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## **TORONTO**

**March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

## **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- One third will vote Progressive Conservative if the election were held today (34%, down slightly from 39% last month), while fewer than 3-in-10 will vote Liberal (29%).
- When voters are asked the electoral preference question with Christine Elliott specified as PC leader, the party's lead increase (36% to 28%).
- When all voters are asked which of the three PC leadership candidates would be best for the job, the plurality chose Christine Elliott (24%).

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### **PCs with solid lead on provincial Liberals**

#### **Liberal voters moving to NDP, parties tied**

TORONTO March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 - In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 881 Ontario voters, one third will vote Progressive Conservative if the election were held today (34%, down from 39% last month), while fewer than 3-in-10 will vote Liberal (29%). In fact, the Liberals are now effectively tied with the NDP (27%) for second place. One tenth claim they will vote Green (8%) and very few will vote another party (2%). It is clear the Liberals (32% in February, 29% now) are losing vote share to the NDP (21% in February, 27% now).

#### **PC minority seen, NDP in opposition**

If these results are projected up to a 107 seat provincial legislature, the PCs would take a minority of 52 seats, 3 short of a majority. The New Democrats would claim 32 seats to form the new opposition and the Liberals would take just 23 seats.

#### **Elliott tests best as leader, not so Brown, McNaughton**

When voters are asked the electoral preference question with Christine Elliott specified as PC leader, the party's lead increase (36% to 28%), and the NDP do as well as they do in the generic measure. When Patrick Brown is tested as leader, the PCs the Liberals and the NDP all tie (30%, 30% and 29%, respectively). When Monte McNaughton is tried in the leader's spot, the parties tie again (PC - 29%, Liberal - 31%, NDP - 29%).

#### **Elliott preferred for PC leader by PC voters and members**

When all voters are asked which of the three PC leadership candidates would be best for the job, the plurality chose Christine Elliott (24%), and this exceeds the score for the other two by a factor of four (Patrick Brown - 6%, Monte McNaughton - 7%). The largest group, one third, don't have an opinion (34%), while just fewer think none of them are up to the job (29%).

Among those who will vote PC, Elliott is more strongly preferred (35%), at about three times the rate of Brown (11%) or McNaughton (15%).

Among paid-up PC party members, Elliott is preferred by as many as half (51%), compared to just one tenth for Brown (10%) and McNaughton (13%). Among members, relatively few have no opinion (11%) or think none are up to the job (14%). Caution: data based on small size of party members.

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## **Premier's favourables falling, Horwath's up**

One third of voters approve of the job Premier Wynne is doing (33%) and her net favourable score (approve minus disapprove) is a very negative -20. This is down from 36% last month and 40% the month before. In the meantime, Andrea Horwath has seen her approval increase to 40% from 37% last month and 36% the month before that. Her net score is a positive +7, up from -1. Interim PC elder Jim Wilson has approval from less than a quarter (22%) and his net is -4.

## **Gas plants scandal seen to be more serious than Sudbury by-election**

Three quarters of voters are aware of the gas plants scandal (73%), while just half are aware of the more recent Sudbury by-election scandal (50%). Among those aware of both, the gas plants scandal is seen to be the most serious by half (50%), five times as many as those who find the Sudbury by-election scandal the most serious (10%). One quarter find both scandals equally serious (23%), and just fewer find neither serious (16%). Among provincial Liberal voters, this increases to 4-in-10 who find neither scandal serious (40%). More than a quarter of those aware of the gas plants (29%) and Sudbury (27%) claim their minds have been changed by these scandals. Those who now support the New Democrats are the most likely to say their vote decision has changed (34%).

