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## **Trudeau's approval remains high**

### **Supermajority in House if election held today**

TORONTO December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 - In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 1369 Canadian voters, close to half would vote for the Liberals if an election were held today (46%), stable from last month (November 18 - 45%), while the Conservatives would receive a third of the vote total (32%), down from last month (37%). The NDP would receive the support of just more than one tenth (13%), which is a slight improvement over last month (November 18 - 10%). Few will vote Green or Bloc Quebecois (4% each).

### **Election today would see supermajority in House**

If these results are projected up to seats in the House of Commons, the Liberals would capture a dominating share of 224 seats, to 99 for the Conservatives, just 14 for the NDP and 1 seat for the Greens (the leader's).

### **Trudeau's approval up 6 points, Mulcair's up 7**

Close to 6-in-10 voters approve of the job Justin Trudeau is doing as Prime Minister (57%), up from one half last month (November 18 - 51%), and his net favourable rating (approve minus disapprove) is a very positive +28. Tom Mulcair has also seen his approval rate increase, from one third last month (34%) to 4-in-10 now (41%). His net score is a relatively positive +10. One half of voters don't know enough about Rona Ambrose to rate her performance (47%), but one quarter see her in a positive light (26%) and her net score is a neutral 0.

"The honeymoon isn't showing any signs of ending soon, and his approval ratings are improving, not falling. And this is in the face of numerous minor setbacks. Nonetheless, Trudeau has significant challenges coming, and it's not clear he can maintain these levels of public support," said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

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#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Close to half would vote for the Liberals if an election were held today (46%).
- If these results are projected up to seats in the House of Commons, the Liberals would capture a dominating share of 224 seats, to 99 for the Conservatives, just 14 for the NDP and 1 seat for the Greens (the leader's).
- Close to 6-in-10 voters approve of the job Justin Trudeau is doing as Prime Minister (57%).
- "The honeymoon isn't showing any signs of ending soon, and his approval ratings are improving, not falling. And this is in the face of numerous minor setbacks. Nonetheless, he has significant challenges coming, and it's not clear he can maintain these levels of public support," 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 1369 randomly selected Canadians 18 years of age or older. The poll was conducted between December 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 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](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. Electoral success is dependant on the parties' skill at getting out the vote. 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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## Federal Party Preference Trending

[Decided/Leaning]

%	Sample	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other
Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1369	32	46	13	4	4	1
November 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	909	37	45	10	3	4	1
Nov. 4 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1256	25	55	12	3	4	1
Election: Oct. 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2015		32	40	20	3	5	0
October 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1373	30	40	20	3	6	1
Oct. 13 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1438	31	37	24	2	6	1
Oct. 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1427	31	37	23	3	5	1
Oct 5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1447	31	35	26	3	4	1
Sept. 28-29 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1449	34	27	28	5	5	1
Sept. 21-23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2015	1557	31	31	28	4	4	1
Sept. 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	922	33	29	29	4	4	1
Sept. 14-15 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1402	32	28	30	6	4	1
Sept. 9-10 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1308	28	29	36	3	3	1
August 30-Sept. 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2015	1384	24	32	36	4	4	1
August 23-24 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1440	23	30	40	3	3	1
August 17-19 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1473	29	28	34	4	4	1
August 10-11 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1392	28	27	34	4	6	1
August 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2015	1399	28	25	39	3	5	1
July 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1397	33	25	33	4	4	1
July 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2015	1208	28	29	34	4	5	1
July 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1251	27	27	34	5	7	1
July 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1200	32	26	32	3	5	1
June 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1221	27	29	32	4	6	1
June 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2015	1268	28	28	36	2	5	1
June 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1281	26	28	34	5	7	1
June 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1156	31	32	28	5	3	1
May 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1286	31	31	30	4	3	1
April 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2015	977	35	31	23	6	5	1
April 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1365	33	35	22	6	3	1
March 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2015	1239	31	34	23	5	5	1
March 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1370	32	36	21	6	4	1
February 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1018	32	39	17	5	4	1
January 27-28 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1309	35	34	20	6	5	1
January 5-6 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	1650	33	37	20	5	4	1
Dec. 10-11 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	1560	33	41	17	5	3	1
Nov. 19-20 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	1442	33	36	18	8	4	1
Oct. 5-8 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	1504	34	38	19	4	4	1
Sept. 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	1267	34	40	18	3	4	1

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**Seat Distribution Projection Trending**

