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Progressive Conservatives lead Liberals in Ontario

PC minority seen if election held today

TORONTO FEBRUARY 28th, 2015 - In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 996 Ontario voters, almost 4-in-10 will vote PC if the election were held today (39%), while just one third will vote Liberal (32%). This stands in contrast to last month when the two parties were in a statistical tie (January 30 - 36% and 37% respectively). One fifth will vote for the provincial NDP (21%), one twentieth will vote Green (6%) and few will vote for other parties (2%). In contrast to past waves of polling, when the Liberal party had the “stickiest” vote (past voters who will vote the party again), this distinction belongs to the PCs this month, and 9-in-10 past PC voters will vote their party again (89%). Just three quarters of Liberals and New Democrats will vote for the same party they supported in June (74% each). In the meantime, one tenth of past Liberals (12%) and New Democrats (11%) will vote PC this time.

PC minority seen

If these results are projected up to seats in a 107 seat legislature, the PCs would capture a six seat minority of 49, compared to 39 for the Liberals. The New Democrats would occupy 19 seats.

Elliott improves PC chances, not so much Brown or McNaughton

If the leader of the PC is Christine Elliott, the party does slightly better than with a generic leader (PC - 41%, Liberal 31%). On the other hand, Patrick Brown (35% and 34% respectively) and Monte McNaughton (33% and 36%, respectively) do not do as well.

Wynne's favourables drop, others are steady

Just more than one third of voters approve of the job Premier Wynne is doing (36%), down from 4-in-10 last month (40%) and her net favourable score (approve minus disapprove) is a negative -16. Andrea Horwath's approval is steady at more than a third (37% this month, 36% last month) and her net score is a neutral -1. Jim Wilson's approval as interim leader of the PCs stands at one quarter (24%), and his net favourable is a neutral -2.

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- If these results are projected up to seats in a 107 seat legislature, the PCs would capture a six seat minority of 49, compared to 39 for the Liberals.
- If the leader of the PC is Christine Elliott, the party does slightly better than with a generic leader (PC - 41%, Liberal 31%). On the other hand, Patrick Brown (35% and 34% respectively) and Monte McNaughton (33% and 36%, respectively) do not do as well.
- Just more than one third of voters approve of the job Premier Wynne is doing (36%), down from 4-in-10 last month (40%).

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- Two thirds of Ontario voters are aware of the controversy surrounding the Sudbury by-election (64%).
- Two thirds of Ontario voters aware of the Sudbury controversy agree the Premier's Deputy Chief of Staff, Patricia Sorbara, should step aside while the controversy is being investigated (65%).
- Just fewer than 4-in-10 think Sorbara should be charged with a crime (39%) and almost as many think she should not be charged (36%).
- One half of Ontario voters familiar with the Sudbury by-election controversy think the results of the by-election should be set aside and the by-election held gain (52%).
- Just more than a third of Ontario voters think Premier Kathleen Wynne should resign (37%), while one half do not think so (48%).

Two thirds aware of Sudbury by-election controversy

Two thirds of Ontario voters are aware of the controversy surrounding the Sudbury by-election (64%), and they tend to be older (55 to 64 - 79%, 65+ - 73%), male (71%) rather than female (57%), wealthier (\$80K to \$100K - 74%), among PC supporters (74%) but not among New Democrats (56%), among the best educated (post grad - 71%). Curiously, awareness is lower in Northern Ontario than elsewhere (57%).

Two thirds think Sorbara should step aside

Two thirds of Ontario voters aware of the Sudbury controversy agree the Premier's Deputy Chief of Staff, Patricia Sorbara, should step aside while the controversy is being investigated (65%), while one quarter think she should not (27%). One tenth have no opinion (8%). Predictably, PC voters (88%) and New Democrats (73%) agree she should step aside, but so do one third of Liberal supporters (32%).

Less agreement Sorbara should be charged

Just fewer than 4-in-10 think Sorbara should be charged with a crime (39%) and almost as many think she should not be charged (36%). Fully one quarter have no opinion (25%).

