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Liberal/NDP cooperation favoured if PCs win minority

Little support for NDP to prop up PCs

TORONTO JUNE 5th, 2014 - In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 733 Ontario voters, one half say the NDP should support the Liberals in the PCs are elected to a minority in the coming election (49%), where just one third say the NDP should support the PCs in a minority government (33%). Among those who think the NDP should support the Liberals in a PC minority, close to half favour a formal coalition (45%), while fewer opt for a less formal arrangement (39%). The vast majority of Liberals call for NDP support in this situation, of course (89%), while a clear majority of NDP voters do so as well (59%). Just one seventh of NDP voters think the party should support a PC minority (14%).

If, on the other hand, the Liberals elect a minority, one half still thinks the NDP should support them (51%), compared to just a third who think the party should support the PCs (32%). Among the relatively few calling for NDP/PC cooperation, appetite is highest for a less formal arrangement (58%) rather than a formal coalition (24%). Virtually all Liberals call for the NDP to support them (93%), as do close to two thirds of NDP supporters (62%).

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HIGHLIGHTS:

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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 733 randomly selected Ontarians 18 years of age and older. The poll was conducted on June 4th, 2014.

Results based on the total sample are considered accurate +/- 4%, 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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If PC Minority, who should NDP support

'If the PCs are elected to a minority, who do you think the NDP should support, the Liberals or the PCs?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	733	38	61	143	226	265	331	402
NDP should support the Liberals	49	48	58	54	42	44	38	60
NDP should support the PCs	33	29	26	36	39	38	42	24
NDP should support neither party	10	7	12	7	10	14	10	9
Don't know	8	16	4	3	10	5	10	7

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	733	111	139	208	347	162	113
NDP should support the Liberals	49	42	61	53	56	35	53
NDP should support the PCs	33	51	26	25	26	36	36
NDP should support neither party	10	5	3	12	8	19	5
Don't know	8	2	10	10	10	11	6

Household Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	733	50	113	122	106	87	130
NDP should support the Liberals	49	37	59	44	42	52	59
NDP should support the PCs	33	41	27	29	40	30	30
NDP should support neither party	10	9	8	13	11	13	7
Don't know	8	14	6	14	8	5	4

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Provincial Party Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Another Party
Sample	733	244	251	138	42	20
NDP should support the Liberals	49	3	89	59	58	38
NDP should support the PCs	33	82	6	14	21	15
NDP should support neither party	10	11	3	10	11	30
Don't know	8	4	3	18	10	18

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[Think NDP should support the Liberals if PCs are elected to a minority]

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Sample	339	20	35	76	96	112	124	215
Coalition government	45	20	65	55	53	43	51	42
Less formal arrangement	39	53	20	39	42	41	41	37
Don't know	16	28	15	6	5	17	8	21

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	339	47	85	99	184	48	60
Coalition government	45	44	33	45	39	65	52
Less formal arrangement	39	33	42	42	42	27	42
Don't know	16	23	25	13	19	8	5

Household Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	339	20	57	53	46	44	72
Coalition government	45	27	37	43	28	76	61
Less formal arrangement	39	60	37	41	49	22	27
Don't know	16	13	25	16	23	2	12

Provincial Party Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Another Party
Sample	339	7	214	84	20	5
Coalition government	45	12	43	55	53	0
Less formal arrangement	39	80	40	35	45	32
Don't know	16	8	17	10	3	68

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[Think NDP should support the PCs if Liberals are elected to a minority]

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%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	253	12	17	50	81	93	137	116
Coalition government	24	17	20	24	40	24	24	25
Less formal arrangement	58	52	60	67	52	61	55	63
Don't know	18	31	20	9	8	15	21	13

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	253	46	39	72	111	63	33
Coalition government	24	19	17	28	22	26	36
Less formal arrangement	58	63	47	63	55	60	59
Don't know	18	18	36	9	23	14	5

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Sample	253	19	32	41	45	27	39
Coalition government	24	14	28	29	34	25	11
Less formal arrangement	58	76	55	55	57	65	61
Don't know	18	10	18	16	9	10	28

Provincial Party Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Another Party
Sample	253	192	14	29	7	4
Coalition government	24	22	14	31	45	12
Less formal arrangement	58	68	66	22	48	20
Don't know	18	10	19	48	6	67

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