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Liberals, PCs tied in Ontario

Liberal minority seen if election held today

TORONTO October 1st, 2014 – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 1079 Ontario voters, almost equal proportions, just more than one third each, will vote for the Liberals (36%) or the PCs (34%) if the provincial election were held today. One quarter would vote NDP (23%), one twentieth would vote Green (6%) and very few would vote for other parties (1%). This tied result stands in contrast to last month, when the Liberals led by 7 points (39% to 32%). In that month, the New Democrats have improved their vote share (from 19% to 23%).

Liberal minority seen

If these results were projected up to seats in a 107 seat Legislature, the Liberals would take a 4 seat minority of 51 seats (down from 61 last month), to 35 for the PCs (up from 31) and 21 for the New Democrats, up from 15 last month.

Party leader favourables down across the board; Wynne leads

In a symptom of post-electoral fatigue, favourables for all party leaders have declined. Four-in-ten now approve of Kathleen Wynne (41%), down from close to half last month (46%), Jim Wilson is approved by just one fifth (18%), down from more than a quarter (27%) and Andrea Horwath is down slightly (35% to 31%). Wynne's net favourable score (approve minus disapprove) is 0 now, down slightly from +2 last month. Wilson is at -10 now, well down from 0, and Andrea Horwath has seen her score stabilize at -11 (-10 last month).

Christine Elliott seen as best PC leader

Among all Ontario voters, the largest single group see MPP Christine Elliott as the best choice for PC leader (14%), followed by MPP Lisa MacLeod (9%), MP Patrick Brown (5%) and MPPs Monte McNaughton and Vic Fedeli (4% each). One fifth see someone else in the role (19%) while the plurality don't have an opinion (43%).

Among PC voters, the results are even more conclusive, and one quarter opt for Christine Elliott (24%) and one tenth for Lisa MacLeod (11%). Among PC voters, one fifth would select someone else (20%) and 3-in-10 have no opinion (30%).

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HIGHLIGHTS:

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- If these results were projected up to seats in a 107 seat Legislature, the Liberals would take a 4 seat minority of 51 seats (down from 61 last month), to 35 for the PCs (up from 31) and 21 for the New Democrats.
- Four-in-ten now approve of Kathleen Wynne (41%), down from close to half last month (46%), Jim Wilson is approved by just one fifth (18%), down from more than a quarter (27%) and Andrea Horwath is down slightly (35% to 31%).
- Among all Ontario voters, the largest single group see MPP Christine Elliott as the best choice for PC leader (14%).
- Among PC voters, the results are even more conclusive, and one quarter opt for Christine Elliott (24%).

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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 1079 randomly selected Ontarians 18 years of age and older. The poll was conducted on Sep. 30 – Oct. 1st, 2014.

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' success at getting 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 Election Voting Preference Trending

[Decided / Leaning]

%	Sample	Con	Lib	NDP	Green	Other
Sep. 30 – Oct. 1 st , 2014	1013	34	36	23	6	1
August 20-21 st , 2014	1229	32	39	19	8	2
Popular Vote – June 7 th , 2014 Provincial Election Results	-	31	39	24	5	2
June 11 th , 2014	1054	35	41	20	3	1
June 5 th , 2014	974	37	39	17	6	1
May 27 th , 2014	882	36	36	20	7	1
May 20 th , 2014	1136	34	41	20	4	1
May 12 th , 2014	996	35	38	21	5	1
May 2-3 rd , 2014	1845	38	33	22	6	1
April 7 th , 2014	928	38	31	23	7	1
Mar 24 th , 2014	908	32	35	25	7	1
Feb. 25 th , 2014	1014	35	32	26	6	1
Jan. 24-25 th , 2014	1222	36	33	26	4	1
Dec. 17-18 th , 2013	1044	38	31	24	5	1
Nov. 26 th , 2013	1126	38	32	23	6	1
Oct. 25 th , 2013	1049	34	31	27	7	1
Oct. 2 nd , 2013	1093	36	33	23	7	1
Aug 29 th , 2013	1019	35	32	26	6	1
Jul 22 nd , 2013	861	36	31	27	5	1
Jun 26 th , 2013	977	35	33	24	8	1
May 28 th , 2013	881	34	38	21	6	0
May 3 rd , 2013	832	35	35	25	4	1
April 26 th , 2013	1133	36	36	24	4	1
Mar 26 th to 27 th 2013	1156	35	32	26	5	1
Feb. 26 th to Mar 1 st , 2013	2773	32	32	29	5	1
Feb. 20 th , 2013	1053	36	29	28	5	1
Jan. 23 to 24 th , 2013	1052	32	27	35	5	1
Dec. 17 th , 2012	925	33	27	31	8	1
Nov. 27 th to 28 th , 2012	1064	35	29	27	8	1
Oct. 30 th to 31 st , 2012	1047	37	22	32	7	1
Sep. 25 th , 2012	796	37	20	35	7	1
Aug 15 th , 2012	965	38	27	28	6	1
Jun 15 th , 2012	1047	38	26	30	5	1
Jun 4 th , 2012	986	36	28	30	4	1
May 14 th , 2012	1001	34	27	32	5	1
Apr 17 th , 2012	1021	34	28	31	5	1
Mar 28 th , 2012	1047	34	30	30	5	1
Mar 13 th , 2012	995	40	28	23	8	1
Feb. 15 th , 2012	1127	36	32	26	5	1
Jan. 18 th , 2012	986	41	33	20	4	1