"This no longer appears to be one bad poll for the Liberals, it appears to be part of a losing streak for them, and a gaining streak for the New Democrats, whose eulogy may have been said too hastily. They are showing all the signs of a vibrant opposition party once more. Now to see a majority government trailing mid-mandate in the polls is not surprising, but to be trailing a leaderless party is not a good sign," said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

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- "Well, this no longer appears to be one bad poll for the Liberals, it appears to be part of a losing streak for them, and a gaining streak for the New Democrats. Their eulogy may have been said too hastily; they are showing all this signs of a vibrant opposition party once more. Now to see a majority government trailing mid-mandate in the polls is not surprising, but to be trailing a leaderless party is not a good sign," 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 881 randomly selected Ontarians 18 years of age and older. The poll was conducted on March 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>, 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](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
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
Aug 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	965	38	27	28	6	1
Jun 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	1047	38	26	30	5	1
Jun 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	986	36	28	30	4	1

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**Overall Seat Distribution**

%	Con	Lib	NDP
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	28	58	21
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
May 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	48	37	22
Apr 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	41	43	23
Mar 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	48	44	15

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**Ontario Provincial Party Leader Approval Rating Trending (% Approve)**

[All Respondents]

	Sample	Wynne	Wilson	Horwath
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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### *PC Leader Dependent Party Preference – Trending*

%	Sample	Con	Lib	NDP	Green	Other
<b>Christine Elliot</b>						
March 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	881	36	28	27	7	2
February 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	996	40	31	20	7	2
January 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1028	35	36	21	6	2
November 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	1054	37	35	19	7	2
November 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2014	1104	32	41	22	4	2
<b>Monte McNaughton</b>						
March 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	881	29	31	29	9	2
February 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	996	33	36	22	7	2
November 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2014	1104	28	43	23	4	2
<b>Patrick Brown</b>						
March 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	881	30	30	29	9	2
February 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	996	35	34	23	6	2
November 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2014	1104	26	45	21	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	838	134	102	161	194	247	470	368
Progressive Conservative	34	26	34	35	38	39	42	27
Liberal	29	26	31	25	31	32	25	32
New Democratic	27	33	24	32	24	22	23	32
Green	8	12	9	7	7	6	9	8
Another Party	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	1

**Region**

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	838	149	171	218	389	193	107
Progressive Conservative	34	33	32	42	38	35	21
Liberal	29	34	37	26	30	23	27
New Democratic	27	24	23	20	21	33	46
Green	8	8	6	10	9	8	6
Another Party	2	1	2	1	2	1	1

**Past Provincial Party Preference**

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Other parties
Sample	838	271	268	137	44	33
Progressive Conservative	34	84	11	10	16	15
Liberal	29	7	66	4	5	23
New Democratic	27	7	17	80	23	34
Green	8	2	5	6	55	13
Another Party	2	1	0	0	1	15

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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	805	128	98	155	188	236	445	360
Progressive Conservative	36	27	32	36	41	42	41	31
Liberal	28	26	28	24	30	32	26	30
New Democratic	27	35	30	32	22	18	24	31
Green	7	11	10	5	6	6	8	7
Another Party	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	1

**Region**

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	805	141	165	205	370	192	102
Progressive Conservative	36	37	31	45	39	37	20
Liberal	28	31	37	25	30	22	26
New Democratic	27	25	24	19	21	31	48
Green	7	6	6	9	8	8	5
Another Party	2	1	1	1	1	2	2

**Past Provincial Party Preference**

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Other parties
Sample	805	258	260	133	39	31
Progressive Conservative	36	84	10	11	22	28
Liberal	28	6	66	6	5	20
New Democratic	27	7	18	78	26	20
Green	7	2	6	4	45	16
Another Party	2	1	1	1	1	17

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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	789	130	96	152	182	229	444	345
Progressive Conservative	30	21	32	33	33	34	37	24
Liberal	30	28	29	27	33	34	28	32
New Democratic	29	37	27	32	25	23	24	34
Green	9	12	11	6	8	7	9	9
Another Party	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	1

**Region**

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	789	135	162	201	363	188	103
Progressive Conservative	30	29	25	39	33	31	21
Liberal	30	33	42	26	33	26	26
New Democratic	29	29	25	21	23	33	46
Green	9	7	7	12	10	8	6
Another Party	2	1	2	2	2	2	1

