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## **PCs Hold Clear Lead in Every Region, but Toronto where they're tied**

### **Liberals again dip behind the NDP for third**

Toronto, September 28th – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ among 801 Ontario voters, more than four in ten (44%) say that if an election were held today, they would support the Ontario PCs. Just over a quarter (27%) say they would support the NDP, and fewer than a quarter (22%) say they would support the Liberals. Few (5%) say they would support the Green party, while (2%) say they would support another party.

Respondents most likely to support the PCs include those aged 55-64 (52%), males (50%), the most wealthy (51%), with some college/university (50%), and living in North-Eastern Ontario (55%),

Respondents most likely to support the Liberals include those 34 and younger (26%), 45-54 (24%), or 65+ (25%), the least wealthy (31%), or earning \$80,000-\$100,000 (29%), with a college/university (26%) or post-graduate degree (26%), and living in Toronto (35%),

Respondents most likely to support the NDP include those aged 34 and younger (34%), 35-44 (35%), females (30%), earning \$60,000-\$80,000 (31%), the least educated (32%) or a post-graduate degree (29%), and living in the 905 (31%) or Southwest (29%)

### **Brown cruising toward massive majority**

If an election were held today, Brown is likely to secure an 84 seat majority in the expanded legislature. The NDP would become the official opposition with 26 seats and the Liberals would drop to 12 seats.

### **Brown and Horwath still unknown by the plurality**

Kathleen Wynne sees approval from fewer than one-sixth (15%) and the disapproval of three-quarters (74%). Only (11%) say they do not know. The premier's net favourable score is -59.

Patrick Brown sees the approval of a quarter of Ontarians (28%) and the disapproval of more than a third (30%). The plurality say that they do not know what to make of Patrick Brown (43%). Brown's net favourable score is -2.

Andrea Horwath is the most popular provincial leader with approval of more than a third (35%). Just under a quarter (24%) say they disapprove. However, more than a four in ten (41%) also say they do not know how they feel about Horwath. Her net favourable score is +9.

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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 801 randomly selected Ontario Voters. The poll was conducted September 26-27, 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](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. Actual results depend on the parties' ability to get their voters out. 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
Sept 26-27, 2017	801	44	22	27	5	2
Aug 23-24, 2017	981	40	25	27	6	2
June 12-14, 2017	1003	44	23	24	7	2
May 9-10, 2017	1103	41	28	23	6	3
March 28-30, 2017	844	43	19	28	8	2
February 15-16, 2017	1026	44	24	25	6	2
November 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2016	1104	43	24	24	8	2
October 17-18 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	1078	43	24	23	8	2
September 12-13 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	1154	45	25	23	6	2
August 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	1097	41	28	23	6	2
July 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	1183	42	35	17	5	2
June 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2016	1173	40	30	21	8	2
May 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2016	1172	40	30	21	7	2
April 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	1157	39	34	21	5	2
March 23rd, 2016	1225	40	30	24	5	2
February 26 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	1148	44	27	22	6	2
December 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1003	34	31	26	7	2
November 2 <sup>nd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1158	36	30	26	6	2
August 11 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1001	35	26	33	4	2
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



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**Horserace**

*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	742	100	78	120	171	273	352	377
Progressive Conservative	44	32	46	43	52	45	50	38
Liberal	22	26	14	24	21	25	18	26
New Democratic	27	34	35	24	23	22	24	30
Green	5	7	2	7	4	6	6	5
Another Party	2	1	2	2	0	2	3	1

**Income**

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	742	53	120	95	92	73	133
Progressive Conservative	44	35	47	39	42	42	51
Liberal	22	31	24	27	17	29	20
New Democratic	27	27	21	26	31	22	27
Green	5	4	5	5	9	6	3
Another Party	2	4	3	2	2	1	0

