |
| No | 67 | 67 | 69 | 66 | 69 | 65 | 69 | 65 |
| Don't know | 11 | 11 | 14 | 10 | 9 | 11 | 8 | 14 |

Region

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|------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|----------|-----|-----|---------|--------|
| Sample | 1281 | 104 | 246 | 490 | 103 | 149 | 189 | 1082 | 199 |
| Yes | 22 | 20 | 19 | 23 | 28 | 26 | 20 | 24 | 15 |
| No | 67 | 68 | 71 | 65 | 65 | 64 | 69 | 65 | 74 |
| Don't know | 11 | 11 | 10 | 12 | 7 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 10 |

Federal Vote Preference

| % | Total | Conservative | Liberal | NDP | Green | Bloc | Other Parties |
|------------|-------|--------------|---------|-----|-------|------|---------------|
| Sample | 1281 | 323 | 317 | 392 | 80 | 58 | 43 |
| Yes | 22 | 39 | 26 | 13 | 12 | 4 | 18 |
| No | 67 | 50 | 65 | 81 | 82 | 86 | 63 |
| Don't know | 11 | 11 | 9 | 5 | 6 | 10 | 19 |

Past Federal Vote Preference

| % | Total | Conservative | Liberal | NDP | Green | Bloc | Other Parties |
|------------|-------|--------------|---------|-----|-------|------|---------------|
| Sample | 1281 | 399 | 281 | 266 | 67 | 60 | 57 |
| Yes | 22 | 36 | 18 | 11 | 17 | 8 | 18 |
| No | 67 | 52 | 74 | 84 | 76 | 81 | 58 |
| Don't know | 11 | 12 | 9 | 5 | 7 | 11 | 24 |

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[All Respondents]

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|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|------|--------|
| Sample | 1281 | 243 | 190 | 228 | 277 | 343 | 672 | 609 |
| Yes | 23 | 18 | 25 | 23 | 25 | 25 | 22 | 23 |
| No | 64 | 69 | 57 | 65 | 65 | 60 | 68 | 60 |
| Don't know | 13 | 12 | 18 | 12 | 10 | 15 | 10 | 17 |

Region

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|------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|----------|-----|-----|---------|--------|
| Sample | 1281 | 104 | 246 | 490 | 103 | 149 | 189 | 1082 | 199 |
| Yes | 23 | 25 | 24 | 23 | 17 | 23 | 20 | 22 | 25 |
| No | 64 | 57 | 63 | 64 | 71 | 61 | 69 | 65 | 60 |
| Don't know | 13 | 18 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 16 | 11 | 13 | 14 |

Federal Vote Preference

| % | Total | Conservative | Liberal | NDP | Green | Bloc | Other Parties |
|------------|-------|--------------|---------|-----|-------|------|---------------|
| Sample | 1281 | 323 | 317 | 392 | 80 | 58 | 43 |
| Yes | 23 | 35 | 15 | 26 | 18 | 15 | 10 |
| No | 64 | 53 | 76 | 65 | 70 | 70 | 60 |
| Don't know | 13 | 12 | 9 | 9 | 12 | 15 | 30 |

Past Federal Vote Preference

| % | Total | Conservative | Liberal | NDP | Green | Bloc | Other Parties |
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| Sample | 1281 | 399 | 281 | 266 | 67 | 60 | 57 |
| Yes | 23 | 34 | 12 | 25 | 19 | 15 | 21 |
| No | 64 | 53 | 78 | 67 | 70 | 72 | 56 |
| Don't know | 13 | 13 | 10 | 8 | 11 | 13 | 23 |

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