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Razor-thin Liberal majority

Likely to hold a one seat majority in an election that tightened toward the end.

Toronto, May 29th – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ among 3086 Nova Scotia voters, for those decided and leaning, almost 4 in 10 (38%) will vote Liberal, more than a third will vote Progressive Conservative (35%), and just under a quarter will vote NDP (23%). (4%) say they will support the Nova Scotia Green Party.

Liberals 26, Conservatives 18, NDP 7

A strong showing for both the Progressive Conservatives and NDP, their campaigns managed to reduce the Liberal majority from 34 seats to 26.

The PC's increase their total from 10 to 18.

The NDP increase their total from 5 to 7.

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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 3086 randomly selected Nova Scotia Voters. The poll was conducted May 26, 27, & 29, 2017.

The following numbers of households were contacted for this poll:

May 26: 38819

May 27: 44073

May 29: 39606

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' success at getting 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.

With offices across Canada and around the world, 100% Canadian-owned Forum Research is one of the country's leading survey research firms. This Forum Poll™ and other polls may be found at Forum's poll archive at www.forumresearch.com/polls.asp



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Ballot Intention

Which party are you most likely to vote for, or have you already voted for, in the provincial election on May 30th + 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	2925	467	369	501	647	941	1340	1532
Progressive Conservative	35	29	39	38	34	35	37	33
Liberal	38	34	27	33	41	45	40	36
New Democratic	23	31	27	25	21	17	19	27
Green	4	6	6	4	4	4	4	4
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	2925	250	443	399	401	327	592
Progressive Conservative	35	30	30	35	36	42	35
Liberal	38	41	39	38	36	33	39
New Democratic	23	22	26	24	23	22	21
Green	4	6	5	3	5	3	4
Other	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	2925	558	724	1008	635
Progressive Conservative	35	36	35	34	36
Liberal	38	42	41	38	29
New Democratic	23	16	20	23	31
Green	4	5	3	4	4
Other	0	0	0	0	0



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Region

%	Total	Halifax	Cape Breton	South Shore	North End
Sample	2925	1225	383	860	457
Progressive Conservative	35	29	43	33	44
Liberal	38	36	33	44	33
New Democratic	23	29	21	18	19
Green	4	5	3	4	4
Other	0	0	0	0	0

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