**Region**

%	Total	Eastern Ontario	416	905	South-western Ontario	North-eastern Ontario	North-western Ontario
Sample	742	134	177	168	152	81	30
Progressive Conservative	44	44	36	45	42	55	43
Liberal	22	27	35	16	21	13	23
New Democratic	27	22	25	31	29	23	30
Green	5	6	3	5	6	8	3
Another Party	2	2	1	2	2	1	1



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## Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	742	125	204	273	140
Progressive Conservative	44	46	50	43	34
Liberal	22	14	20	26	26
New Democratic	27	32	23	27	29
Green	5	6	5	3	10
Another Party	2	2	2	1	0



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**Kathleen Wynne**

*Do you approve or disapprove of the job Kathleen Wynne is doing as premier?*

**Age/Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	801	104	87	129	182	299	377	408
Approve	15	15	9	12	17	20	15	15
Disapprove	74	72	79	76	74	70	77	71
Don't know	11	12	12	11	9	10	8	14

**Income**

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	801	60	126	104	95	79	145
Approve	15	20	16	14	12	17	16
Disapprove	74	61	68	75	83	71	74
Don't know	11	19	16	11	5	12	9

**Region**

%	Total	Eastern Ontario	416	905	South-western Ontario	North-eastern Ontario	North-western Ontario
Sample	801	144	189	179	161	90	38
Approve	15	26	24	9	11	8	21
Disapprove	74	62	61	82	79	84	66
Don't know	11	12	15	9	10	8	13

**Education**

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	801	138	223	290	150
Approve	15	9	17	13	22
Disapprove	74	81	73	78	62
Don't know	11	10	10	9	16



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***Voter Ballot Intention***

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Other Parties
Sample	801	339	187	150	47	19
Approve	15	2	46	11	16	4
Disapprove	74	96	29	81	69	89
Don't know	11	2	25	8	15	7



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**Patrick Brown**

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

## Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	801	104	87	129	182	299	377	408
Approve	28	14	35	35	32	31	34	22
Disapprove	30	28	23	32	31	36	30	29
Don't know	43	58	42	33	37	33	36	49

## Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	801	60	126	104	95	79	145
Approve	28	18	35	29	18	20	33
Disapprove	30	26	31	19	37	41	31
Don't know	43	56	34	52	46	39	36

## Region

%	Total	Eastern Ontario	416	905	South-western Ontario	North-eastern Ontario	North-western Ontario
Sample	801	144	189	179	161	90	38
Approve	28	25	25	33	27	26	15
Disapprove	30	38	34	25	25	34	36
Don't know	43	37	42	42	48	39	48

## Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	801	138	223	290	150
Approve	28	32	33	25	23
Disapprove	30	23	28	26	47
Don't know	43	46	39	49	31

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<b>Sample</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Approve</b>	28	54	6	11	15	20
<b>Disapprove</b>	30	15	40	44	45	38
<b>Don't know</b>	43	32	54	45	40	42



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**Andrea Horwath**

*Do you approve or disapprove of the job Andrea Horwath (HOR-vath) is doing as Leader of the NDP?*

**Age/Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	801	104	87	129	182	299	377	408
Approve	35	26	34	39	42	39	39	31
Disapprove	24	17	27	29	24	26	27	21
Don't know	41	56	39	32	34	35	34	48

**Income**

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Sample	801	60	126	104	95	79	145
Approve	35	31	34	36	41	34	30
Disapprove	24	17	29	20	21	26	30
Don't know	41	52	38	43	39	40	40

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Sample	801	144	189	179	161	90	38
Approve	35	32	27	34	43	37	40
Disapprove	24	16	26	28	21	26	15
Don't know	41	51	47	38	35	37	44

**Education**

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	801	138	223	290	150
Approve	35	39	41	30	35
Disapprove	24	20	19	27	28
Don't know	41	41	40	44	37



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<b>Approve</b>	35	34	20	58	29	34
<b>Disapprove</b>	24	30	24	13	26	39
<b>Don't know</b>	41	35	55	29	45	27

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