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## **Progressive Conservatives Tracking Toward Super Majority**

### **Liberals look to be relegated to third party after 15 years in government**

Toronto, February 26<sup>th</sup> – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 1,120 Ontario voters, amongst decided and leaning voters, the Progressive Conservatives have extended nearly a twenty-point lead over their nearest rival in the province. If an election were held today the PCs would get (44%), the NDP (25%), the Liberals (24%), and Green (6%).

The Progressive Conservatives have a broad base of support across Ontario. They now have a clear lead in four of six regions: 905 (47%), Eastern Ontario (49%), Southwestern Ontario (42%), and North Eastern Ontario (46%), and they (37%) are statistically tied with the Liberals (34%) in Toronto. The only region where PCs don't lead is Northwestern Ontario, where NDP hold the advantage by six percent (39% - 33%).

### **Third party status possible for Wynne's Liberals**

In 2018 the Ontario Legislature expands to 122 seats. If these results were projected up to seats in the expanded Legislature, the PCs would win 84, the NDP would secure 27, and the Liberals just 11.

### **Wynne, Brown, and Horwath all see decreased approval**

Wynne has the approval of only (11%) of voters, and her net favourable score (approve minus disapprove) is a staggering -66, which is 6 points lower than in November (-60: Nov 23). Wynne appears to be polarizing Liberal supporters with (42%) approving of her leadership, while (40%) disapprove.

Patrick Brown has seen his approval drop as well from (28%: Nov 23) to (20%), putting his net favourable score at -3. Brown remains a strongly unknown quantity to voters as (57%) don't know whether they approve or disapprove of him. Almost four-in-ten (38%) who indicate they will vote Progressive Conservative approve of him, but he is still unknown to the bulk of PC supporters (46%).

Andrea Horwath's approval is down eight percent (36%: Nov 23) but her approval (28%) is the still highest amongst the leaders of the three parties. Her net favourable score is +2, down considerably (+11: Nov 23). Her approval amongst NDP supporters is (46%), but even amongst those planning to vote NDP (41%) say they don't know whether to approve or disapprove of her leadership.

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- “The Progressive Conservatives have a commanding lead over both the NDP and Liberals, but even when facing a governing party with a historically unpopular leader they must remain disciplined and error free in their campaign to ensure they achieve the majority they desire. The Liberals have effectively capitalized on PC mistakes in the past so to have the best chance of winning, the Progressive Conservatives can't afford to make any,” said Dr. Lorne Bozinoff, President of Forum Research.



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### **Neither Wynne, Horwath, or Brown seen as best choice for premier**

The plurality (28%) indicates that none of the these (Brown/Horwath/Wynne) would be the best choice for premier followed by a statistical tie between Patrick Brown (21%), Andrea Horwath (19%), and don't know (21%). Kathleen Wynne is well behind with (9%).

### **Almost 5-in-10 believe the Progressive Conservatives will win in 2018**

Those polled believe quite strongly that the PCs will win the next election (48%). The Liberals (19%) are tied with don't know (19%), and only (12%) believe that the NDP will win in 2018. A hopeful (2%) believe that the provincial Green party will instead emerge victorious.

### **Two thirds don't believe the 2017 budget will be balanced**

There has been a considerable amount of rhetoric regarding the upcoming provincial budget, but one thing that's clear is that the majority do not believe it will be balanced, with (64%) saying it won't be. Only (7%) believe that it can be done in 2017, with (29%) saying they don't know if it will or won't.

### **High cost of hydro and lack of trust in government motivating factors**

Hydro rates and lack of trust in government will determine the votes of slightly more than 5-in-10 voters, with the ever-increasing cost of hydro as the dominant motivating factor for a plurality of voters with (31%). Lack of trust in government is second at (23%). None of the above (11%) and don't know (10%) follow well back. Issues with little traction include trust in government (7%), tuition rates (6%), revised sexual education curriculum (5%), and the local candidate (5%), which are all virtually tied. Party loyalty is almost completely a non-factor in the upcoming election (3%).