One half want a mulligan on by-election

One half of Ontario voters familiar with the Sudbury by-election controversy think the results of the by-election should be set aside and the by-election held gain (52%), while one third do not agree (33%). One sixth have no opinion (15%). Even one quarter of Liberal supporters think the by-election should be held again (24%).

More than a third want Wynne to resign

Just more than a third of Ontario voters think Premier Kathleen Wynne should resign (37%), while one half do not think so (48%). One sixth are unsure on this issue (15%). Of those aware of the Sudbury controversy, more than 4-in-10 want a resignation (43%), while about half as many who are not aware of the controversy think this (26%).

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Despite awareness, no interest in pursuing Liberal scandals

When asked which of a number of actions both the government and opposition parties should take, the overwhelming support is for the government to work to create jobs and growth (37%) and for the opposition parties to work with them to achieve these ends (52%). Few want the gas plants scandal pursued (government - 11%, opposition - 11%), or the Sudbury by-election scandal (government - 3%, opposition - 5%). Other actions voters want the government to take are to control government spending and wages (18%) and eliminate waste (15%). The opposition parties are encouraged to rebuild (9%).

"The corrosive effect of the ongoing coverage of the gas plants controversy, coupled with the Chief Electoral Officer's finding in the Sudbury by-election case, have finally dealt Kathleen Wynne and her Liberals a telling blow. It's clear that the publicity, although not universally recalled, is enough to materially affect both the Premier's personal approval ratings and those of her party. In a majority government at the beginning of its mandate, this is not a major concern, but Ms Wynne will need to put these genies back in the bottle at some point," 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 996 randomly selected Ontarians 18 years of age and older. The poll was conducted on February 24 to 27th, 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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Provincial Election Voting Preference Trending

[Decided / Leaning]

%	Sample	Con	Lib	NDP	Green	Other
February 28 th , 2015	996	39	32	21	6	2
January 30 th , 2015	1028	36	37	19	6	2
December 20 th , 2014	1058	36	35	20	7	2
November 29 th , 2014	1054	37	37	17	7	2
November 1 st , 2014	1104	35	40	19	4	2
October 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

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Overall Seat Distribution

%	Con	Lib	NDP
February 28 th , 2015	49	39	19
January 30 th , 2015	34	56	17
December 20 th , 2014	37	52	18
November 29 th , 2014	38	52	17
November 1 st , 2014	37	56	14
October 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

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Ontario Provincial Party Leader Approval Rating Trending (% Approve)

[All Respondents]

	Sample	Wynne	Wilson	Horwath
February 28 th , 2015	996	36	24	37
January 30 th , 2015	1028	40	22	36
December 20 th , 2014	1058	37	22	35
November 29 th , 2014	1054	42	22	33
November 1 st , 2014	1104	46	23	31
October 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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PC Leader Dependent Party Preference – Trending

%	Sample	Con	Lib	NDP	Green	Other
Christine Elliot						
February 28 th , 2015	996	40	31	20	7	2
January 30 th , 2015	1028	35	36	21	6	2
November 29 th , 2014	1054	37	35	19	7	2
November 1 st , 2014	1104	32	41	22	4	2
Monte McNaughton						
February 28 th , 2015	996	33	36	22	7	2
November 1 st , 2014	1104	28	43	23	4	2
Patrick Brown						
February 28 th , 2015	996	35	34	23	6	2
November 1 st , 2014	1104	26	45	21	6	2
Lisa MacLeod						
January 30 th , 2015	1028	32	40	20	6	2
November 1 st , 2014	1104	28	44	21	5	2
Doug Ford						
November 1 st , 2014	1104	27	42	22	8	2
Vic Fedeli						
November 1 st , 2014	1104	28	43	22	6	2

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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	966	143	135	224	236	228	514	452
Progressive Conservative	39	29	39	36	45	46	46	32
Liberal	32	29	30	38	29	33	27	37
New Democratic	21	32	21	17	21	16	19	23
Green	6	9	8	7	4	4	6	7
Another Party	2	2	1	3	1	1	2	1