**Past Provincial Party Preference**

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Other parties
Sample	789	253	257	131	36	30
Progressive Conservative	30	77	7	7	11	23
Liberal	30	7	68	6	4	23
New Democratic	29	12	17	81	33	13
Green	9	3	7	6	51	22
Another Party	2	1	0	0	1	19

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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	788	127	100	152	181	228	438	350
Progressive Conservative	29	23	31	29	31	34	37	23
Liberal	31	29	32	26	34	35	28	33
New Democratic	29	33	25	37	24	23	24	33
Green	9	14	10	7	8	7	9	10
Another Party	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1

**Region**

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	788	137	161	202	363	188	100
Progressive Conservative	29	31	26	36	32	30	17
Liberal	31	36	40	28	33	26	27
New Democratic	29	24	24	22	22	34	49
Green	9	6	8	13	11	9	6
Another Party	2	2	2	1	1	2	1

**Past Provincial Party Preference**

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Other parties
Sample	788	250	256	134	36	33
Progressive Conservative	29	77	6	6	11	13
Liberal	31	10	69	7	2	20
New Democratic	29	8	18	81	31	35
Green	9	5	7	5	54	18
Another Party	2	1	1	1	1	13

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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	881	138	112	170	202	259	494	387
Approve	33	37	27	29	37	36	32	35
Disapprove	53	46	54	60	55	55	58	49
Don't know	14	17	19	11	8	9	11	16

#### **Region**

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	881	153	182	226	408	202	118
Approve	33	42	40	28	33	28	31
Disapprove	53	48	44	58	52	58	54
Don't know	14	9	16	14	14	14	15

#### **Provincial Party Preference**

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Another Party
Sample	881	310	252	176	73	27
Approve	33	10	70	28	35	31
Disapprove	53	83	19	62	41	54
Don't know	14	7	11	10	24	15

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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	881	138	112	170	202	259	494	387
Approve	22	21	23	21	21	22	26	18
Disapprove	26	25	22	26	30	25	32	20
Don't know	53	53	55	52	49	52	42	62

**Region**

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	881	153	182	226	408	202	118
Approve	22	17	18	27	24	22	20
Disapprove	26	27	27	26	26	23	25
Don't know	53	56	55	47	50	55	54

**Provincial Party Preference**

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Another Party
Sample	881	310	252	176	73	27
Approve	22	39	15	12	13	36
Disapprove	26	18	29	32	29	40
Don't know	53	43	56	56	58	24

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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	881	138	112	170	202	259	494	387
Approve	40	41	38	41	42	38	35	44
Disapprove	33	28	36	31	35	36	40	26
Don't know	28	31	26	28	23	26	25	30

**Region**

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	881	153	182	226	408	202	118
Approve	40	42	30	38	34	47	48
Disapprove	33	27	40	36	38	29	25
Don't know	28	30	30	26	28	24	27

**Provincial Party Preference**

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Another Party
Sample	881	310	252	176	73	27
Approve	40	33	36	65	41	22
Disapprove	33	41	37	18	25	56
Don't know	28	26	27	17	34	22

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***Paid Member of PC***

*'Are you a paid up member of the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario or not?'*

*[All Respondents]*

***Age / Gender***

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	881	138	112	170	202	259	494	387
Member	7	5	4	10	5	10	9	5
Not a member	93	95	96	90	95	90	91	95

***Region***

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	881	153	182	226	408	202	118
Member	7	5	6	7	7	8	5
Not a member	93	95	94	93	93	92	95

***Income***

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	881	93	126	121	98	92	162
Member	7	8	11	4	7	3	4
Not a member	93	92	89	96	93	97	96

***Education***

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	881	143	261	326	151
Member	7	12	8	5	5
Not a member	93	88	92	95	95

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## Best Leader for PC

*'Who would make the best leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario?'*

*[All Respondents]*

### Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	881	138	112	170	202	259	494	387
Christine Elliott	24	18	15	28	33	33	24	25
Patrick Brown	6	4	5	9	6	7	8	4
Monte McNaughton	7	7	8	4	6	7	8	5
None of these	29	35	36	27	21	22	29	29
Don't know	34	36	37	32	34	31	31	37

### Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	881	153	182	226	408	202	118
Christine Elliott	24	24	25	30	28	21	16
Patrick Brown	6	6	4	9	7	3	7
Monte McNaughton	7	5	8	4	6	10	4
None of these	29	25	27	27	27	31	39
Don't know	34	39	36	30	33	35	34

### Provincial Party Preference

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Another Party
Sample	881	310	252	176	73	27
Christine Elliott	24	35	26	14	16	22
Patrick Brown	6	11	4	4	6	2
Monte McNaughton	7	15	3	4	0	0
None of these	29	9	34	47	40	64
Don't know	34	30	34	31	39	13

### Paid Member of PC

%	Total	Member	Not a member
Sample	881	65	816
Christine Elliott	24	51	22
Patrick Brown	6	10	6
Monte McNaughton	7	13	6
None of these	29	14	30
Don't know	34	11	36

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### ***Gas Plant Controversy at Queen's Park Awareness***

*'Are you aware of the gas plant controversy at Queen's Park?'*

*[All Respondents]*

#### **Age / Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	881	138	112	170	202	259	494	387
Yes	73	64	71	79	75	81	79	67
No	27	36	29	21	25	19	21	33

#### **Region**

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	881	153	182	226	408	202	118
Yes	73	71	70	75	73	71	78
No	27	29	30	25	27	29	22

#### **Provincial Party Preference**

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Another Party
Sample	881	310	252	176	73	27
Yes	73	77	72	77	68	81
No	27	23	28	23	32	19

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### ***Sudbury By-Election Controversy at Queen's Park Awareness***

*'Are you aware of the Sudbury by-election controversy at Queen's Park?'*

*[Aware of Controversy]*

#### **Age / Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	881	138	112	170	202	259	494	387
Yes	50	40	41	58	55	64	59	42
No	50	60	59	42	45	36	41	58

#### **Region**

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	881	153	182	226	408	202	118
Yes	50	47	51	50	51	48	54
No	50	53	49	50	49	52	46

#### **Provincial Party Preference**

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Another Party
Sample	881	310	252	176	73	27
Yes	50	56	49	49	46	73
No	50	44	51	51	54	27

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**Most Serious Controversy at Queen's Park**

*'Which of these two controversies is the most serious?'*

*[Aware of both gas plant and Sudbury by-election controversies]*

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**Age / Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	451	58	44	92	97	160	284	167
Gas plants	50	53	46	52	57	41	50	49
Sudbury by-election	10	5	17	12	4	11	10	10
Both equally	23	22	21	22	19	29	20	26
Neither	16	18	16	13	19	15	19	12
Don't know	2	1	0	1	1	4	1	2

**Region**

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	451	75	93	119	212	99	65
Gas plants	50	56	48	49	49	54	40
Sudbury by-election	10	12	13	9	10	10	8
Both equally	23	19	16	23	20	26	30
Neither	16	11	22	17	19	10	17
Don't know	2	1	1	2	2	0	5

**Provincial Party Preference**

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Another Party
Sample	451	178	127	85	38	17
Gas plants	50	57	38	56	52	39
Sudbury by-election	10	8	5	19	15	5
Both equally	23	31	14	15	22	41
Neither	16	3	40	10	9	14
Don't know	2	1	3	0	2	0

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### ***Current Controversies to Change the Respondents Party Preference in the Next Election***

*'Have these controversies made you change your mind about the party you will support in the next provincial election?'*

*[Aware of both gas plant and Sudbury by-election controversies]*

#### **Age / Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	451	58	44	92	97	160	284	167
Yes	27	26	26	36	23	22	27	27
No	73	74	74	64	77	78	73	73

#### **Region**

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	451	75	93	119	212	99	65
Yes	27	16	30	23	26	28	38
No	73	84	70	77	74	72	62

#### **Provincial Party Preference**

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Another Party
Sample	451	178	127	85	38	17
Yes	27	25	17	35	25	53
No	73	75	83	65	75	47

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