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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 1,120 randomly selected Ontario Voters. The poll was conducted on Feb 15-16 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 [www.forumresearch.com/samplestim.asp](http://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 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 Party Preference

If a provincial election were held today, which party are you most likely to vote for?

[Decided/Leaning]

### Age/Gender

| %                        | Total | 18-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65+ | Male | Female |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|------|--------|
| Sample                   | 1026  | 106   | 131   | 189   | 281   | 319 | 513  | 500    |
| Progressive Conservative | 44    | 37    | 44    | 42    | 50    | 46  | 51   | 37     |
| Liberal                  | 24    | 19    | 23    | 22    | 22    | 32  | 20   | 27     |
| New Democratic           | 25    | 35    | 26    | 28    | 21    | 17  | 22   | 29     |
| Green                    | 6     | 8     | 5     | 5     | 6     | 4   | 5    | 6      |
| Another Party            | 2     | 2     | 1     | 2     | 2     | 1   | 2    | 1      |

### Income

| %                        | Total | <\$20K | \$20-\$40K | \$40-\$60K | \$60-\$80K | \$80-\$100K | \$100-\$250K |
|--------------------------|-------|--------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| Sample                   | 1026  | 107    | 158        | 144        | 134        | 136         | 165          |
| Progressive Conservative | 44    | 21     | 41         | 52         | 42         | 44          | 48           |
| Liberal                  | 24    | 37     | 27         | 19         | 31         | 24          | 19           |
| New Democratic           | 25    | 36     | 23         | 24         | 18         | 26          | 26           |
| Green                    | 6     | 5      | 7          | 2          | 9          | 4           | 6            |
| Another Party            | 2     | 1      | 2          | 3          | 0          | 2           | 1            |

### Region

| %                        | Total | REGION - Eastern Ontario | REGION - Toronto 416 | REGION - Toronto 905 | REGION - South-western Ontario | REGION - North-eastern Ontario | REGION - North-western Ontario |
|--------------------------|-------|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Sample                   | 1026  | 155                      | 173                  | 310                  | 231                            | 134                            | 23                             |
| Progressive Conservative | 44    | 49                       | 37                   | 47                   | 42                             | 46                             | 33                             |
| Liberal                  | 24    | 22                       | 34                   | 21                   | 20                             | 20                             | 19                             |
| New Democratic           | 25    | 25                       | 23                   | 24                   | 30                             | 23                             | 39                             |
| Green                    | 6     | 3                        | 4                    | 6                    | 7                              | 9                              | 10                             |
| Another Party            | 2     | 1                        | 2                    | 2                    | 1                              | 1                              | 0                              |



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**Education**

| %                        | Total | Secondary school or less | Some college or university | Completed college or university | Post graduate studies |
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| Sample                   | 1026  | 214                      | 276                        | 371                             | 165                   |
| Progressive Conservative | 44    | 50                       | 45                         | 45                              | 32                    |
| Liberal                  | 24    | 21                       | 27                         | 23                              | 22                    |
| New Democratic           | 25    | 19                       | 24                         | 24                              | 38                    |
| Green                    | 6     | 7                        | 3                          | 6                               | 6                     |
| Another Party            | 2     | 2                        | 1                          | 2                               | 1                     |

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**Past Provincial Vote Preference**

| %                        | Total | PAST PROV VOTE - Progressive Conservative | PAST PROV VOTE - Liberal | PAST PROV VOTE - NDP | PAST PROV VOTE - Green | PAST PROV VOTE - Other parties |
|--------------------------|-------|---|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Sample                   | 1026  | 368                                       | 319                      | 145                  | 47                     | 48                             |
| Progressive Conservative | 44    | 90  | 22                       | 13                   | 26                     | 34                             |
| Liberal                  | 24    | 5   | 46                       | 13                   | 14                     | 23                             |
| New Democratic           | 25    | 2   | 27                       | 68                   | 9                      | 23                             |
| Green                    | 6     | 2   | 4                        | 5                    | 51                     | 8                              |
| Another Party            | 2     | 1   | 1                        | 1                    | 0                      | 13                             |



