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BC NDP leads

Clark unpopular, Horgan unknown

Toronto, - April 12th – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ among 1040 British Columbia voters, amongst those who decided and leaning, the NDP (39%) have extended a 10 point lead over the governing Liberals (29%). The Green Party is behind with (18%).

Respondents most likely to support the NDP include those 34 or younger (42%), 35-44 (44%), the most wealthy (\$100,000-\$250,000: 43%), earning \$40,000-\$60,000 (42%) or \$60,000-\$80,000 (42%), with a post-graduate (44%) or college/university degree (43%), and living in Vancouver Lower Mainland (42%).

Respondents most likely to support the Liberals include those aged 65 and over (34%), 45-54 (32%), earning \$20,000-\$40,000 (33%), \$60,000-\$80,000 (33%), or the most wealthy (\$100,000-\$250,000: 35%), the least educated (37%), and those living in BC Interior North (42%).

Clark approval low, Horgan in the positives, Weaver well-liked

(62%) disapprove of the job Christy Clark is doing as premier. (26%) approve, and (12%) don't know. Premier Clark's net favourable score (approve – disapprove) is -36.

(29%) approve of John Horgan's job as the leader of the opposition. (27%) disapprove, and (44%) don't know. Horgan's net favourable score is +2.

(32%) approve of Andrew Weaver's job as the leader of the Green Party. (17%) disapprove, and (51%) don't know. Weaver's net favourable score is +14.

Best Premier tied between Horgan and Clark

A quarter (25%) of respondents say, regardless of their party affiliation, that John Horgan would make the best Premier of BC, which is a statistical tie with Christy Clark (22%). Andrew Weaver (15%) is tied with none of these (15%), and (23%) report they don't know.

Most trustworthy: Horgan and Weaver

Just over 2-in-10 (22%) find John Horgan, most trustworthy, which ties him with Andrew Weaver (22%). Christy Clark is considered most trustworthy by (17%), just above (16%) none of these, and (24%) say they don't know.

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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 1040 randomly selected British Columbia Voters. The poll was conducted on April 5-8, 2017.

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' ability to get 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 Trend

%	Sample	Con	Lib	NDP	Green	Other
Apr 4-5, 2017	1040	12	29	39	18	3
Feb 28-Mar 1, 2017	1056	14	32	36	15	3
Feb 21-23, 2017	1061	15	28	39	14	3

Ballot Intention

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?

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	965	143	127	156	219	320	516	428
Liberal	29	24	23	32	30	34	36	23
Conservative	12	9	9	12	13	14	10	13
New Democratic	39	42	44	36	40	33	36	40
Green	18	22	20	15	14	16	14	22
Another Party	3	2	3	5	4	3	4	2

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	965	112	165	150	123	97	176
Liberal	29	21	33	24	33	26	35
Conservative	12	13	12	13	5	8	10
New Democratic	39	40	38	42	42	38	43
Green	18	22	15	21	17	18	12
Another Party	3	4	2	1	3	9	1

Region

%	Total	Vancouver Lower Mainland	Vancouver Island	Interior North
Sample	965	665	232	68
Liberal	29	28	23	42
Conservative	12	11	10	18
New Democratic	39	42	37	21
Green	18	15	28	17
Another Party	3	4	2	2



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Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	965	159	294	325	187
Liberal	29	37	30	28	22
Conservative	12	18	13	9	8
New Democratic	39	24	40	43	44
Green	18	20	15	16	22
Another Party	3	2	3	4	4



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Clark approval

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Christy Clark is doing as premier?

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1040	148	135	172	239	346	546	470
Approve	26	19	25	23	28	35	34	20
Disapprove	62	68	66	61	64	53	58	66
Don't know	12	12	10	16	8	11	9	14

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1040	125	178	159	125	102	189
Approve	26	19	26	23	30	30	32
Disapprove	62	62	63	66	65	64	62
Don't know	12	20	11	11	5	6	6

Region

%	Total	Vancouver Lower Mainland	Vancouver Island	Interior North
Sample	1040	719	246	75
Approve	26	25	19	44
Disapprove	62	62	74	45
Don't know	12	13	7	11

Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	1040	172	319	349	200
Approve	26	32	27	27	19
Disapprove	62	53	61	66	67
Don't know	12	15	12	7	15

Current Provincial Vote Preference

%	Total	Liberal	Conservative	New Democratic	Green	Another Party
Sample	1040	282	124	364	174	21
Approve	26	70	27	4	14	4
Disapprove	62	18	54	91	74	61
Don't know	12	12	18	5	12	35



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John Horgan approval

Do you approve or disapprove of the job John Horgan is doing as leader of the opposition?

