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## **NDP maintains lead in Ontario**

### **Strong NDP minority government if vote held today**

TORONTO July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 - In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 678 Ontario voters, more than one third will vote NDP if a provincial election were held today (35%), while just fewer would vote PC (32%). The provincial Liberals would be the choice of just more than one quarter (26%). These findings represent relative stability since the last time we polled Ontario (May 12, NDP - 36%, PC - 33%, Liberal - 24%).

### **NDP minority seen**

If these results are projected up to a 107 seat Legislature, the NDP would capture a minority of 45, 9 fewer than required for a majority, while the PCs would take 35 seats and the Liberals 27.

### **Horwath most popular leader, Patrick Brown least popular**

Andrea Horwath has the approval of close to 4-in-10 voters (38%), while her net favourable score (approve minus disapprove) is a neutral to positive +6. About 3-in-10 approve of the Premier (29%) and her net is a very negative -31. While just one fifth approve of Patrick Brown (19%), most don't know him (53%) so his net score is a relatively modest -10.

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### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

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## Three leaders tied for best premier

In a reflection of our findings in May, all three party leaders are tied for who would make the best premier, with Kathleen Wynne and Patrick Brown at just over one fifth (21% each) and Andrea Horwath at one fifth (20%). A similar proportion think none of them is up to the task (23%), and just fewer don't have an opinion (15%).

"Whether this a reflection of the NDP victory in Alberta, or Tom Mulcair's new prominence as the darling of the national electorate, it is clear the NDP have established a winning beach head in Ontario, and it isn't going away soon," 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 678 randomly selected Ontarians 18 years of age and older. The poll was conducted on June 25 to July 5, 2015.

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](http://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
July 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	678	32	26	35	5	2
May 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1001	33	24	36	5	2
May 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2015	912	36	29	24	9	2
March 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	881	34	29	27	8	2
February 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	996	39	32	21	6	2
January 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1028	36	37	19	6	2
December 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	1058	36	35	20	7	2
November 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	1054	37	37	17	7	2
November 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2014	1104	35	40	19	4	2
October 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2014	1013	34	36	23	6	1
August 20-21 <sup>st</sup> , 2014	1229	32	39	19	8	2
Popular Vote – June 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2014 Provincial Election Results	-	<b>31</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>
June 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	1054	35	41	20	3	1
June 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	974	37	39	17	6	1
May 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	882	36	36	20	7	1
May 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	1136	34	41	20	4	1
May 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	996	35	38	21	5	1
May 2-3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2014	1845	38	33	22	6	1
April 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	928	38	31	23	7	1
Mar 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	908	32	35	25	7	1
Feb. 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	1014	35	32	26	6	1
Jan. 24-25 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	1222	36	33	26	4	1
Dec. 17-18 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	1044	38	31	24	5	1
Nov. 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	1126	38	32	23	6	1
Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	1049	34	31	27	7	1
Oct. 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2013	1093	36	33	23	7	1
Aug 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	1019	35	32	26	6	1
Jul 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2013	861	36	31	27	5	1
Jun 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	977	35	33	24	8	1
May 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	881	34	38	21	6	0
May 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2013	832	35	35	25	4	1
April 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	1133	36	36	24	4	1
Mar 26 <sup>th</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup> 2013	1156	35	32	26	5	1
Feb. 26 <sup>th</sup> to Mar 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2013	2773	32	32	29	5	1
Feb. 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	1053	36	29	28	5	1
Jan. 23 to 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	1052	32	27	35	5	1
Dec. 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	925	33	27	31	8	1
Nov. 27 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	1064	35	29	27	8	1
Oct. 30 <sup>th</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2012	1047	37	22	32	7	1
Sep. 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	796	37	20	35	7	1

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**Overall Seat Distribution**

%	Con	Lib	NDP
July 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	35	27	45
May 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	49	18	40
May 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2015	48	33	26
March 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	52	23	32
February 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	49	39	19
January 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	34	56	17
December 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	37	52	18
November 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	38	52	17
November 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2014	37	56	14
October 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2014	35	51	21
August 20-21 <sup>st</sup> , 2014	31	61	15
Election – June 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	<b>28</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>21</b>
June 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	39	57	11
May 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	42	50	15
May 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	31	63	13
May 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	26	68	13
May 2-3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2014	45	49	13
April 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	49	45	13
Mar 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	29	66	12
Feb. 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	48	42	17
Jan. 24-25 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	47	46	14
Dec. 17-18 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	43	51	13
Nov. 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	47	44	16
Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	41	48	18
Oct. 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2013	47	44	16
Aug 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	36	53	18
Jul 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2013	45	46	16
Jun 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	42	54	11
May 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	37	60	10
May 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2013	36	59	12
April 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	38	59	10
Mar 26 <sup>th</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup> 2013	43	50	14
Feb. 26 <sup>th</sup> to Mar 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2013	36	53	18
Feb. 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	52	39	16
Jan. 23 to 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	40	40	27
Dec. 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	44	38	25
Nov. 27 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	47	41	19
Oct. 30 <sup>th</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2012	58	26	23
Sep. 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	60	23	24
Aug 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	55	33	19
Jun 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	58	30	19
Jun 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	52	37	18

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**Ontario Provincial Party Leader Approval Rating Trending (% Approve)**  
*[All Respondents]*