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Overall Seat Distribution

%	Con	Lib	NDP
Sep. 30 – Oct. 1 st , 2014	35	51	21
August 20-21 st , 2014	31	61	15
Election – June 12 th , 2014	28	58	21
June 5 th , 2014	39	57	11
May 27 th , 2014	42	50	15
May 20 th , 2014	31	63	13
May 12 th , 2014	26	68	13
May 2-3 rd , 2014	45	49	13
April 7 th , 2014	49	45	13
Mar 24 th , 2014	29	66	12
Feb. 25 th , 2014	48	42	17
Jan. 24-25 th , 2014	47	46	14
Dec. 17-18 th , 2013	43	51	13
Nov. 26 th , 2013	47	44	16
Oct. 25 th , 2013	41	48	18
Oct. 2 nd , 2013	47	44	16
Aug 29 th , 2013	36	53	18
Jul 22 nd , 2013	45	46	16
Jun 26 th , 2013	42	54	11
May 28 th , 2013	37	60	10
May 3 rd , 2013	36	59	12
April 26 th , 2013	38	59	10
Mar 26 th to 27 th , 2013	43	50	14
Feb. 26 th to Mar 1 st , 2013	36	53	18
Feb. 20 th , 2013	52	39	16
Jan. 23 to 24 th , 2013	40	40	27
Dec. 17 th , 2012	44	38	25
Nov. 27 th to 28 th , 2012	47	41	19
Oct. 30 th to 31 st , 2012	58	26	23
Sep. 25 th , 2012	60	23	24
Aug 15 th , 2012	55	33	19
Jun 15 th , 2012	58	30	19
Jun 4 th , 2012	52	37	18
May 14 th , 2012	48	37	22
Apr 17 th , 2012	41	43	23
Mar 28 th , 2012	48	44	15
Mar 13 th , 2012	57	33	17
Feb. 15 th , 2012	51	48	8
Jan. 18 th , 2012	56	38	13
Popular Vote – October 6 th , 2011 Provincial Election Results	37	53	17

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Ontario Provincial Party Leader Approval Rating Trending (% Approve)

[All Respondents]

	Sample	Wynne	Wilson	Horwath
Sep. 30 – Oct. 1 st , 2014	1079	41	18	31
August 20-21 st , 2014	1229	46	27	35
July 3 rd , 2014	810	41	-	28
		Wynne	Hudak	Horwath
May 27 th , 2014	882	34	27	34
May 20 th , 2014	1136	38	25	35
May 12 th , 2014	996	38	23	35
May 2-3 rd , 2014	1845	34	26	36
April 7 th , 2014	928	34	27	40
Mar 24 th , 2014	908	34	23	38
Feb. 25 th , 2014	1014	32	24	40
Jan. 24-25 th , 2014	1222	40	21	40
Dec. 17-18 th , 2013	1044	35	28	41
Nov. 26 th , 2013	1126	35	26	44
Oct. 25 th , 2013	1049	33	26	46
Oct. 2 nd , 2013	1093	39	25	41
Aug 29 th , 2013	1063	36	24	50
Jul 22 nd , 2013	914	35	27	43
Jun 26 th , 2013	1037	37	26	43
May 28 th , 2013	918	41	26	43
May 3 rd , 2013	869	42	27	49
April 26 th , 2013	1133	38	27	43
Mar 26 th to 27 th 2013	1156	40	27	44
Feb. 26 th to Mar 1 st , 2013	2773	34	24	44
Feb. 20 th , 2013	1053	36	27	49

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Current Provincial Party Preference

'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?'

