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Liberal and PCs still in tight race in Ontario

NDP fall back, slim Liberal majority seen

TORONTO JUNE 5th, 2014 - In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 1022 Ontario voters, relatively equal proportions, just less than four tenths each, will vote Liberal (39%) or PC (37%) in the upcoming election June 12th. This represents an incremental increase in vote share for both parties since the last time we polled (May 28, Liberals 36%, PCs 36%), which is coupled with a reciprocal decrease in the NDP vote from one fifth (20%) on May 28 to less than this today (17%). Few will vote Green (6%) or for any other party (1%).

The Liberal vote is characteristic of Gen X (45 to 54 - 43%), females (44%), the wealthiest (\$100K to \$250K - 50%) and those in the Toronto 416 area code (45%). The PC vote is common to the oldest (46%), males (43%), mid income groups (\$40K to \$60K - 42%) in eastern Ontario (49%). The NDP vote is strongest among the youngest (25%), females (20%), the least wealthy (27%) and those in Toronto 416 (21%). Of note, one quarter of past NDP voters will vote Liberal this time (24%), and, in fact, just more than half will vote NDP again (57%).

Slim Liberal majority in the cards

If these results are projected up to seats in a 107 seat Legislature, the Liberals would take a 2 seat majority of 57 (up from 50 on May 28), to 39 for the PCs (down from 42 last week). The NDP would take just 11 seats, down from 15.

Kathleen Wynne seen to make the best Premier, strong gender gap

In a ranking of best person for Premier, Kathleen Wynne continues to lead with a third of the vote (32% this week, 31% last week), while just more than a quarter think Tim Hudak best (26% now, 28% last week). Fewer see Andrea Horwath as Premier material (18% now and last week). Females are much more likely to pick Wynne on this measure (37%) than Hudak (21%), while men are more likely to pick Hudak (31%) than Wynne (28%). Horwath appeals equally across genders (males - 18%, females - 19%).

"Despite predictions to the contrary, this remains a tight race, at least for Kathleen Wynne and Tim Hudak. It appears that voters have begun to blame Andrea Horwath for getting us into an election which may not change the political landscape at all, and this could be hurting her," said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- Relatively equal proportions, just less than four tenths each, will vote Liberal (39%) or PC (37%) in the upcoming election June 12th.
- If these results are projected up to seats in a 107 seat Legislature, the Liberals would take a 2 seat majority of 57 (up from 50 on May 28), to 39 for the PCs (down from 42 last week).
- In a ranking of best person for Premier, Kathleen Wynne continues to lead with a third of the vote (32%), while just more than a quarter think Tim Hudak best (26%).
- "Despite predictions to the contrary, this remains a tight race, at least for Kathleen Wynne and Tim Hudak. It appears that voters have begun to blame Andrea Horwath for getting us into an election which may not change the political landscape at all, and this could be hurting her," 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 1022 randomly selected Ontarians 18 years of age and older. The poll was conducted on June 5th, 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 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 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	37	53	17
Provincial Election Results	37	53	17

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Best Premier - Trending

[All Respondents]

%	Sample	Wynne	Hudak	Horwath	None	Don't Know
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
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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	974	73	108	183	258	352	455	519
Progressive Conservative	37	23	35	34	43	46	43	30
Liberal	39	42	36	43	37	37	34	44
New Democratic	17	25	21	16	13	14	15	20
Green	6	8	6	5	6	3	6	5
Another Party	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	1

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	974	136	171	265	436	205	197
Progressive Conservative	37	49	34	36	35	36	32
Liberal	39	34	45	39	42	34	42
New Democratic	17	13	15	21	18	20	15
Green	6	3	5	4	4	7	11
Another Party	1	2	0	1	1	3	1

Household Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	974	72	158	161	136	95	182
Progressive Conservative	37	31	39	42	37	35	32
Liberal	39	33	38	32	37	37	50
New Democratic	17	27	19	19	17	24	12
Green	6	7	3	6	7	1	5
Another Party	1	1	1	1	1	3	0

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Past Provincial Party Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other parties
Sample	974	355	338	150	27	28
Progressive Conservative	37	77	16	13	24	24
Liberal	39	15	74	24	22	21
New Democratic	17	4	8	57	7	14
Green	6	3	2	5	47	19
Another Party	1	1	0	0	0	21

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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	1022	80	112	192	270	368	473	549
Kathleen Wynne	32	31	29	36	34	34	28	37
Tim Hudak	26	16	26	26	33	34	31	21
Andrea Horwath	18	24	21	14	15	13	18	19
None of these	14	16	14	14	12	11	16	11
Don't know	10	13	11	10	7	8	8	12

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	1022	144	180	281	461	216	201
Kathleen Wynne	32	23	38	33	35	28	37
Tim Hudak	26	33	24	28	26	21	24
Andrea Horwath	18	16	15	21	19	21	15
None of these	14	8	13	10	11	24	14
Don't know	10	19	10	8	9	6	11

Household Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1022	82	165	164	140	98	186
Kathleen Wynne	32	25	26	23	31	37	48
Tim Hudak	26	11	26	37	26	22	21
Andrea Horwath	18	20	19	18	22	25	16
None of these	14	15	16	12	14	14	10
Don't know	10	29	13	10	7	2	5

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Provincial Party Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other
Sample	1022	378	359	155	63	19
Kathleen Wynne	32	4	77	10	17	19
Tim Hudak	26	76	2	4	5	2
Andrea Horwath	18	6	5	75	9	0
None of these	14	9	6	5	59	73
Don't know	10	6	10	6	10	6

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