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Little Consensus on Next Federal NDP Leader

Half “don’t know”, one quarter want “someone else”

In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 1474 Canadian voters, there is little consensus on the favoured leader for the federal New Democratic Party. One half have no opinion (50%) and one quarter want to see someone other than the 5 prominent New Democrats listed (24%).

Among the few who make a choice, there is relatively equal (and minimal) preference for Alexandre Boulerice (who has posted on Facebook that he is not running - 7%), Nathan Cullen (6%), Niki Ashton and Charlie Angus (5% each). Few prefer Peter Julian (2%).

Among New Democrats, Charlie Angus is more strongly preferred (10%) than he is among the general populace and slightly fewer say “someone else” should be leader (19%). Alexandre Boulerice is also slightly more likely to be preferred by New Democrats (9%), but his popularity is limited to Quebec (26%).

“Given that no New Democrat has actually gotten around to declaring his or her candidacy, it is not surprising that the population has a less than enthusiastic reaction to any one prospect” said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- Among the few who make a choice, there is relatively equal (and minimal) preference for Alexandre Boulerice (who has posted on Facebook that he is not running - 7%), Nathan Cullen (6%), Niki Ashton and Charlie Angus (5% each)
- “Given that no New Democrat has actually gotten around to declaring his or her candidacy, it is not surprising that the population has a less than enthusiastic reaction to any one prospect” 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 1474 randomly selected Canadian voters. The poll was conducted on November 9th-10th, 2016.

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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Best NDP Leader

Which of the following would make the best permanent leader of the federal New Democrats?

[All Respondents]

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1474	283	243	243	361	344	749	705
Nathan Cullen	6	7	6	6	6	7	7	6
Peter Julian	2	3	2	2	2	2	3	2
Niki Ashton	5	4	7	7	2	3	6	3
Charlie Angus	5	6	4	4	5	7	6	4
Alexandre Boulerice	7	5	10	9	6	7	8	7
Someone else	24	21	23	20	31	26	25	22
Don't know	50	54	47	52	48	48	46	55

Income

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100-250K
Sample	1474	148	249	203	179	141	324
Nathan Cullen	6	6	7	6	11	4	5
Peter Julian	2	4	4	3	1	2	2
Niki Ashton	5	6	2	4	5	6	5
Charlie Angus	5	5	4	8	8	5	5
Alexandre Boulerice	7	9	9	9	3	6	9
Someone else	24	26	23	24	23	21	21
Don't know	50	44	51	45	49	56	52

Region / Language

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1474	117	320	550	107	169	211	1163	311
Nathan Cullen	6	6	3	6	7	5	13	7	3
Peter Julian	2	7	1	2	3	1	4	3	1
Niki Ashton	5	2	4	3	9	6	7	5	4
Charlie Angus	5	3	3	9	3	5	3	6	3
Alexandre Boulerice	7	2	26	2	2	2	0	2	27
Someone else	24	25	20	26	22	19	27	25	18
Don't know	50	55	44	51	54	63	47	52	45

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Current Federal Vote Preference

%	Total	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1474	414	629	169	98	53	55
Nathan Cullen	6	6	7	6	9	0	13
Peter Julian	2	2	2	4	2	1	2
Niki Ashton	5	4	4	6	6	10	4
Charlie Angus	5	5	6	10	2	5	3
Alexandre Boulerice	7	3	7	9	9	32	10
Someone else	24	32	21	19	23	12	36
Don't know	50	49	53	46	48	41	32

Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	1474	264	384	559	267
Nathan Cullen	6	4	8	5	8
Peter Julian	2	4	2	2	2
Niki Ashton	5	6	3	5	5
Charlie Angus	5	3	6	5	7
Alexandre Boulerice	7	9	3	8	11
Someone else	24	23	27	23	19
Don't know	50	51	50	52	47

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