[Decided / Leaning]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1013	65	111	189	260	388	440	573
Progressive Conservative	34	22	32	34	37	40	41	27
Liberal	36	26	35	39	38	41	36	36
New Democratic	23	42	20	22	18	15	14	31
Green	6	8	12	5	5	3	7	5
Another Party	1	3	1	1	1	1	2	1

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	1013	142	177	295	472	223	176
Progressive Conservative	34	37	30	38	35	31	29
Liberal	36	34	49	31	39	31	36
New Democratic	23	17	17	23	20	31	29
Green	6	11	4	6	5	5	5
Another Party	1	1	0	2	1	2	1

Past Provincial Party Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other
Sample	1013	321	356	153	52	48
Progressive Conservative	34	90	5	8	21	29
Liberal	36	4	83	11	16	25
New Democratic	23	2	10	75	10	21
Green	6	2	2	5	51	15
Another Party	1	1	0	1	1	10

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Approval of Kathleen Wynne as Premier

'Do you approve or disapprove of the job Kathleen Wynne is doing as premier?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1079	72	121	199	278	409	459	620
Approve	41	35	45	43	41	45	37	45
Disapprove	41	36	43	45	46	40	50	33
Don't know	18	29	13	12	13	15	14	21

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	1079	155	187	314	501	236	187
Approve	41	32	45	35	39	47	49
Disapprove	41	54	36	51	44	32	31
Don't know	18	15	19	14	17	21	20

Household Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1079	109	176	150	117	97	196
Approve	41	36	34	39	52	40	50
Disapprove	41	27	50	40	36	42	43
Don't know	18	37	16	21	12	18	7

Provincial Party Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other
Sample	1079	367	386	166	61	33
Approve	41	13	78	42	27	17
Disapprove	41	77	11	36	45	74
Don't know	18	10	11	22	28	8

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Best Leader for the Ontario Progressive Conservatives

‘The Ontario Progressive Conservatives will pick a new leader on May 9. Which of the following people would be the best leader of the Ontario Progressive Conservatives?’

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1079	72	121	199	278	409	459	620
Christine Elliott	14	5	15	17	19	22	14	14
Lisa MacLeod	9	13	10	7	8	8	11	8
Monte McNaughton	4	9	2	3	3	3	5	4
Vic Fedeli	4	2	9	4	2	5	5	4
Patrick Brown	5	6	3	5	5	5	4	6
Someone else	19	16	13	23	22	25	21	17
Don't know	43	50	48	41	42	31	40	47

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	1079	155	187	314	501	236	187
Christine Elliott	14	7	18	20	20	9	10
Lisa MacLeod	9	15	8	8	8	11	7
Monte McNaughton	4	4	1	2	1	12	3
Vic Fedeli	4	1	6	3	4	2	11
Patrick Brown	5	2	4	6	5	1	15
Someone else	19	26	16	19	18	20	16
Don't know	43	44	48	42	44	44	38

Provincial Party Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other
Sample	1079	367	386	166	61	33
Christine Elliott	14	24	13	8	15	2
Lisa MacLeod	9	11	10	5	5	15
Monte McNaughton	4	3	6	6	2	0
Vic Fedeli	4	5	5	2	2	7
Patrick Brown	5	6	4	9	3	2
Someone else	19	20	15	17	31	51
Don't know	43	30	47	53	41	24

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Approval of Jim Wilson

'Do you approve or disapprove of the job Jim Wilson is doing as interim leader of the Opposition?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1079	72	121	199	278	409	459	620
Approve	18	12	18	20	19	24	20	16
Disapprove	28	39	28	25	21	18	32	24
Don't know	54	49	54	55	60	58	48	60

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	1079	155	187	314	501	236	187
Approve	18	18	13	21	17	18	19
Disapprove	28	40	21	30	26	25	26
Don't know	54	42	66	49	57	56	56

Household Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1079	109	176	150	117	97	196
Approve	18	18	20	14	23	13	23
Disapprove	28	19	28	28	33	28	28
Don't know	54	62	52	59	44	59	49

Provincial Party Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other
Sample	1079	367	386	166	61	33
Approve	18	33	12	14	13	7
Disapprove	28	23	25	38	45	47
Don't know	54	44	62	48	42	46

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Approval of Andrea Horwath

'Do you approve or disapprove of the job Andrea Horwath is doing as Leader of the NDP?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1079	72	121	199	278	409	459	620
Approve	31	35	33	30	29	25	26	36
Disapprove	42	36	39	45	44	48	51	33
Don't know	27	29	28	24	28	28	23	32

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	1079	155	187	314	501	236	187
Approve	31	26	25	33	30	34	36
Disapprove	42	49	44	49	47	26	38
Don't know	27	25	31	17	23	40	26

Household Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1079	109	176	150	117	97	196
Approve	31	27	30	24	36	34	37
Disapprove	42	27	42	53	40	41	44
Don't know	27	46	27	24	23	25	19

Provincial Party Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other
Sample	1079	367	386	166	61	33
Approve	31	21	27	68	26	28
Disapprove	42	58	45	20	44	32
Don't know	27	21	28	12	30	40

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