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HIGHLIGHTS:

- Just fewer than 4-in-10 will vote for the Progressive Conservatives (39%).
- If these results are projected up to the 107 seat Legislature, the PCs would take 53, 1 seat less than required for a majority.
- Premier Wynne has the approval of just one fifth (20%) of voters and her net favourable score (approve minus disapprove) is a very negative, but stable, -47.
- Patrick Brown is seen as the leader who would make the best Premier (24%), while Wynne and Horwath are matched on this measure (15% each).

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PC lead shrinks further in Ontario

Slim minority for PCs seen

TORONTO April 28th, 2016 - In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 1157 Ontario voters, just fewer than 4-in-10 will vote for the Progressive Conservatives (39%), while just fewer will vote Liberal (34%) giving the opposition party a 5 point lead. One fifth will vote NDP (21%) and few will vote Green (5%) or for other parties (2%). These results are in comparison with last month, when the PCs had a 10 point lead over the Liberals (March 26, PC - 40%, Liberals - 30%). Among those who voted Liberal in 2014, significant proportions will vote either PC or NDP this time around (13% each). By the same token, a similar proportion of past NDP voters will support the Liberals this time (14%).

Near majority seen for PCs

If these results are projected up to the 107 seat Legislature, the PCs would take 53, 1 seat less than required for a majority. In turn, the Liberals would capture 33 seats and the NDP 21 seats.

Wynne, Brown have static approvals, Horwath favourables decline

Premier Wynne has the approval of just one fifth (20%) of voters and her net favourable score (approve minus disapprove) is a very negative, but stable, -47. Patrick Brown has the approval of just more than a quarter (27%) and his net score is a neutral +3 (due to the high level of voters who don't know him enough to have an opinion - 48%). Andrea Horwath, on the other hand, has seen her consistently high approvals decay, from close to 4-in-10 in February (38%) to just more than a third last month (35%) and less than a third now (32%). Her net score is a neutral to positive +4, just down from +9 last month.

Of note, more than a third of Liberal voters do not approve of Premier Wynne (38%), while one seventh of PC voters do not support their Leader (14%). Among NDP voters, a similar proportion disapproves of the leader (13%).

Patrick Brown still preferred as Premier

Patrick Brown is seen as the leader who would make the best Premier (24%), while Wynne and Horwath are matched on this measure (15% each). The largest single group sees none of these three as a good premier (28%).

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"Premier Wynne and Patrick Brown continue to underperform their parties in terms of voter approval, while Ms Horwath outperforms the NDP. Even so, Horwath's usually sterling approval ratings have been starting to slip lately," 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 1157 randomly selected Ontarians 18 years of age and older. The poll was conducted on April 25th, 2016.

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.

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Provincial Election Voting Preference Trending

[Decided / Leaning]

%	Sample	Con	Lib	NDP	Green	Other
	April 28 th , 2016	39	34	21	5	2
	March 23 rd , 2016	40	30	24	5	2
	February 26 th -29 th , 2016	44	27	22	6	2
	December 20 th , 2015	34	31	26	7	2
	November 2 nd -4 th , 2015	36	30	26	6	2
	August 11 th -12 th , 2015	35	26	33	4	2
	July 8 th , 2015	32	26	35	5	2
	May 11 th , 2015	33	24	36	5	2
	May 1 st , 2015	36	29	24	9	2
	March 26 th , 2015	34	29	27	8	2
	February 28 th , 2015	39	32	21	6	2
	January 30 th , 2015	36	37	19	6	2
	December 20 th , 2014	36	35	20	7	2
	November 29 th , 2014	37	37	17	7	2
	November 1 st , 2014	35	40	19	4	2
	October 1 st , 2014	34	36	23	6	1
	August 20-21 st , 2014	32	39	19	8	2
	Popular Vote – June 7 th , 2014 Provincial Election Results	31	39	24	5	2
	June 11 th , 2014	35	41	20	3	1
	June 5 th , 2014	37	39	17	6	1
	May 27 th , 2014	36	36	20	7	1
	May 20 th , 2014	34	41	20	4	1
	May 12 th , 2014	35	38	21	5	1
	May 2-3 rd , 2014	38	33	22	6	1
	April 7 th , 2014	38	31	23	7	1
	Mar 24 th , 2014	32	35	25	7	1
	Feb. 25 th , 2014	35	32	26	6	1
	Jan. 24-25 th , 2014	36	33	26	4	1
	Dec. 17-18 th , 2013	38	31	24	5	1
	Nov. 26 th , 2013	38	32	23	6	1
	Oct. 25 th , 2013	34	31	27	7	1
	Oct. 2 nd , 2013	36	33	23	7	1
	Aug 29 th , 2013	35	32	26	6	1
	Jul 22 nd , 2013	36	31	27	5	1
	Jun 26 th , 2013	35	33	24	8	1
	May 28 th , 2013	34	38	21	6	0
	May 3 rd , 2013	35	35	25	4	1
	April 26 th , 2013	36	36	24	4	1
	Mar 26 th to 27 th 2013	35	32	26	5	1
	Feb. 26 th to Mar 1 st , 2013	32	32	29	5	1
	Feb. 20 th , 2013	36	29	28	5	1

