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Majority favour coalition if minority government elected

Liberal/NDP pact supported by one half

TORONTO June 5th, 2015 - In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 1156 Canadian voters, the majority, close to 6-in-10, agrees a coalition is appropriate if no party wins a majority of votes (57%), and this is especially the opinion of Liberals (67%) and New Democrats (75%), while not being the view of many Conservatives (36%).

Coalition favoured if no party wins majority

When voters are asked what kind of government they would support in the event of a minority, the plurality, a third, opt for a coalition (33%), while just fewer say they will support the party with the most seats (29%). Half as many choose the constitutionally correct answer - whomever has the confidence of the house (14%). About one quarter don't have an opinion (14%) or would favour another arrangement (10%). Conservatives strongly favour supporting the party with the most seats (52%), while Liberals (40%) and New Democrats (45%) favour a coalition.

Liberal/NDP coalition is favoured

When asked if they would support each of the three possible coalitions implied in a three party system, one half of voters will support a Liberal/NDP coalition in the event of a Conservative minority (49%). Half this many would support an NDP/Conservative pact (26%) or a Conservative/Liberal pairing (27%). New Democrats would be most in favour of an NDP/Liberal coalition (75%). Conservatives are the most likely to favour a Conservative/Liberal pairing (39%) while both Conservatives (39%) and New Democrats (25%) are apt to favour a Conservative/NDP cooperative government.

"A coalition is most popular when it is a union of the progressive parties against the one right wing party. Any other pairing attracts limited interest. Unfortunately, coalitions can't be voted for, they must be arranged by the parties after the election, and most of the interest appears to be as a fallback in case neither of the progressive parties wins the election," said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

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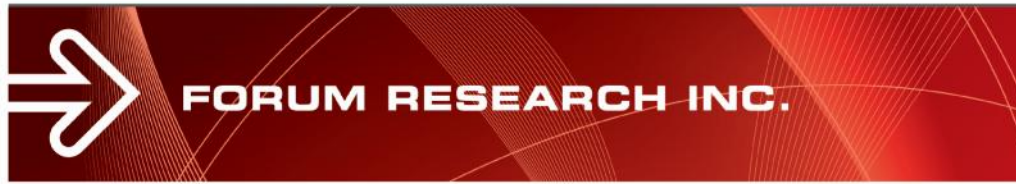
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HIGHLIGHTS:

- The majority, close to 6-in-10, agrees a coalition is appropriate if not party wins a majority of votes (57%).
- When voters are asked what kind of government they would support in the event of a minority, the plurality, a third, opt for a coalition (33%), while just fewer say they will support the party with the most seats (29%).
- "A coalition is most popular when it is a union of the progressive parties against the one right wing party. Any other pairing attracts limited interest. Unfortunately, coalitions can't be voted for, they must be arranged by the parties after the election, and most of the interest appears to be as a fallback in case neither of the progressive parties wins the election," 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 1156 randomly selected Canadians 18 years of age or older. The poll was conducted on June 3-5th, 2015.

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.

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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Appropriateness of a Coalition – Trending

%	June 5 th , 2015	April 16 th , 2015
Sample	1156	1365
Yes	57	58
No	32	30
Don't know	11	12

Governments Support If No Party Gets a Majority - Trending

%	June 5 th , 2015	April 16 th , 2015
Sample	1156	1365
Party with the most seats	29	27
Coalition between two or more parties	33	41
Whomever has the confidence of the House	14	15
Some other arrangement	10	5
Don't know	14	13

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Appropriateness of a Coalition

'If no party gets a majority of seats in parliament in the next federal election, is it appropriate for two or more parties to form a coalition or not?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1156	208	156	207	286	299	624	532
Yes	57	51	56	63	61	58	59	56
No	32	37	35	28	30	27	35	29
Don't know	11	11	9	9	9	16	6	15

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1156	101	239	361	96	172	187	942	214
Yes	57	52	54	60	58	53	61	57	58
No	32	33	35	30	34	40	26	32	33
Don't know	11	14	11	10	8	7	14	11	10

Federal Vote Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1156	342	330	289	71	31	45
Yes	57	36	67	75	51	76	47
No	32	53	24	18	43	17	39
Don't know	11	12	9	6	6	7	14

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Governments Support If No Party Gets a Majority

'If no party gets a majority of seats in parliament in the next federal election, which of the following governments would you support?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1156	208	156	207	286	299	624	532
Party with the most seats	29	25	28	31	33	31	34	24
Coalition between two or more parties	33	37	28	33	35	31	33	33
Whomever has the confidence of the House	14	11	19	13	14	14	15	13
Some other arrangement	10	14	10	9	7	8	8	12
Don't know	14	13	15	14	12	15	9	18

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1156	101	239	361	96	172	187	942	214
Party with the most seats	29	25	33	25	28	35	30	27	34
Coalition between two or more parties	33	36	31	35	26	28	39	33	33
Whomever has the confidence of the House	14	12	9	18	15	16	12	15	9
Some other arrangement	10	11	10	10	12	7	10	11	7
Don't know	14	17	16	12	18	14	10	13	17

Federal Vote Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1156	342	330	289	71	31	45
Party with the most seats	29	52	26	16	19	28	12
Coalition between two or more parties	33	17	40	45	30	42	27
Whomever has the confidence of the House	14	12	14	14	20	12	15
Some other arrangement	10	8	7	10	23	9	18
Don't know	14	11	13	15	9	10	27

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'If the federal election resulted in a Conservative minority, would you support an NDP-Liberal coalition or not?'

[All respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1156	208	156	207	286	299	624	532
Yes	49	50	45	53	52	47	45	53
No	39	38	43	36	41	40	47	32
Don't know	11	13	12	12	7	12	8	15

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1156	101	239	361	96	172	187	942	214
Yes	49	51	49	50	51	37	54	49	51
No	39	40	38	37	41	54	37	40	37
Don't know	11	9	13	13	9	9	10	11	12

Federal Vote Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1156	342	330	289	71	31	45
Yes	49	9	69	75	50	45	33
No	39	84	22	16	40	39	42
Don't know	11	7	10	9	9	16	26

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Support for Conservative-Liberal Coalition

'If the federal election resulted in an NDP minority, would you support a Conservative-Liberal coalition or not?'

[All respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1156	208	156	207	286	299	624	532
Yes	27	28	25	28	23	30	28	26
No	60	55	63	59	67	59	62	58
Don't know	13	17	12	12	9	11	10	16

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1156	101	239	361	96	172	187	942	214
Yes	27	28	27	26	25	26	29	27	28
No	60	59	62	57	64	64	57	59	61
Don't know	13	13	10	16	10	9	14	14	11

Federal Vote Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1156	342	330	289	71	31	45
Yes	27	39	31	12	21	34	31
No	60	47	60	78	65	52	52
Don't know	13	13	9	10	13	13	17

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Support for Conservative-NDP Coalition

'If the federal election resulted in a Liberal minority, would you support a Conservative-NDP coalition or not?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1156	208	156	207	286	299	624	532
Yes	26	27	28	26	24	26	26	27
No	60	56	59	59	68	61	64	56
Don't know	14	17	13	14	9	13	10	17

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1156	101	239	361	96	172	187	942	214
Yes	26	19	26	27	23	33	27	26	28
No	60	64	58	60	69	57	59	61	56
Don't know	14	17	16	13	8	10	13	13	16

Federal Vote Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1156	342	330	289	71	31	45
Yes	26	39	17	25	28	27	29
No	60	48	74	63	57	59	51
Don't know	14	13	9	12	15	14	20

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