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## ***Kathleen Wynne Approval***

*Do you approve or disapprove of the job Kathleen Wynne is doing as premier?*

*[All Respondents]*

### **Age/Gender**

| %          | Total | 18-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65+ | Male | Female |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|------|--------|
| Sample     | 1120  | 117   | 141   | 200   | 305   | 357 | 551  | 554    |
| Approve    | 11    | 12    | 7     | 9     | 11    | 16  | 10   | 13     |
| Disapprove | 77    | 72    | 84    | 83    | 80    | 70  | 81   | 75     |
| Don't know | 11    | 16    | 8     | 8     | 9     | 14  | 9    | 13     |

### **Income**

| %          | Total | <\$20K | \$20-\$40K | \$40-\$60K | \$60-\$80K | \$80-\$100K | \$100-\$250K |
|------------|-------|--------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| Sample     | 1120  | 122    | 178        | 149        | 141        | 141         | 178          |
| Approve    | 11    | 10     | 11         | 11         | 17         | 9           | 12           |
| Disapprove | 77    | 68     | 73         | 80         | 73         | 82          | 79           |
| Don't know | 11    | 23     | 16         | 8          | 10         | 8           | 8            |

### **Region**

| %          | Total | REGION - Eastern Ontario | REGION - Toronto 416 | REGION - Toronto 905 | REGION - South-western Ontario | REGION - North-eastern Ontario | REGION - North-western Ontario |
|------------|-------|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Sample     | 1120  | 165                      | 182                  | 340                  | 258                            | 146                            | 29                             |
| Approve    | 11    | 7                        | 20                   | 10                   | 8                              | 13                             | 6                              |
| Disapprove | 77    | 81                       | 67                   | 78                   | 81                             | 79                             | 92                             |
| Don't know | 11    | 13                       | 13                   | 12                   | 11                             | 8                              | 2                              |

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### Current Provincial Vote Preference

| %             | Total | PROV VOTE -<br>Progressive<br>Conservative | PROV<br>VOTE -<br>Liberal | PROV VOTE -<br>New<br>Democratic | PROV<br>VOTE -<br>Green | PROV<br>VOTE -<br>Other<br>Parties |
|---------------|-------|--|---------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Sample        | 1120  | 471  | 263                       | 195                              | 70                      | 27                                 |
| Approve       | 11    | 2  | 42                        | 2                                | 8                       | 13                                 |
| Disapprove    | 77    | 95   | 40                        | 88                               | 82                      | 73                                 |
| Don't<br>know | 11    | 3  | 18                        | 10                               | 9                       | 14                                 |

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### Education

| %             | Total | Secondary<br>school or less | Some college or<br>university | Completed college<br>or university | Post graduate<br>studies |
|---------------|-------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sample        | 1120  | 239                         | 305                           | 398                                | 178                      |
| Approve       | 11    | 8                           | 10                            | 11                                 | 17                       |
| Disapprove    | 77    | 80                          | 75                            | 80                                 | 73                       |
| Don't<br>know | 11    | 12                          | 15                            | 9                                  | 10                       |



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## Patrick Brown Approval

*Do you approve or disapprove of the job Patrick Brown is doing as leader of the Opposition?*

*[All Respondents]*

### Age/Gender

| %          | Total | 18-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65+ | Male | Female |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|------|--------|
| Sample     | 1120  | 117   | 141   | 200   | 305   | 357 | 551  | 554    |
| Approve    | 20    | 7     | 21    | 29    | 26    | 23  | 26   | 14     |
| Disapprove | 23    | 22    | 20    | 24    | 25    | 25  | 26   | 20     |
| Don't know | 57    | 71    | 59    | 47    | 50    | 52  | 48   | 66     |