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Overall Seat Distribution

%	Con	Lib	NDP
April 28 th , 2016	53	33	21
March 23 rd , 2016	57	26	24
February 26 th -29 th , 2016	67	16	24
December 20 th , 2015	44	35	28
November 2 nd -4 th , 2015	54	19	34
August 11 th -12 th , 2015	54	19	34
July 8 th , 2015	35	27	45
May 11 th , 2015	49	18	40
May 1 st , 2015	48	33	26
March 26 th , 2015	52	23	32
February 28 th , 2015	49	39	19
January 30 th , 2015	34	56	17
December 20 th , 2014	37	52	18
November 29 th , 2014	38	52	17
November 1 st , 2014	37	56	14
October 1 st , 2014	35	51	21
August 20-21 st , 2014	31	61	15
Election – June 12th, 2014	28	58	21
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

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Ontario Provincial Party Leader Approval Rating Trending (% Approve)

[All Respondents]

	Sample	Wynne	Brown	Horwath
April 28 th , 2016	1157	20	27	32
March 23 rd , 2016	1225	20	26	35
February 26 th -29 th , 2016	1148	20	30	38
December 20 th , 2015	1003	23	25	40
November 2 nd -4 th , 2015	1158	21	27	41
August 11 th -12 th , 2015	1001	30	21	38
July 8 th , 2015	678	29	19	38
May 11 th , 2015	1001	26	17	41
	Sample	Wynne	Wilson	Horwath
May 1 st , 2015	912	29	22	39
March 26 th , 2015	881	33	22	40
February 28 th , 2015	996	36	24	37
January 30 th , 2015	1028	40	22	36
December 20 th , 2014	1058	37	22	35
November 29 th , 2014	1054	42	22	33
November 1 st , 2014	1104	46	23	31
October 1 st , 2014	1079	41	18	31
August 20-21 st , 2014	1229	46	27	35
July 3 rd , 2014	810	41	-	28
		Wynne	Hudak	Horwath
May 27 th , 2014	882	34	27	34
May 20 th , 2014	1136	38	25	35
May 12 th , 2014	996	38	23	35
May 2-3 rd , 2014	1845	34	26	36
April 7 th , 2014	928	34	27	40
Mar 24 th , 2014	908	34	23	38
Feb. 25 th , 2014	1014	32	24	40
Jan. 24-25 th , 2014	1222	40	21	40
Dec. 17-18 th , 2013	1044	35	28	41
Nov. 26 th , 2013	1126	35	26	44
Oct. 25 th , 2013	1049	33	26	46
Oct. 2 nd , 2013	1093	39	25	41
Aug 29 th , 2013	1063	36	24	50
Jul 22 nd , 2013	914	35	27	43
Jun 26 th , 2013	1037	37	26	43
May 28 th , 2013	918	41	26	43
May 3 rd , 2013	869	42	27	49
April 26 th , 2013	1133	38	27	43
Mar 26 th to 27 th 2013	1156	40	27	44
Feb. 26 th to Mar 1 st , 2013	2773	34	24	44
Feb. 20 th , 2013	1053	36	27	49