	Sample	Wynne	Brown	Horwath
July 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	678	29	19	38
May 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1001	26	17	41
	Sample	Wynne	Wilson	Horwath
May 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2015	912	29	22	39
March 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	881	33	22	40
February 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	996	36	24	37
January 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1028	40	22	36
December 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	1058	37	22	35
November 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	1054	42	22	33
November 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2014	1104	46	23	31
October 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2014	1079	41	18	31
August 20-21 <sup>st</sup> , 2014	1229	46	27	35
July 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2014	810	41	-	28
		Wynne	Hudak	Horwath
May 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	882	34	27	34
May 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	1136	38	25	35
May 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	996	38	23	35
May 2-3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2014	1845	34	26	36
April 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	928	34	27	40
Mar 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	908	34	23	38
Feb. 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	1014	32	24	40
Jan. 24-25 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	1222	40	21	40
Dec. 17-18 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	1044	35	28	41
Nov. 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	1126	35	26	44
Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	1049	33	26	46
Oct. 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2013	1093	39	25	41
Aug 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	1063	36	24	50
Jul 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2013	914	35	27	43
Jun 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	1037	37	26	43
May 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	918	41	26	43
May 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2013	869	42	27	49
April 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	1133	38	27	43
Mar 26 <sup>th</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup> 2013	1156	40	27	44
Feb. 26 <sup>th</sup> to Mar 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2013	2773	34	24	44
Feb. 20 <sup>th</sup> , 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	646	90	82	121	144	209	332	314
Progressive Conservative	32	21	28	39	32	36	33	30
Liberal	27	30	26	27	22	28	26	28
New Democratic	35	38	42	29	41	28	33	37
Green	5	10	3	3	3	6	6	4
Another Party	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	1

**Region**

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	646	113	156	165	321	122	90
Progressive Conservative	32	37	27	30	29	29	43
Liberal	27	27	35	24	29	21	29
New Democratic	35	32	33	39	37	41	22
Green	5	3	4	5	5	8	4
Another Party	2	1	1	2	1	2	2

**Past Provincial Party Preference**

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other parties
Sample	646	203	192	115	35	27
Progressive Conservative	32	83	8	6	10	29
Liberal	27	7	62	11	11	24
New Democratic	35	7	27	83	34	29
Green	5	2	2	0	43	0
Another Party	2	1	1	0	1	18

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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	678	93	84	127	157	217	346	332
Approve	29	33	29	28	21	30	29	29
Disapprove	59	51	61	60	69	62	62	57
Don't know	12	16	10	12	10	8	9	14

### **Region**

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	678	117	163	175	338	128	95
Approve	29	29	35	29	31	28	19
Disapprove	59	59	54	57	56	63	70
Don't know	12	12	11	14	13	9	12

### **Provincial Party Preference**

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other parties
Sample	678	222	183	170	40	31
Approve	29	4	66	24	29	9
Disapprove	59	88	25	66	50	79
Don't know	12	7	9	10	21	11

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### **Patrick Brown Approval**

*'Do you approve or disapprove of the job Patrick Brown is doing as leader of the Opposition?'*

[All Respondents]

#### **Age / Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	678	93	84	127	157	217	346	332
Approve	19	21	17	14	23	19	23	15
Disapprove	29	26	27	33	26	32	34	23
Don't know	53	54	56	53	51	48	43	62

#### **Region**

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	678	117	163	175	338	128	95
Approve	19	15	18	14	16	21	30
Disapprove	29	25	36	24	29	34	22
Don't know	53	60	46	61	55	45	48

#### **Provincial Party Preference**

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Approve	19	38	11	6	25	20
Disapprove	29	19	34	35	24	41
Don't know	53	43	55	60	51	39

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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	678	93	84	127	157	217	346	332
Approve	38	33	45	36	45	33	36	39
Disapprove	31	32	28	30	33	35	37	26
Don't know	31	35	27	34	21	32	27	34

#### **Region**

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Sample	678	117	163	175	338	128	95
Approve	38	40	37	42	40	36	28
Disapprove	31	22	35	26	29	37	41
Don't know	31	38	29	32	31	27	31

#### **Provincial Party Preference**

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other parties
Sample	678	222	183	170	40	31
Approve	38	22	33	74	9	13
Disapprove	31	51	26	8	48	58
Don't know	31	27	41	17	42	29

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**Best Premier of ON**

*‘Regardless of which party you would vote for, who do you think would make the best Premier of Ontario?’*

*[All Respondents]*

**Age / Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	678	93	84	127	157	217	346	332
Kathleen Wynne	21	21	17	23	19	24	22	19
Patrick Brown	21	22	16	20	26	22	26	16
Andrea Horwath	20	19	21	23	20	18	18	22
None of these	23	22	29	20	22	23	23	23
Don't know	15	16	18	14	13	14	11	19

**Region**

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Andrea Horwath	20	23	16	20	18	23	19
None of these	23	16	27	24	25	23	23
Don't know	15	14	14	19	17	13	14

**Provincial Party Preference**

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other parties
Sample	678	222	183	170	40	31
Kathleen Wynne	21	2	54	14	18	3
Patrick Brown	21	56	5	2	14	13
Andrea Horwath	20	8	10	54	3	0
None of these	23	22	17	19	41	66
Don't know	15	12	15	11	24	17

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