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Liberals to form government in Ontario

Set to win slim majority

TORONTO JUNE 11th, 2014 - In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 1054 Ontario voters on the night before the provincial election, more than 4-in-10 voters will support the Liberals (41%), compared to just more than a third who will support the PCs (35%), and this has not changed since we last polled (June 9, Liberals - 42%, PCs - 35%). The NDP will take one fifth of the vote (20%), few will vote Green (3%) or for other parties (1%) and these results have not changed since the last poll.

The Liberal vote is common to younger groups (35 to 44 - 45%), females (45%), the wealthiest (47%) in the Toronto 416 area code (53%). PC support is characterized by the oldest (41%), males (43%), in mid income brackets (\$40K to \$60K - 43%) and in Southwestern Ontario (42%). The NDP's support is highest among younger groups (35 to 44 - 24%), females (24%), the least wealthy (34%) in Southwestern and Northern Ontario (24% each).

Notably, one third of those who voted NDP in the provincial election in 2011 will vote Liberal this time around (32%), and just more than half will vote NDP again (57%).

Liberal majority seen

If these results are projected up to seats in a 107 seat Legislature, the Liberals would take a two seat majority of 57 (stable from 57 last week), while the PCs would capture 37 (down from 39). The NDP would take just 13 seats.

Kathleen Wynne continues to lead as best Premier

More than a third consider Kathleen Wynne the best choice for Premier (37%), similar to the last time we polled (39%). In comparison, just more than a quarter select Tim Hudak (26%, down slightly from 29%). One fifth opt for Andrea Horwath on this measure (18%, well up from 12% last time).

"This has been a very tight race between the Liberals and the official opposition, but it appears to be shaking out in the Grits' favour. They have an opportunity to form a majority government if these results hold up tomorrow," said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- More than 4-in-10 voters will support the Liberals (41%), compared to just more than a third who will support the PCs (35%), and this has not changed since we last polled.
- If these results are projected up to seats in a 107 seat Legislature, the Liberals would take a two seat majority of 57 (stable from 57 last week), while the PCs would capture 37 (down from 39).
- More than a third consider Wynne the best choice for Premier (37%). In comparison, just more than a quarter select Tim Hudak (26%).
- "This has been a very tight race between the Liberals and the official opposition, but it appears to be shaking out in the Grits' favour. They have an opportunity to form a majority government if these results hold up tomorrow," 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 1054 randomly selected Ontarians 18 years of age and older. The poll was conducted on June 11^h, 2014.

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.

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Provincial Election Voting Preference Trending

[Decided / Leaning]

%	Sample	Con	Lib	NDP	Green	Other
June 11 th , 2014	1054	35	41	20	3	1
June 9 th , 2014	739	35	42	19	3	1
June 5 th , 2014	974	37	39	17	6	1
May 27 th , 2014	882	36	36	20	7	1
May 20 th , 2014	1136	34	41	20	4	1
May 12 th , 2014	996	35	38	21	5	1
May 2-3 rd , 2014	1845	38	33	22	6	1
April 7 th , 2014	928	38	31	23	7	1
Mar 24 th , 2014	908	32	35	25	7	1
Feb. 25 th , 2014	1014	35	32	26	6	1
Jan. 24-25 th , 2014	1222	36	33	26	4	1
Dec. 17-18 th , 2013	1044	38	31	24	5	1
Nov. 26 th , 2013	1126	38	32	23	6	1
Oct. 25 th , 2013	1049	34	31	27	7	1
Oct. 2 nd , 2013	1093	36	33	23	7	1
Aug 29 th , 2013	1019	35	32	26	6	1
Jul 22 nd , 2013	861	36	31	27	5	1
Jun 26 th , 2013	977	35	33	24	8	1
May 28 th , 2013	881	34	38	21	6	0
May 3 rd , 2013	832	35	35	25	4	1
April 26 th , 2013	1133	36	36	24	4	1
Mar 26 th to 27 th 2013	1156	35	32	26	5	1
Feb. 26 th to Mar 1 st , 2013	2773	32	32	29	5	1
Feb. 20 th , 2013	1053	36	29	28	5	1
Jan. 23 to 24 th , 2013	1052	32	27	35	5	1
Dec. 17 th , 2012	925	33	27	31	8	1
Nov. 27 th to 28 th , 2012	1064	35	29	27	8	1
Oct. 30 th to 31 st , 2012	1047	37	22	32	7	1
Sep. 25 th , 2012	796	37	20	35	7	1
Aug 15 th , 2012	965	38	27	28	6	1
Jun 15 th , 2012	1047	38	26	30	5	1
Jun 4 th , 2012	986	36	28	30	4	1
May 14 th , 2012	1001	34	27	32	5	1
Apr 17 th , 2012	1021	34	28	31	5	1
Mar 28 th , 2012	1047	34	30	30	5	1
Mar 13 th , 2012	995	40	28	23	8	1
Feb. 15 th , 2012	1127	36	32	26	5	1
Jan. 18 th , 2012	986	41	33	20	4	1
Popular Vote – October 6 th , 2011 Provincial Election Results	-	35	38	23	3	1

