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HIGHLIGHTS:

- Almost exactly equal proportions, 3-in-10, will vote Conservative (31%), Liberal (31%) or NDP (30%).
- If these results are projected up to seats in a 338 seat House, the Conservatives would take a minority of 131.
- Despite the sharp increase in voter preference for the NDP, opposition leader Tom Mulcair's favourables are steady.

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Dead heat!

All three federal parties tied

TORONTO May 14th, 2015 - In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 1286 Canadian voters, almost exactly equal proportions, 3-in-10, will vote Conservative (31%), Liberal (31%) or NDP (30%) if the federal election were held today. This represents a decline for the Conservatives (from 35% on April 22) and a sharp increase for the NDP (from just 23%). Few will vote Bloc Quebecois (3%), Green (4%) or for another party (1%). In Ontario, the Conservatives have a very slight lead (36%) over the Liberals (34%), while the NDP trails (26%). In Quebec, however, the NDP are firmly in front (38%), ahead of the Liberals (30%). The Conservatives (16%) and the Bloc Quebecois (13%) do not contend.

Among past Liberal voters (May, 2011), more than a tenth will vote NDP this time around (13%), as will a similar proportion of past Conservatives (11%). About one sixth of past New Democrats will vote Liberal this time (16%), and this is about half the level usually seen. About one tenth of past Conservatives will vote New Democrat (11%).

Weak Conservative minority seen

If these results are projected up to seats in a 338 seat House, the Conservatives would take a minority of 131, 39 fewer than needed for a majority. The NDP would form the opposition again with 111 seats, and the Liberals would capture 95 seats. The Green Party would retain their leader's seat.

Leader approval stable

Despite the sharp increase in voter preference for the NDP, opposition leader Tom Mulcair's favourables are steady (approve - 46%, net favourable score - +19, compared to 48% and +20 on April 16). Justin Trudeau's approval is steady as well (39% and -2 now, 40% and -2 last month). The Prime Minister's approval is down very slightly (from 33% to 31%), as is his net favourable score (approve minus disapprove, -25 last month to -30 this month).

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Expectation of Liberal or Conservative victory

When asked which party will win the next election, roughly equal proportions, about 3-in-10, opt for the Conservatives (32%) or the Liberals (30%). These findings are down sharply from April 16 (36% and 37%, respectively), while the NDP have seen expectations for their victory increase strongly (from 10% to 20%).

"It is clear the Notley victory in Alberta has shaken up the federal political scene. Conservatives (and Liberals), who used to park their disaffected votes with the Greens have now been given 'permission' to vote for the NDP if they are unhappy with their own party, and it appears many of them are," 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 1286 randomly selected Canadians 18 years of age or older. The poll was conducted on May 12-13th, 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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Federal Party Preference Trending

[Decided/Leaning]

