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# Liberals Steady, PCs Drop Five Points in Toronto

# It is still a tie, but the Tories down from where they were in October

Toronto, November 23<sup>rd</sup> – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ among 843 Toronto voters, a third (33%) say that if a provincial election were held today, they would cast their ballot for the Ontario Liberal party, which is unchanged from October (Oct 11: 33%).

The PCs also see support of one-third (31%), but this represents a five-point drop since October (Oct 11: 36%), so while the Liberals and PCs are still statistically tied for the lead in Toronto, it is less favourable for the PCs than it was in October.

The NDP are supported by one-quarter (25%) of Torontonians, a similar proportion to last month (Oct 11: 23%).

The Green Party's (7%) support is also effectively unchanged since October (Oct 11: 6%). Support for other parties, however, has doubled (4%) since October (Oct 11: 2%).

Respondents most likely to support the Liberals include those aged 35-44 (34%), 45-54 (35%), or 65+ (35%), earning \$80-100,000 (44%), with a post-graduate degree (38%), and living in East York (40%).

Respondents most likely to say they support the PCs include those aged 45-54 (39%) or 65+ (41%), males (37%), the least educated (38%), and living in North York (38%).

Respondents most likely to say that they support the NDP include those aged 34 or younger (36%), earning \$40-60,000 (38%), with some college/university (29%), and living in the former city of Toronto (30%).

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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 843 randomly selected Toronto Voters. The poll was conducted November 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 <a href="https://www.forumresearch.com/samplestim.asp">www.forumresearch.com/samplestim.asp</a>

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 Election Voting Preference Trending in the City of Toronto** [Decided / Leaning]

%	Sample	Con	Lib	NDP	Green	Other
November 29-30, 2017	843	31	33	25	7	4
October 8, 2017	813	36	33	23	6	2
September 9, 2017	658	38	30	23	8	2
June 27, 2017	1040	38	32	21	6	3
May 31, 2017	1035	34	34	25	5	2
April 13, 2017	840	38	31	22	6	2
March 14, 2017	1104	36	31	22	7	4
February 12, 2017	1090	35	34	22	7	2

## **Provincial voting**

If a provincial election were held today, which party would you be 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 and Leaning]

## Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	778	135	116	147	146	234	378	376
<b>Progressive Conservative</b>	31	20	32	39	36	41	37	26
Liberal	33	31	34	35	30	35	33	32
New Democratic	25	36	19	21	23	16	20	30
Green	7	5	13	3	10	6	7	7
Another Party	4	8	2	3	1	2	3	5

#### Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20- \$40K	\$40- \$60K	\$60- \$80K	\$80- \$100K	\$100- \$250K
Sample	778	58	93	79	93	100	172
Progressive Conservative	31	24	33	32	27	28	31
Liberal	33	40	26	24	24	44	36
New Democratic	25	27	22	38	34	17	21
Green	7	8	13	3	5	7	9
Another Party	4	2	7	2	9	4	3

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#### **Education**

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate degree
Sample	778	99	165	290	224
Progressive Conservative	31	38	33	33	26
Liberal	33	31	31	30	38
<b>New Democratic</b>	25	20	29	25	24
Green	7	10	2	10	6
<b>Another Party</b>	4	1	5	1	7

# Region

%	Total	Former City of Toronto	East York	North York	Etobicoke	York	Scarborough
Sample	778	292	60	137	118	47	124
Progressive Conservative	31	23	27	38	31	32	36
Liberal	33	36	40	30	32	27	32
New Democratic	25	30	19	24	20	23	27
Green	7	9	13	3	8	14	5
<b>Another Party</b>	4	2	2	5	9	5	1

# Method of Travel to Work/School

%	Total	Private vehicle	Public transit	Bicycle	Walking	Some other way	Don't travel to work or school
Sample	778	292	193	38	56	19	180
Progressive Conservative	31	39	21	22	29	21	37
Liberal	33	30	39	28	21	19	38
New Democratic	25	19	31	39	36	31	17
Green	7	6	7	11	7	29	6
<b>Another Party</b>	4	6	2	0	7	0	1

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