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Conservatives, NDP neck and neck on eve of BC election

Minority government likely for British Columbia

Toronto, October 18th – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ among 2,083 British Columbia voters ahead of the October 19th provincial election, 43.4% of those who are decided or leaning are likely to vote for the Conservative Party while nearly as many, 42.7%, are likely to vote for the NDP. Voter support is modest for the Green Party (10.8%) and other parties (3.1%).

Conservative minority predicted, though NDP follows closely

We project 46 seats for the Conservatives, 45 seats for the NDP, and 2 seats for the Greens. Either party must win at least 47 seats to form a majority government.

“A third term for the NDP under David Eby seems unlikely with John Rustad’s Conservatives eking out a narrow lead ahead of election day,” said Dr. Lorne Bozinoff, President of Forum Research. “With similar levels of support from voters for both parties, a minority government is a likely outcome.”

The poll was conducted by Forum Research with the results based on an interactive voice response telephone survey of 2,083 randomly selected British Columbia residents over the age of 18, 71.9% by cellphone and 28.1% on landlines. The poll was conducted from October 15-17, 2024. Results based on the total sample are considered accurate +/- 2.2%, 19 times out of 20. Subsample and regional results will be less accurate. Margins of error for subsample and regional results are available at www.forumresearch.com/samplestim.asp.

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The key questions covered in the recent poll included:

Note: TOTAL (u/w) indicates the unweighted count of respondents. TOTAL (w/t) indicates the count weighted for age and gender.

In the provincial election that will be held on Saturday, October 19, which party are you most likely to vote for or have you voted for already? + Even though you may not have made up your mind, which party are you leaning towards at this time?

[Decided/ Leaning]

Age/Gender

%	TOTAL	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female	Other Gender
TOTAL (u/w)	1985	72	159	239	287	337	891	1015	903	67
TOTAL (w/t)	1982	135	311	325	330	359	521	919	1001	61
Conservative Party	43.4	53.4	45.1	34.4	48.3	48.1	39.0	49.5	38.8	25.9
New Democratic Party	42.7	31.2	43.2	48.7	38.7	37.9	47.5	37.7	47.6	37.6
Green Party	10.8	10.7	9.2	13.5	11.1	11.3	9.5	10.0	10.8	22.5
Other	3.1	4.7	2.4	3.3	1.9	2.7	4.0	2.8	2.7	14.0

Region

%	TOTAL	Vancouver Lower Mainland	Vancouver Island	Interior North
TOTAL (u/w)	1985	1043	526	416
TOTAL (w/t)	1982	1179	368	435
Conservative Party	43.4	42.2	42.0	47.7
New Democratic Party	42.7	45.6	39.6	37.6
Green Party	10.8	9.8	16.1	9.1
Other	3.1	2.4	2.3	5.7

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Income

%	TOTAL	<\$20K	\$20K- \$40K	\$40K- \$60K	\$60K- \$80K	\$80K- \$100K	\$100K- \$250K	\$250K+
TOTAL (u/w)	1985	172	309	264	233	222	447	82
TOTAL (w/t)	1982	180	256	245	217	231	519	95
Conservative Party	43.4	48.9	43.1	40.6	46.9	42.1	40.9	41.5
New Democratic Party	42.7	27.8	43.7	44.9	40.4	46.1	49.4	43.6
Green Party	10.8	17.6	9.9	10.8	9.4	9.6	8.1	12.3
Other	3.1	5.7	3.3	3.7	3.4	2.2	1.6	2.6

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