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%	Sample	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other
May 14 th , 2015	1286	31	31	30	4	3	1
April 23 rd , 2015	977	35	31	23	6	5	1
April 16 th , 2015	1365	33	35	22	6	3	1
March 31 st , 2015	1239	31	34	23	5	5	1
March 14 th , 2015	1370	32	36	21	6	4	1
February 11 th , 2015	1018	32	39	17	5	4	1
January 27-28 th , 2015	1309	35	34	20	6	5	1
January 5-6 th , 2015	1650	33	37	20	5	4	1
Dec. 10-11 th , 2014	1560	33	41	17	5	3	1
Nov. 19-20 th , 2014	1442	33	36	18	8	4	1
Oct. 5-8 th , 2014	1504	34	38	19	4	4	1
Sept. 5 th , 2014	1267	34	40	18	3	4	1
August 18-19 th , 2014	1798	32	41	17	5	5	1
July 18 th , 2014	1624	28	44	18	3	5	1
June 16-17 th , 2014	1683	31	39	19	5	4	1
May 22 nd , 2014	1694	30	36	23	5	6	1
Apr 29 th , 2014	1572	30	39	20	4	6	1
Mar 25-28 th , 2014	1764	29	39	22	3	5	1
Feb. 18-19 th , 2014	1824	29	39	21	4	6	1
Jan. 23-24 th , 2014	1228	28	38	24	4	5	1
Jan. 17 th , 2014	1779	28	37	25	4	5	1
Dec. 12-13 th , 2013	1634	32	38	21	3	5	1
Nov. 12-13 th , 2013	1834	29	38	22	4	6	1
Oct. 23 rd , 2013	1007	28	40	20	5	6	1
Oct. 21-22 nd , 2013	1859	30	39	19	5	7	1
Sept 16-17 th , 2013	1527	31	36	21	4	7	1
August 24 th , 2013	1145	29	38	22	4	6	1
July 23 rd , 2013	1501	31	35	22	4	7	1
June 19 th , 2013	1420	30	38	20	4	6	0
May 21 st – 22 nd , 2013	1709	27	44	20	3	4	1
April 15 th , 2013	1764	30	43	19	2	5	1
April 2 nd , 2013	1269	29	33	25	6	5	1
March 6 th -7 th , 2013	1663	31	30	27	5	6	1
Feb 6 th , 2013	1051	32	30	26	4	6	1
Jan 16 th -17 th , 2013	1555	36	25	28	4	7	1
Dec 18 th , 2012	1296	31	27	28	6	6	1
Nov 19 th , 2012	1776	33	28	28	4	6	1
Oct 27 th , 2012	1680	31	27	32	4	6	1
Sep 27 th , 2012	1692	35	25	30	3	6	1

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Seat Distribution Projection Trending

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

Switch from 308 to 338 seat distribution

Dec. 10-11 th , 2014	109	164	34	1	0	0
Nov. 19-20 th , 2014	125	124	52	1	6	0
Oct. 5-8 th , 2014	132	130	44	1	1	0
Sept. 5 th , 2014	113	162	30	1	2	0
August 18-19 th , 2014	110	142	51	1	4	0
July 18 th , 2014	84	192	30	1	1	0
June 16-17 th , 2014	109	142	53	1	3	0
May 22 nd , 2014	111	110	75	1	11	0
Apr 29 th , 2014	100	158	39	1	10	0
Mar 25-28 th , 2014	99	159	40	1	9	0
Feb. 18-19 th , 2014	100	134	51	1	22	0
Jan. 23-24 th , 2014	104	132	65	1	6	0
Jan. 17 th , 2013	111	130	61	1	5	0
Dec. 12-13 th , 2013	110	147	48	1	2	0
Nov. 12-13 th , 2013	108	134	53	1	12	0
Oct. 23 rd , 2013	104	146	47	1	10	0
Oct. 21-22 nd , 2013	106	147	33	1	21	0
Sept 16-17 th , 2013	121	102	45	1	39	0
August 24 th , 2013	107	127	63	1	10	0
July 23 rd , 2013	129	120	44	1	14	0
June 19 th , 2013	113	150	39	1	5	0
May 21 st , 2013	77	192	37	1	1	0
April 15 th , 2013	99	170	35	1	3	0
April 2 nd , 2013	119	117	65	1	6	0
March 6 th -7 th , 2013	125	88	76	1	18	0
Feb 6 th , 2013	129	86	81	1	11	0
Jan 16 th -17 th , 2013	144	68	73	1	22	0
Dec 18 th , 2012	129	77	77	1	24	0
Nov 19 th , 2012	138	83	76	1	10	0
Oct 27 th , 2012	122	76	101	1	8	0
Sep 27 th , 2012	142	66	87	1	12	0
Aug 22 nd , 2012	140	46	114	1	7	0
July 25 th -26 th , 2012	114	58	128	1	7	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	1227	150	163	232	292	390	629	598
Conservative	31	21	27	33	30	40	34	28
Liberal	31	34	29	31	31	29	28	34
New Democratic	30	37	33	28	31	25	30	30
Green	4	3	6	5	2	2	4	4
Bloc Quebecois	3	3	4	2	5	3	3	3
Other	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1227	66	173	442	107	201	238	1063	164
Conservative	31	29	16	36	47	46	28	35	17
Liberal	31	46	30	34	26	18	25	32	26
New Democratic	30	20	38	26	21	31	39	27	41
Green	4	4	2	3	4	3	8	4	3
Bloc Quebecois	3	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	13
Other	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1