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1040	148	135	172	239	346	546	470
Approve	29	28	27	30	33	29	31	28
Disapprove	27	24	21	28	33	31	34	19
Don't know	44	49	52	42	35	39	35	53

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1040	125	178	159	125	102	189
Approve	29	27	26	32	31	32	36
Disapprove	27	22	27	27	28	40	29
Don't know	44	51	47	40	42	28	36

Region

%	Total	Vancouver Lower Mainland	Vancouver Island	Interior North
Sample	1040	719	246	75
Approve	29	31	38	8
Disapprove	27	26	26	37
Don't know	44	43	36	55

Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	1040	172	319	349	200
Approve	29	23	26	34	33
Disapprove	27	30	25	27	27
Don't know	44	47	49	39	40

Current Provincial Vote Preference

%	Total	Liberal	Conservative	New Democratic	Green	PROV Another Party
Sample	1040	282	124	364	174	21
Approve	29	13	21	54	17	15
Disapprove	27	47	23	12	33	31
Don't know	44	40	56	34	50	54



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Andrew Weaver Approval

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Andrew Weaver is doing as Leader of the Green Party?

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1040	148	135	172	239	346	546	470
Approve	32	31	36	26	37	30	31	33
Disapprove	17	18	10	19	19	19	22	12
Don't know	51	50	54	55	44	51	47	55

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1040	125	178	159	125	102	189
Approve	32	31	26	36	33	40	36
Disapprove	17	13	17	18	22	17	18
Don't know	51	56	57	47	44	43	46

Region

%	Total	Vancouver Lower Mainland	Vancouver Island	Interior North
Sample	1040	719	246	75
Approve	32	31	48	15
Disapprove	17	16	14	27
Don't know	51	53	39	58



Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	1040	172	319	349	200
Approve	32	25	29	35	38
Disapprove	17	23	13	20	14
Don't know	51	52	58	45	49

Current Provincial Vote Preference

%	Total	Liberal	Conservative	New Democratic	Green	Another Party
Sample	1040	282	124	364	174	21
Approve	32	17	22	36	62	9
Disapprove	17	24	33	14	4	44
Don't know	51	59	45	50	34	47

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Best premier

Regardless of which party you would vote for, who do you think would make the best Premier of British Columbia?

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1040	148	135	172	239	346	546	470
Christy Clark	22	15	18	24	25	30	26	18
John Horgan	25	27	26	24	26	22	26	23
Andrew Weaver	15	20	19	9	11	13	14	16
None of these	15	12	13	15	18	17	15	15
Don't know	23	26	23	28	20	18	18	29

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1040	125	178	159	125	102	189
Christy Clark	22	14	24	18	28	27	26
John Horgan	25	26	21	27	29	28	29
Andrew Weaver	15	17	13	18	16	15	13
None of these	15	12	13	12	13	14	15
Don't know	23	31	28	24	14	15	16

Region

%	Total	Vancouver Lower Mainland	Vancouver Island	Interior North
Sample	1040	719	246	75
Christy Clark	22	21	14	36
John Horgan	25	25	34	15
Andrew Weaver	15	15	19	7
None of these	15	15	12	17
Don't know	23	24	21	25

Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	1040	172	319	349	200
Christy Clark	22	24	23	23	16
John Horgan	25	22	22	28	29
Andrew Weaver	15	13	13	17	16
None of these	15	12	16	14	18
Don't know	23	28	27	19	21



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%	Total	Liberal	Conservative	New Democratic	Green	Another Party
Sample	1040	282	124	364	174	21
Christy Clark	22	60	24	4	7	7
John Horgan	25	8	11	51	17	0
Andrew Weaver	15	5	8	16	37	6
None of these	15	7	30	13	12	63
Don't know	23	20	28	16	27	23

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Trust

Which provincial leader do you find the most trustworthy?

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1040	148	135	172	239	346	546	470
Christy Clark	17	10	14	19	18	24	21	12
John Horgan	22	21	22	24	25	18	22	22
Andrew Weaver	22	32	20	13	19	20	22	22
None of these	16	12	17	20	17	15	16	16
Don't know	24	26	27	25	20	22	20	29

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1040	125	178	159	125	102	189
Christy Clark	17	11	19	15	16	18	23
John Horgan	22	15	17	19	30	28	29
Andrew Weaver	22	26	20	30	19	18	18
None of these	16	13	14	14	16	21	15
Don't know	24	35	30	22	18	15	16

Region

%	Total	Vancouver Lower Mainland	Vancouver Island	Interior North
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Christy Clark	17	15	12	29
John Horgan	22	23	25	10
Andrew Weaver	22	21	30	14
None of these	16	15	16	21
Don't know	24	26	16	26

Education

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Sample	1040	172	319	349	200
Christy Clark	17	22	16	19	8
John Horgan	22	14	21	23	27
Andrew Weaver	22	26	18	23	23
None of these	16	14	19	14	14
Don't know	24	24	26	21	28



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Sample	1040	282	124	364	174	21
Christy Clark	17	48	17	2	3	0
John Horgan	22	6	12	47	8	4
Andrew Weaver	22	10	17	22	49	8
None of these	16	12	24	10	13	60
Don't know	24	24	31	19	26	29

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