### Income

| %          | Total | <\$20K | \$20-\$40K | \$40-\$60K | \$60-\$80K | \$80-\$100K | \$100-\$250K |
|------------|-------|--------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| Sample     | 1120  | 122    | 178        | 149        | 141        | 141         | 178          |
| Approve    | 20    | 16     | 11         | 19         | 26         | 18          | 24           |
| Disapprove | 23    | 18     | 22         | 19         | 24         | 28          | 29           |
| Don't know | 57    | 66     | 67         | 62         | 51         | 53          | 47           |

### Region

| %          | Total | REGION - Eastern Ontario | REGION - Toronto 416 | REGION - Toronto 905 | REGION - South-western Ontario | REGION - North-eastern Ontario | REGION - North-western Ontario |
|------------|-------|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Sample     | 1120  | 165                      | 182                  | 340                  | 258                            | 146                            | 29                             |
| Approve    | 20    | 20                       | 21                   | 19                   | 17                             | 26                             | 10                             |
| Disapprove | 23    | 25                       | 24                   | 23                   | 19                             | 27                             | 22                             |
| Don't know | 57    | 55                       | 54                   | 57                   | 65                             | 48                             | 69                             |

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## Current Provincial Vote Preference

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|---------------|-------|--|---------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Sample        | 1120  | 471  | 263                       | 195                              | 70                      | 27                                 |
| Approve       | 20    | 38   | 8                         | 8                                | 6                       | 4                                  |
| Disapprove    | 23    | 16   | 30                        | 28                               | 32                      | 36                                 |
| Don't<br>know | 57    | 46   | 61                        | 64                               | 61                      | 60                                 |

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## Education

| %             | Total | Secondary<br>school or less | Some college or<br>university | Completed college<br>or university | Post graduate<br>studies |
|---------------|-------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sample        | 1120  | 239                         | 305                           | 398                                | 178                      |
| Approve       | 20    | 22                          | 16                            | 21                                 | 18                       |
| Disapprove    | 23    | 16                          | 21                            | 25                                 | 30                       |
| Don't<br>know | 57    | 61                          | 63                            | 54                                 | 52                       |



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## Andrea Horwath Approval

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Andrea Horwath (HOR-vath) is doing as Leader of the NDP?

[All Respondents]

### Age/Gender

| %          | Total | 18-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65+ | Male | Female |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|------|--------|
| Sample     | 1120  | 117   | 141   | 200   | 305   | 357 | 551  | 554    |
| Approve    | 28    | 22    | 25    | 35    | 33    | 30  | 26   | 31     |
| Disapprove | 26    | 17    | 35    | 29    | 28    | 27  | 33   | 20     |
| Don't know | 45    | 61    | 40    | 36    | 39    | 43  | 41   | 49     |

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|------------|-------|--------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| Sample     | 1120  | 122    | 178        | 149        | 141        | 141         | 178          |
| Approve    | 28    | 25     | 22         | 30         | 27         | 30          | 31           |
| Disapprove | 26    | 23     | 20         | 30         | 37         | 25          | 29           |
| Don't know | 45    | 53     | 58         | 40         | 35         | 45          | 40           |

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| Sample     | 1120  | 165                      | 182                  | 340                  | 258                            | 146                            | 29                             |
| Approve    | 28    | 30                       | 25                   | 30                   | 28                             | 27                             | 40                             |
| Disapprove | 26    | 18                       | 31                   | 28                   | 30                             | 20                             | 16                             |
| Don't know | 45    | 53                       | 44                   | 42                   | 42                             | 54                             | 44                             |

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**Current Provincial Vote Preference**

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|------------|-------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Sample     | 1120  | 471                                  | 263                 | 195                        | 70                | 27                        |
| Approve    | 28    | 26                                   | 21                  | 46                         | 29                | 17                        |
| Disapprove | 26    | 34                                   | 29                  | 12                         | 19                | 50                        |
| Don't know | 45    | 40                                   | 50                  | 41                         | 52                | 33                        |

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| Approve    | 28    | 32                       | 25                         | 27                              | 32                    |
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| Don't know | 45    | 48                       | 52                         | 43                              | 38                    |



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### Best Premier

Regardless of which party you would vote for, who do you think would make the best Premier of Ontario?