Past Federal Vote

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1227	460	262	262	52	37	58
Conservative	31	76	7	6	12	7	24
Liberal	31	11	78	16	33	5	20
New Democratic	30	11	13	73	29	35	27
Green	4	1	2	4	25	2	16
Bloc Quebecois	3	0	1	1	0	50	6
Other	1	0	0	0	2	0	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	1286	159	171	245	309	402	659	627
Approve	31	23	31	32	32	41	32	30
Disapprove	61	70	59	57	61	52	62	60
Don't know	8	7	10	10	7	7	5	11

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1286	70	177	460	116	212	251	1118	168
Approve	31	23	25	34	33	45	25	33	24
Disapprove	61	72	64	59	56	46	69	60	64
Don't know	8	6	11	7	11	8	6	7	12

Federal Vote Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1286	408	337	335	80	27	40
Approve	31	83	11	9	20	8	15
Disapprove	61	10	80	85	71	86	75
Don't know	8	7	9	5	9	6	10

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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	1286	159	171	245	309	402	659	627
Approve	46	44	48	39	52	50	50	42
Disapprove	27	24	25	33	29	26	32	22
Don't know	27	32	28	28	19	25	18	36

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1286	70	177	460	116	212	251	1118	168
Approve	46	45	58	42	38	38	44	42	58
Disapprove	27	24	21	29	37	34	24	29	20
Don't know	27	31	21	29	25	28	32	29	22

Federal Vote Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1286	408	337	335	80	27	40
Approve	46	23	46	75	40	61	19
Disapprove	27	47	26	10	22	27	33
Don't know	27	30	28	16	38	12	48

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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	1286	159	171	245	309	402	659	627
Approve	39	44	36	37	42	36	39	39
Disapprove	41	35	38	42	47	47	46	36
Don't know	20	21	26	20	11	17	15	25

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1286	70	177	460	116	212	251	1118	168
Approve	39	46	39	41	27	34	42	40	37
Disapprove	41	23	38	43	56	50	37	42	38
Don't know	20	31	23	16	17	16	21	18	26

Federal Vote Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1286	408	337	335	80	27	40
Approve	39	10	79	33	46	22	25
Disapprove	41	74	9	43	39	48	52
Don't know	20	16	12	24	15	30	23

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Party Expected to Win the Next Federal Election

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

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

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Sample	1286	159	171	245	309	402	659	627
Conservative	32	23	30	37	34	40	35	28
Liberal	30	35	25	32	30	22	27	32
New Democratic	20	23	29	14	14	16	20	19
Green	2	1	3	3	1	2	1	2
Bloc Quebecois	2	2	1	1	3	2	2	1
Don't know	15	15	11	14	19	18	13	17

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
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Conservative	32	19	24	35	39	45	27	34	25
Liberal	30	39	30	32	22	17	29	30	27
New Democratic	20	9	27	17	15	20	24	17	29
Green	2	2	1	1	4	2	5	2	1
Bloc Quebecois	2	0	5	2	0	1	1	1	4
Don't know	15	32	14	13	20	15	14	15	15

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Sample	1286	408	337	335	80	27	40
Conservative	32	80	16	11	14	12	12
Liberal	30	6	65	22	28	16	21
New Democratic	20	3	7	51	13	36	11
Green	2	2	0	1	16	2	5
Bloc Quebecois	2	1	0	1	5	28	0
Don't know	15	8	11	13	24	6	52

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