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Current Provincial Vote Preference

'If a provincial election were held today, which party are you most likely to vote for?' + '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	1095	148	138	222	269	318	537	558
Progressive Conservative	39	31	37	39	39	47	48	31
Liberal	34	37	35	35	33	29	31	37
New Democratic	21	23	19	21	21	19	16	25
Green	5	7	7	4	5	2	5	5
Another Party	2	2	1	1	2	3	1	2

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	1095	159	173	345	518	238	180
Progressive Conservative	39	43	40	39	39	42	30
Liberal	34	40	36	32	33	29	37
New Democratic	21	12	19	22	21	21	26
Green	5	4	4	6	5	6	6
Another Party	2	1	1	2	1	2	2

Past Provincial Vote Preference

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other parties
Sample	1095	355	371	159	51	51
Progressive Conservative	39	90	13	7	20	46
Liberal	34	6	70	14	14	18
New Democratic	21	3	13	73	17	10
Green	5	0	3	5	46	11
Another Party	2	1	0	1	3	16

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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	1157	156	146	237	285	333	562	595
Approve	20	19	19	18	20	22	17	22
Disapprove	67	63	66	71	71	67	73	61
Don't know	13	18	14	11	9	12	10	17

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	1157	173	186	362	548	247	189
Approve	20	17	27	19	22	18	17
Disapprove	67	65	56	71	66	73	63
Don't know	13	17	17	10	13	8	20

Provincial Vote Preference

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Another Party
Sample	1157	439	365	182	61	48
Approve	20	2	47	13	16	5
Disapprove	67	95	38	73	65	60
Don't know	13	3	15	13	19	34

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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	1157	156	146	237	285	333	562	595
Approve	27	26	25	28	27	32	35	21
Disapprove	25	20	32	23	28	23	27	23
Don't know	48	53	42	49	45	45	38	57

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	1157	173	186	362	548	247	189
Approve	27	25	24	30	28	27	28
Disapprove	25	31	23	21	22	25	29
Don't know	48	44	53	48	50	48	42

Provincial Vote Preference

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Another Party
Sample	1157	439	365	182	61	48
Approve	27	51	14	15	17	20
Disapprove	25	14	31	36	33	21
Don't know	48	35	56	48	50	58

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Andrea Horwath Approval

‘Do you approve or disapprove of the job Andrea Horwath is doing as Leader of the NDP?’

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1157	156	146	237	285	333	562	595
Approve	32	23	32	36	40	36	30	34
Disapprove	28	25	29	28	31	29	34	22
Don't know	40	53	39	36	29	35	36	44

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Approve	32	24	26	41	35	29	34
Disapprove	28	31	31	26	28	26	28
Don't know	40	44	43	33	37	46	38

Provincial Vote Preference

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Another Party
Sample	1157	439	365	182	61	48
Approve	32	31	27	53	31	15
Disapprove	28	34	31	13	29	23
Don't know	40	35	42	34	41	63

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Best Premier of ON

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

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1157	156	146	237	285	333	562	595
Kathleen Wynne	15	9	19	14	18	21	14	17
Patrick Brown	24	20	25	28	25	28	33	17
Andrea Horwath	15	14	16	18	14	11	12	17
None of these	28	32	25	24	29	27	28	28
Don't know	17	24	15	16	15	13	14	21

Region

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Sample	1157	173	186	362	548	247	189
Kathleen Wynne	15	21	18	13	15	13	15
Patrick Brown	24	25	21	26	24	24	25
Andrea Horwath	15	12	15	16	16	15	15
None of these	28	26	25	28	27	32	28
Don't know	17	16	21	17	18	16	17

Provincial Vote Preference

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Another Party
Sample	1157	439	365	182	61	48
Kathleen Wynne	15	2	40	7	6	1
Patrick Brown	24	60	4	6	6	5
Andrea Horwath	15	7	12	43	15	4
None of these	28	22	24	30	48	77
Don't know	17	10	21	14	24	13

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