[All Respondents]

### Age/Gender

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| Sample         | 1120  | 117   | 141   | 200   | 305   | 357 | 551  | 554    |
| Kathleen Wynne | 9     | 10    | 3     | 9     | 11    | 14  | 8    | 11     |
| Patrick Brown  | 21    | 14    | 22    | 26    | 26    | 23  | 28   | 15     |
| Andrea Horwath | 19    | 29    | 17    | 17    | 18    | 11  | 17   | 22     |
| None of these  | 28    | 23    | 36    | 33    | 29    | 24  | 31   | 26     |
| Don't know     | 21    | 24    | 22    | 16    | 16    | 27  | 16   | 27     |

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|----------------|-------|--------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| Sample         | 1120  | 122    | 178        | 149        | 141        | 141         | 178          |
| Kathleen Wynne | 9     | 7      | 9          | 9          | 14         | 12          | 10           |
| Patrick Brown  | 21    | 14     | 19         | 20         | 23         | 19          | 27           |
| Andrea Horwath | 19    | 27     | 17         | 23         | 15         | 20          | 15           |
| None of these  | 28    | 19     | 20         | 34         | 28         | 33          | 33           |
| Don't know     | 21    | 34     | 35         | 15         | 20         | 16          | 14           |

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| Kathleen Wynne | 9     | 8                        | 17                   | 8                    | 7                              | 8                              | 4                              |
| Patrick Brown  | 21    | 27                       | 20                   | 21                   | 19                             | 23                             | 12                             |
| Andrea Horwath | 19    | 21                       | 15                   | 18                   | 23                             | 22                             | 27                             |
| None of these  | 28    | 19                       | 29                   | 31                   | 31                             | 29                             | 28                             |
| Don't know     | 21    | 25                       | 20                   | 22                   | 20                             | 18                             | 29                             |



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| <b>Sample</b>  | <b>1120</b> | <b>471</b>                           | <b>263</b>          | <b>195</b>                 | <b>70</b>         | <b>27</b>                 |
| Kathleen Wynne | 9           | 1                                    | 35                  | 2                          | 6                 | 6                         |
| Patrick Brown  | 21          | 44                                   | 6                   | 7                          | 8                 | 0                         |
| Andrea Horwath | 19          | 13                                   | 12                  | 47                         | 15                | 13                        |
| None of these  | 28          | 28                                   | 23                  | 24                         | 40                | 67                        |
| Don't know     | 21          | 14                                   | 24                  | 20                         | 31                | 15                        |

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|----------------|-------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Sample</b>  | <b>1120</b> | <b>239</b>               | <b>305</b>                 | <b>398</b>                      | <b>178</b>            |
| Kathleen Wynne | 9           | 6                        | 11                         | 9                               | 12                    |
| Patrick Brown  | 21          | 23                       | 17                         | 24                              | 19                    |
| Andrea Horwath | 19          | 18                       | 20                         | 19                              | 20                    |
| None of these  | 28          | 22                       | 26                         | 32                              | 29                    |
| Don't know     | 21          | 31                       | 26                         | 16                              | 19                    |



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**2018 election winner**

*In your opinion, who will win the provincial election in 2018?*

[All Respondents]

**Age/Gender**

| %                        | Total | 18-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65+ | Male | Female |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|------|--------|
| Sample                   | 1120  | 117   | 141   | 200   | 305   | 357 | 551  | 554    |
| Liberal                  | 19    | 23    | 16    | 16    | 17    | 21  | 18   | 21     |
| Progressive Conservative | 48    | 44    | 54    | 49    | 53    | 40  | 54   | 42     |
| NDP                      | 12    | 17    | 10    | 11    | 10    | 8   | 10   | 13     |
| Green                    | 2     | 3     | 4     | 3     | 1     | 0   | 3    | 2      |
| Other parties            | 19    | 13    | 17    | 20    | 18    | 31  | 15   | 22     |