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Overall Seat Distribution

%	Con	Lib	NDP
June 11 th , 2014	37	57	13
June 9 th , 2014	35	61	11
June 5 th , 2014	39	57	11
May 27 th , 2014	42	50	15
May 20 th , 2014	31	63	13
May 12 th , 2014	26	68	13
May 2-3 rd , 2014	45	49	13
April 7 th , 2014	49	45	13
Mar 24 th , 2014	29	66	12
Feb. 25 th , 2014	48	42	17
Jan. 24-25 th , 2014	47	46	14
Dec. 17-18 th , 2013	43	51	13
Nov. 26 th , 2013	47	44	16
Oct. 25 th , 2013	41	48	18
Oct. 2 nd , 2013	47	44	16
Aug 29 th , 2013	36	53	18
Jul 22 nd , 2013	45	46	16
Jun 26 th , 2013	42	54	11
May 28 th , 2013	37	60	10
May 3 rd , 2013	36	59	12
April 26 th , 2013	38	59	10
Mar 26 th to 27 th 2013	43	50	14
Feb. 26 th to Mar 1 st , 2013	36	53	18
Feb. 20 th , 2013	52	39	16
Jan. 23 to 24 th , 2013	40	40	27
Dec. 17 th , 2012	44	38	25
Nov. 27 th to 28 th , 2012	47	41	19
Oct. 30 th to 31 st , 2012	58	26	23
Sep. 25 th , 2012	60	23	24
Aug 15 th , 2012	55	33	19
Jun 15 th , 2012	58	30	19
Jun 4 th , 2012	52	37	18
May 14 th , 2012	48	37	22
Apr 17 th , 2012	41	43	23
Mar 28 th , 2012	48	44	15
Mar 13 th , 2012	57	33	17
Feb. 15 th , 2012	51	48	8
Jan. 18 th , 2012	56	38	13
Popular Vote – October 6 th , 2011 Provincial Election Results	37	53	17

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Best Premier - Trending

[All Respondents]

%	Sample	Wynne	Hudak	Horwath	None	Don't Know
June 11 th , 2014	1054	37	26	18	14	5
June 9 th , 2014	739	39	29	12	13	7
June 5 th , 2014	1022	32	26	18	14	10
May 27 th , 2014	882	31	28	18	18	5
May 20 th , 2014	1136	34	22	17	17	10
May 12 th , 2014	996	32	22	15	22	8
May 2-3 rd , 2014	1845	28	22	15	22	13
April 7 th , 2014	928	26	24	15	20	15
Feb. 25 th , 2014	1014	25	20	19	21	14
Dec. 17-18th, 2013	1044	24	26	18	21	10
Nov. 26 th , 2013	1126	23	23	20	21	13
Oct. 25 th , 2013	1049	25	20	20	23	12
Oct. 2 nd , 2013	1093	24	23	19	22	12
Aug 29 th , 2013	1063	24	19	21	27	9

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Current Provincial Party Preference

‘A provincial election will be held on Thursday, June 12. Which party are you most likely to vote for or have you already voted for in this election? + ‘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	1021	70	118	180	268	385	465	556
Progressive Conservative	35	34	26	36	34	41	43	27
Liberal	41	37	45	38	43	43	37	45
New Democratic	20	22	24	22	20	13	15	24
Green	3	5	3	3	1	3	3	3
Another Party	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	1021	158	189	319	508	218	137
Progressive Conservative	35	35	27	36	32	42	36
Liberal	41	43	53	42	47	27	38
New Democratic	20	17	16	20	18	24	24
Green	3	3	3	2	2	6	0
Another Party	1	2	1	1	1	1	2

Household Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1021	67	137	173	142	103	190
Progressive Conservative	35	27	31	43	33	38	32
Liberal	41	34	42	37	41	39	47
New Democratic	20	34	22	16	23	19	17
Green	3	1	3	2	1	3	3
Another Party	1	4	2	1	1	1	1

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Past Provincial Party Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other parties
Sample	1021	324	418	168	34	20
Progressive Conservative	35	76	14	5	17	19
Liberal	41	13	69	32	16	15
New Democratic	20	9	15	57	21	27
Green	3	1	1	3	45	13
Another Party	1	1	1	2	0	27

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Best Premier

'Who do you think would make the best Premier?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1054	73	120	187	281	393	477	577
Kathleen Wynne	37	35	40	33	40	40	33	41
Tim Hudak	26	25	19	28	26	31	33	19
Andrea Horwath	18	17	23	19	17	14	16	20
None of these	14	19	14	13	11	10	13	15
Don't know	5	5	5	7	5	4	6	5

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	1054	162	195	328	523	224	145
Kathleen Wynne	37	35	52	34	42	27	38
Tim Hudak	26	27	23	25	24	27	26
Andrea Horwath	18	16	10	23	18	22	16
None of these	14	15	10	12	11	21	13
Don't know	5	7	5	5	5	3	7

Household Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1054	69	139	176	144	105	193
Kathleen Wynne	37	21	39	32	41	36	44
Tim Hudak	26	22	23	31	23	32	25
Andrea Horwath	18	23	19	20	21	20	16
None of these	14	19	11	15	12	7	12
Don't know	5	15	8	2	4	5	2

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Provincial Party Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other parties
Sample	1054	342	421	191	41	26
Kathleen Wynne	37	3	83	12	14	15
Tim Hudak	26	80	2	2	2	6
Andrea Horwath	18	4	6	69	12	4
None of these	14	10	5	10	68	70
Don't know	5	3	4	7	4	5

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