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	966	151	179	259	438	230	147
Progressive Conservative	39	43	36	38	37	40	41
Liberal	32	28	42	30	35	31	27
New Democratic	21	22	15	25	21	20	22
Green	6	6	6	5	5	7	8
Another Party	2	1	2	2	2	2	2

Past Provincial Party Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other
Sample	966	326	316	140	43	38
Progressive Conservative	39	89	12	11	29	22
Liberal	32	5	74	8	14	18
New Democratic	21	3	10	74	3	32
Green	6	1	4	7	52	14
Another Party	2	1	1	0	2	13

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Party Preference If Christine Elliot Were the PC Leader

'If a provincial election were held today, which party are you most likely to vote for if Christine Elliott were the PC leader? + Even though you may not have made up your mind, which party would you be leaning towards at this time if Christine Elliott were the PC leader?'

[Decided/Leaning]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	923	142	128	216	225	212	498	425
Progressive Conservative	40	31	42	37	48	44	47	33
Liberal	31	26	30	39	28	35	28	35
New Democratic	20	32	18	16	18	16	18	22
Green	7	11	9	7	5	3	6	7
Another Party	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	2

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	923	140	175	245	420	224	139
Progressive Conservative	40	41	37	44	41	39	37
Liberal	31	28	41	31	35	30	24
New Democratic	20	24	16	19	18	20	24
Green	7	7	4	4	4	9	12
Another Party	2	1	1	1	1	2	2

Provincial Party Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other
Sample	923	367	296	151	65	34
Progressive Conservative	40	92	9	8	8	33
Liberal	31	3	87	4	11	21
New Democratic	20	2	3	85	6	0
Green	7	2	1	3	74	4
Another Party	2	1	0	0	1	41

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Party Preference If Patrick Brown Were the PC Leader

'If a provincial election were held today, which party are you most likely to vote for if Patrick Brown were the PC leader? + Even though you may not have made up your mind, which party would you be leaning towards at this time if Lisa MacLeod were the PC leader?'

[Decided/Leaning]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	912	140	126	213	226	207	496	416
Progressive Conservative	35	27	37	32	42	40	43	29
Liberal	34	29	33	42	31	36	30	39
New Democratic	23	34	20	19	22	18	21	24
Green	6	9	9	6	4	3	5	7
Another Party	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	1

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	912	139	167	247	414	218	141
Progressive Conservative	35	40	30	35	33	34	42
Liberal	34	28	46	35	39	32	28
New Democratic	23	24	17	24	22	26	19
Green	6	6	5	5	5	7	9
Another Party	2	1	1	1	1	2	3

Provincial Party Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other
Sample	912	361	297	147	65	34
Progressive Conservative	35	88	3	3	8	9
Liberal	34	5	93	5	6	34
New Democratic	23	5	3	91	8	9
Green	6	1	1	1	77	8
Another Party	2	1	0	0	1	39

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Party Preference If Monte McNaughton Were the PC Leader

'If a provincial election were held today, which party are you most likely to vote for if Monte McNaughton were the PC leader? + Even though you may not have made up your mind, which party would you be leaning towards at this time if Lisa MacLeod were the PC leader?'

[Decided/Leaning]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	902	142	124	212	219	205	483	419
Progressive Conservative	33	27	36	29	40	38	39	28
Liberal	36	30	38	45	32	38	33	40
New Democratic	22	32	18	17	21	19	20	23
Green	7	10	8	8	5	3	6	8
Another Party	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	1

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	902	136	168	239	407	222	137
Progressive Conservative	33	36	29	35	32	34	34
Liberal	36	31	49	37	41	35	27
New Democratic	22	25	15	24	20	21	26
Green	7	7	6	4	5	8	11
Another Party	2	2	1	1	1	2	2

Provincial Party Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other
Sample	902	351	298	150	63	34
Progressive Conservative	33	86	3	3	6	19
Liberal	36	7	94	5	11	40
New Democratic	22	4	2	90	6	0
Green	7	2	0	2	77	4
Another Party	2	2	0	0	1	37