**Income**

| %                        | Total | <\$20K | \$20-\$40K | \$40-\$60K | \$60-\$80K | \$80-\$100K | \$100-\$250K |
|--------------------------|-------|--------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| Sample                   | 1120  | 122    | 178        | 149        | 141        | 141         | 178          |
| Liberal                  | 19    | 26     | 24         | 15         | 23         | 25          | 16           |
| Progressive Conservative | 48    | 33     | 39         | 50         | 46         | 47          | 65           |
| NDP                      | 12    | 17     | 13         | 16         | 9          | 8           | 8            |
| Green                    | 2     | 2      | 1          | 0          | 5          | 0           | 3            |
| Other parties            | 19    | 23     | 23         | 18         | 17         | 19          | 9            |

**Region**

| %                        | Total | REGION - Eastern Ontario | REGION - Toronto 416 | REGION - Toronto 905 | REGION - South-western Ontario | REGION - North-eastern Ontario | REGION - North-western Ontario |
|--------------------------|-------|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Sample                   | 1120  | 165                      | 182                  | 340                  | 258                            | 146                            | 29                             |
| Liberal                  | 19    | 19                       | 32                   | 18                   | 14                             | 13                             | 5                              |
| Progressive Conservative | 48    | 45                       | 46                   | 50                   | 48                             | 44                             | 46                             |
| NDP                      | 12    | 15                       | 6                    | 12                   | 11                             | 17                             | 15                             |
| Green                    | 2     | 1                        | 3                    | 2                    | 3                              | 4                              | 2                              |
| Other parties            | 19    | 19                       | 14                   | 18                   | 23                             | 21                             | 32                             |



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## Current Provincial Vote Preference

| %                           | Total | PROV VOTE -<br>Progressive<br>Conservative | PROV<br>VOTE -<br>Liberal | PROV VOTE -<br>New<br>Democratic | PROV<br>VOTE -<br>Green | PROV<br>VOTE -<br>Other<br>Parties |
|-----------------------------|-------|--|---------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Sample                      | 1120  | 471  | 263                       | 195                              | 70                      | 27                                 |
| Liberal                     | 19    | 6  | 59                        | 14                               | 8                       | 7                                  |
| Progressive<br>Conservative | 48    | 80   | 15                        | 39                               | 23                      | 37                                 |
| NDP                         | 12    | 6  | 6                         | 32                               | 12                      | 10                                 |
| Green                       | 2     | 0  | 2                         | 1                                | 25                      | 4                                  |
| Other parties               | 19    | 8  | 17                        | 15                               | 31                      | 43                                 |

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## Education

| %                           | Total | Secondary<br>school or less | Some college<br>or university | Completed<br>college or<br>university | Post<br>graduate<br>studies |
|-----------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sample                      | 1120  | 239                         | 305                           | 398                                   | 178                         |
| Liberal                     | 19    | 15                          | 29                            | 14                                    | 22                          |
| Progressive<br>Conservative | 48    | 43                          | 41                            | 55                                    | 44                          |
| NDP                         | 12    | 11                          | 15                            | 11                                    | 9                           |
| Green                       | 2     | 6                           | 1                             | 2                                     | 2                           |
| Other parties               | 19    | 26                          | 14                            | 18                                    | 23                          |



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**A Balanced Budget in 2017**

*Will the provincial government present a balanced budget in 2017?*

*[All Respondents]*

**Age/Gender**

| %          | Total | 18-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65+ | Male | Female |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|------|--------|
| Sample     | 1120  | 117   | 141   | 200   | 305   | 357 | 551  | 554    |
| Yes        | 7     | 5     | 5     | 10    | 8     | 6   | 7    | 6      |
| No         | 64    | 64    | 65    | 66    | 71    | 54  | 70   | 59     |
| Don't know | 29    | 31    | 30    | 24    | 21    | 39  | 23   | 35     |

**Income**

| %          | Total | <20K | 20-40K | 40-60K | 60-80K | 80-100K | 100-250K |
|------------|-------|------|--------|--------|--------|---------|----------|
| Sample     | 1120  | 122  | 178    | 149    | 141    | 141     | 178      |
| Yes        | 7     | 7    | 8      | 4      | 10     | 7       | 8        |
| No         | 64    | 51   | 59     | 65     | 65     | 76      | 73       |
| Don't know | 29    | 41   | 33     | 31     | 25     | 17      | 20       |

**Region**

| %          | Total | REGION - Eastern Ontario | REGION - Toronto 416 | REGION - Toronto 905 | REGION - South-western Ontario | REGION - North-eastern Ontario | REGION - North-western Ontario |
|------------|-------|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Sample     | 1120  | 165                      | 182                  | 340                  | 258                            | 146                            | 29                             |
| Yes        | 7     | 7                        | 11                   | 5                    | 6                              | 5                              | 0                              |
| No         | 64    | 60                       | 61                   | 66                   | 62                             | 71                             | 73                             |
| Don't know | 29    | 33                       | 27                   | 29                   | 32                             | 24                             | 27                             |





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**Current Provincial Vote Preference**

| %                     | Total       | PROV VOTE -<br>Progressive<br>Conservative | PROV<br>VOTE -<br>Liberal | PROV VOTE -<br>New<br>Democratic | PROV<br>VOTE -<br>Green | PROV<br>VOTE -<br>Other<br>Parties |
|-----------------------|-------------|--|---------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Sample</b>         | <b>1120</b> | <b>471</b>                                 | <b>263</b>                | <b>195</b>                       | <b>70</b>               | <b>27</b>                          |
| <b>Yes</b>            | 7           | 3  | 17                        | 5                                | 4                       | 7                                  |
| <b>No</b>             | 64          | 80   | 46                        | 59                               | 64                      | 57                                 |
| <b>Don't<br/>know</b> | 29          | 18   | 37                        | 36                               | 32                      | 36                                 |

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**Education**

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|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Sample</b>         | <b>1120</b> | <b>239</b>                        | <b>305</b>                             | <b>398</b>                                  | <b>178</b>                        |
| <b>Yes</b>            | 7           | 6                                 | 5                                      | 7   | 8                                 |
| <b>No</b>             | 64          | 59                                | 63                                     | 68  | 61                                |
| <b>Don't<br/>know</b> | 29          | 35                                | 31                                     | 25  | 30                                |



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**Voter motivation**

*Which of the following issues is most likely to determine your vote in the next provincial election?*

*[All Respondents]*

**Age/Gender**

| %                                   | Total | 18-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65+ | Male | Female |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|------|--------|
| Sample                              | 1120  | 117   | 141   | 200   | 305   | 357 | 551  | 554    |
| Hydro Rates                         | 31    | 31    | 25    | 39    | 31    | 30  | 32   | 31     |
| Tuition Rates                       | 6     | 12    | 3     | 5     | 3     | 2   | 3    | 9      |
| Revised Sexual Education Curriculum | 5     | 5     | 6     | 6     | 1     | 4   | 4    | 4      |
| Lack of Trust in Government         | 23    | 18    | 24    | 20    | 30    | 25  | 27   | 18     |
| Trust in Government                 | 7     | 7     | 6     | 5     | 10    | 6   | 8    | 6      |
| Party Loyalty                       | 3     | 2     | 6     | 4     | 1     | 2   | 3    | 3      |
| Local Candidate                     | 5     | 4     | 5     | 2     | 6     | 10  | 5    | 6      |
| None of the above                   | 11    | 11    | 16    | 12    | 9     | 7   | 12   | 10     |
| Don't know                          | 10    | 10    | 10    | 7     | 9     | 14  | 7    | 12     |