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Kathleen Wynne Approval

'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	996	148	140	231	245	232	523	473
Approve	36	36	35	36	34	37	32	39
Disapprove	52	47	54	54	55	52	59	45
Don't know	13	17	11	10	11	11	9	16

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	996	156	183	267	450	237	153
Approve	36	33	43	34	38	35	32
Disapprove	52	52	47	52	50	55	52
Don't know	13	15	10	14	12	10	15

Provincial Party Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other
Sample	996	396	309	159	67	35
Approve	36	8	73	37	36	15
Disapprove	52	86	15	51	45	72
Don't know	13	7	13	13	19	14

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Jim Wilson Approval

'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	996	148	140	231	245	232	523	473
Approve	24	26	23	21	24	25	28	20
Disapprove	26	28	25	29	27	21	28	24
Don't know	50	47	51	49	49	55	43	56

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	996	156	183	267	450	237	153
Approve	24	23	20	24	22	25	29
Disapprove	26	18	23	30	27	26	30
Don't know	50	59	57	46	50	49	40

Provincial Party Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other
Sample	996	396	309	159	67	35
Approve	24	37	18	16	14	19
Disapprove	26	16	28	42	35	37
Don't know	50	47	54	43	51	44

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Andrea Horwath Approval

'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	996	148	140	231	245	232	523	473
Approve	37	39	37	34	40	37	32	42
Disapprove	38	37	38	44	36	36	47	30
Don't know	24	24	25	22	24	28	20	28

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	996	156	183	267	450	237	153
Approve	37	32	34	40	38	42	35
Disapprove	38	39	44	35	38	37	38
Don't know	24	29	22	25	24	21	27

Provincial Party Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other
Sample	996	396	309	159	67	35
Approve	37	28	30	72	43	18
Disapprove	38	47	43	17	29	52
Don't know	24	25	27	11	27	31

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Aware of Sudbury By-Election Controversy

'Are you aware of the controversy in the recent Sudbury by-election, in which the Deputy Chief of Staff to Premier Wynne is accused of offering a candidate a job to drop out of the campaign?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	996	148	140	231	245	232	523	473
Aware of this controversy	64	49	64	67	79	73	71	57
Not aware of this controversy	36	51	36	33	21	27	29	43

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	996	156	183	267	450	237	153
Aware of this controversy	64	69	66	67	66	60	57
Not aware of this controversy	36	31	34	33	34	40	43

Provincial Party Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other
Sample	996	396	309	159	67	35
Aware of this controversy	64	74	62	56	54	68
Not aware of this controversy	36	26	38	44	46	32

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Premier's Deputy Chief of Staff's Resignation

'Do you think the Premier's Deputy Chief of Staff should step aside while the controversy is being investigated or not?'

[Aware of Controversy]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	694	82	90	157	194	171	390	304
Should step aside	65	63	67	68	65	64	67	63
Should not step aside	27	26	26	25	30	29	28	26
Don't know	8	12	7	7	5	7	5	11

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	694	111	131	189	320	156	107
Should step aside	65	67	62	64	63	68	71
Should not step aside	27	30	35	25	29	24	22
Don't know	8	4	4	11	9	9	6

Provincial Party Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other
Sample	694	305	210	103	41	24
Should step aside	65	88	32	73	53	71
Should not step aside	27	9	56	17	44	19
Don't know	8	3	13	10	3	10

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Premier's Deputy Chief of Staff Charged with Crime

'Do you think the Premier's Deputy Chief of Staff should be charged with a crime or not?'

[Aware of Controversy]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	694	82	90	157	194	171	390	304
Should be charged	39	39	44	37	41	37	44	34
Should not be charged	36	37	31	37	39	36	36	35
Don't know	25	25	26	26	20	27	20	31

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	694	111	131	189	320	156	107
Should be charged	39	45	30	41	37	36	49
Should not be charged	36	37	47	32	38	36	25
Don't know	25	18	23	27	25	28	26

Provincial Party Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other
Sample	694	305	210	103	41	24
Should be charged	39	59	9	45	43	49
Should not be charged	36	18	67	29	28	30
Don't know	25	23	24	26	29	21

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Repeat By-Election

'Do you agree or disagree the results of the by-election results in Sudbury should be set aside and the by-election held again?'