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|-------------------------------------|-------|--------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| Sample                              | 1120  | 122    | 178        | 149        | 141        | 141         | 178          |
| Hydro Rates                         | 31    | 32     | 30         | 33         | 38         | 26          | 31           |
| Tuition Rates                       | 6     | 9      | 8          | 7          | 2          | 8           | 1            |
| Revised Sexual Education Curriculum | 5     | 4      | 10         | 4          | 4          | 5           | 3            |
| Lack of Trust in Government         | 23    | 14     | 17         | 24         | 27         | 26          | 23           |
| Trust in Government                 | 7     | 6      | 5          | 9          | 7          | 5           | 10           |
| Party Loyalty                       | 3     | 2      | 1          | 4          | 5          | 5           | 5            |
| Local Candidate                     | 5     | 4      | 8          | 4          | 4          | 5           | 5            |
| None of the above                   | 11    | 17     | 7          | 8          | 5          | 10          | 19           |
| Don't know                          | 10    | 13     | 15         | 6          | 7          | 11          | 3            |

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| Revised Sexual Education Curriculum | 5     | 4                        | 6                    | 5                    | 5                              | 3                              | 0                              |
| Lack of Trust in Government         | 23    | 17                       | 21                   | 26                   | 24                             | 18                             | 20                             |
| Trust in Government                 | 7     | 8                        | 4                    | 5                    | 7                              | 11                             | 10                             |
| Party Loyalty                       | 3     | 3                        | 4                    | 4                    | 4                              | 1                              | 2                              |
| Local Candidate                     | 5     | 5                        | 3                    | 4                    | 6                              | 11                             | 9                              |
| None of the above                   | 11    | 11                       | 12                   | 14                   | 8                              | 9                              | 8                              |
| Don't know                          | 10    | 9                        | 11                   | 9                    | 12                             | 8                              | 8                              |

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**Current Provincial Vote Preference**

| %                                   | Total | PROV VOTE - Progressive Conservative | PROV VOTE - Liberal | PROV VOTE - New Democratic | PROV VOTE - Green | PROV VOTE - Other Parties |
|-------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Sample                              | 1120  | 471                                  | 263                 | 195                        | 70                | 27                        |
| Hydro Rates                         | 31    | 39                                   | 21                  | 33                         | 27                | 25                        |
| Tuition Rates                       | 6     | 1                                    | 10                  | 10                         | 3                 | 4                         |
| Revised Sexual Education Curriculum | 5     | 6                                    | 4                   | 3                          | 1                 | 6                         |
| Lack of Trust in Government         | 23    | 31                                   | 9                   | 18                         | 37                | 29                        |
| Trust in Government                 | 7     | 5                                    | 13                  | 6                          | 5                 | 4                         |
| Party Loyalty                       | 3     | 3                                    | 6                   | 1                          | 4                 | 11                        |
| Local Candidate                     | 5     | 4                                    | 9                   | 5                          | 2                 | 1                         |
| None of the above                   | 11    | 6                                    | 15                  | 17                         | 9                 | 11                        |
| Don't know                          | 10    | 6                                    | 13                  | 7                          | 12                | 9                         |

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| Revised Sexual Education Curriculum | 5     | 5                        | 4                          | 4                               | 6                     |
| Lack of Trust in Government         | 23    | 24                       | 20                         | 23                              | 23                    |
| Trust in Government                 | 7     | 5                        | 8                          | 5                               | 8                     |
| Party Loyalty                       | 3     | 4                        | 4                          | 3                               | 1                     |
| Local Candidate                     | 5     | 4                        | 5                          | 5                               | 8                     |
| None of the above                   | 11    | 8                        | 5                          | 14                              | 17                    |
| Don't know                          | 10    | 18                       | 9                          | 7                               | 8                     |

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