[Aware of Controversy]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	694	82	90	157	194	171	390	304
Agree	52	49	52	48	57	53	50	53
Disagree	33	33	35	39	30	29	39	27
Don't know	15	18	13	12	13	19	11	20

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	694	111	131	189	320	156	107
Agree	52	50	45	53	50	53	59
Disagree	33	37	45	31	36	27	28
Don't know	15	13	10	16	14	21	13

Provincial Party Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other
Sample	694	305	210	103	41	24
Agree	52	70	24	55	52	57
Disagree	33	17	61	26	35	33
Don't know	15	13	15	19	14	10

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Should Premier Wynne Resign?

'Do you think Premier Kathleen Wynne should resign or not?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	996	148	140	231	245	232	523	473
Should resign	37	31	39	37	42	39	44	31
Should not resign	48	52	43	47	48	47	45	50
Don't know	15	17	19	15	10	14	11	20

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	996	156	183	267	450	237	153
Should resign	37	45	30	38	35	38	35
Should not resign	48	37	60	46	51	48	44
Don't know	15	18	10	16	14	14	21

Provincial Party Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other
Sample	996	396	309	159	67	35
Should resign	37	64	9	33	34	52
Should not resign	48	23	81	48	49	28
Don't know	15	13	11	20	17	19

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Most Important Issue

'Which is the most important issue for the government of Ontario to deal with in this session of the legislature?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	996	148	140	231	245	232	523	473
Explain and address the gas plants scandal	11	11	12	8	15	10	12	10
Explain and address the Sudbury by-election scandal	3	3	3	4	2	3	4	2
Defend itself against opposition charges	2	2	0	3	1	2	1	2
Work to create jobs and growth	37	37	44	37	33	33	36	38
For control government wages and spending	18	19	12	19	22	19	19	17
Eliminate government waste	15	10	13	19	18	19	16	15
Something else	9	14	12	6	6	6	8	11
Don't know	4	4	4	4	3	7	3	5

Provincial Party Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other
Sample	996	396	309	159	67	35
Explain and address the gas plants scandal	11	19	4	11	5	10
Explain and address the Sudbury by-election scandal	3	4	1	3	2	6
Defend itself against opposition charges	2	3	1	1	0	0
Work to create jobs and growth	37	20	60	37	28	39
For control government wages and spending	18	24	9	18	26	11
Eliminate government waste	15	18	12	17	13	14
Something else	9	8	10	8	17	14
Don't know	4	3	3	5	8	7

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Most Important Action

‘Which is the most important action the government must take in the current session of the legislature?’

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	996	148	140	231	245	232	523	473
Pressure the government on the gas plants scandal	11	12	9	8	12	13	11	11
Pressure the government on the Sudbury by-election scandal	5	5	6	4	5	5	6	4
Rebuild the parties	9	4	10	12	12	11	13	6
Work with the government to create jobs and growth	52	51	54	54	48	49	46	57
Oppose the government at every opportunity	5	3	5	8	7	4	6	4
Prepare for the next election	5	5	3	4	5	6	5	4
Something else	7	13	7	6	7	0	9	6
Don't know	6	6	6	4	5	11	4	8

Provincial Party Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other
Sample	996	396	309	159	67	35
Pressure the government on the gas plants scandal	11	18	5	8	9	9
Pressure the government on the Sudbury by-election scandal	5	7	2	10	0	1
Rebuild the parties	9	15	6	4	8	12
Work with the government to create jobs and growth	52	33	72	52	63	44
Oppose the government at every opportunity	5	7	3	4	8	12
Prepare for the next election	5	9	2	3	4	2
Something else	7	7	6	9	3	13
Don't know	6	5	4	10	6	7

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