%	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other
December 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	99	224	14	1	0	0
November 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	108	222	6	0	2	0
November 4 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	57	276	5	0	0	0
Election: October 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	99	184	44	1	10	0
October 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	109	171	46	1	11	0
Oct. 13 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	114	127	77	1	19	0
October 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	116	145	69	1	7	0
October 5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	122	120	94	1	1	0
September 28-29 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	151	76	104	1	6	0
September 21-23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2015	125	107	104	1	1	0
September 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	145	97	95	1	0	0
September 14-15 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	138	86	113	1	0	0
September 9-10 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	113	85	139	1	0	0
August 30-September 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2015	73	123	141	1	0	0
August 23-24 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	87	76	174	1	0	0
August 17-19 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	123	79	133	1	2	0
August 10-11 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	120	89	125	1	3	0
August 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2015	118	58	160	1	1	0
July 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	156	58	122	1	1	0
July 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2015	121	78	134	1	4	0
July 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	107	79	132	1	19	0
July 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	155	59	120	1	2	1
June 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	104	106	119	1	8	0
June 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2015	116	65	149	1	3	0
June 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	112	86	120	1	18	1
June 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	151	101	83	1	1	1
May 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	131	95	111	1	0	0
April 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2015	146	101	77	1	12	1
April 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	142	137	58	1	0	0
March 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2015	129	125	65	1	17	1
March 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	130	138	65	1	4	0
February 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	112	194	30	1	1	0
January 27-28 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	145	125	61	1	5	1
January 5-6 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	137	126	70	1	0	1

**Switch from 308 to 338 seat distribution**

Dec. 10-11 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	109	164	34	1	0	0
Nov. 19-20 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	125	124	52	1	6	0
Oct. 5-8 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	132	130	44	1	1	0
Sept. 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	113	162	30	1	2	0
August 18-19 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	110	142	51	1	4	0
July 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	84	192	30	1	1	0
June 16-17 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	109	142	53	1	3	0

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**Federal Vote Preference**

*'If a federal 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	1338	303	180	240	300	315	719	619
Conservative	32	23	37	34	33	33	36	28
Liberal	46	48	37	47	46	48	42	49
New Democratic	13	14	18	13	11	11	14	13
Green	4	9	4	2	3	4	4	5
Bloc Quebecois	4	6	3	3	6	3	4	5
Other	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

**Region**

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1338	112	313	486	94	147	186	1037	301
Conservative	32	22	17	32	46	71	30	37	17
Liberal	46	56	50	49	37	21	43	45	48
New Democratic	13	17	13	13	13	5	18	13	14
Green	4	4	3	5	2	3	7	4	4
Bloc Quebecois	4	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	17
Other	1	2	0	1	2	0	1	1	1

**Income**

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1338	151	255	218	173	147	233
Conservative	32	24	26	31	28	36	37
Liberal	46	37	45	43	52	46	51
New Democratic	13	20	16	16	14	10	8
Green	4	6	6	4	3	3	2
Bloc Quebecois	4	10	6	4	3	5	2
Other	1	2	0	1	1	0	1

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## **Trudeau Approval**

*'Do you approve or disapprove of the job Justin Trudeau is doing as Prime Minister?'*

*[All Respondents]*

### **Age / Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1369	311	186	242	309	321	733	636
Approve	57	66	51	54	53	56	56	58
Disapprove	30	23	38	31	33	31	35	26
Don't know	13	12	11	15	14	13	9	16

### **Region**

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1369	116	319	494	100	148	192	1064	305
Approve	57	70	63	57	42	31	64	55	62
Disapprove	30	21	22	30	42	59	25	33	22
Don't know	13	8	15	13	15	9	11	12	15

### **Federal Vote Preference**

%	Total	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1369	418	561	188	93	54	24
Approve	57	11	90	67	60	44	34
Disapprove	30	78	3	15	22	30	40
Don't know	13	11	7	18	18	26	26

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### **Ambrose Approval**

*'Do you approve or disapprove of the job Rona Ambrose is doing as interim leader of the opposition?'*

[All Respondents]

### **Age / Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1369	311	186	242	309	321	733	636
Approve	26	17	21	31	30	39	32	21
Disapprove	27	28	30	24	26	23	30	23
Don't know	47	55	48	45	44	38	38	55

### **Region**

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1369	116	319	494	100	148	192	1064	305
Approve	26	20	17	31	27	42	23	30	16
Disapprove	27	32	33	23	31	21	25	25	33
Don't know	47	47	50	46	42	38	52	46	51

### **Federal Vote Preference**

%	Total	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1369	418	561	188	93	54	24
Approve	26	47	20	18	17	13	12
Disapprove	27	13	32	36	22	48	46
Don't know	47	40	48	47	60	39	42

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## **Mulcair Approval**

*'Do you approve or disapprove of the job Tom Mulcair is doing as leader of the NDP?'*

[All Respondents]

## **Age / Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1369	311	186	242	309	321	733	636
Approve	41	46	36	37	41	44	41	41
Disapprove	31	27	34	33	36	30	38	25
Don't know	28	27	31	30	23	26	20	34

## **Region**

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1369	116	319	494	100	148	192	1064	305
Approve	41	39	48	41	31	27	45	39	48
Disapprove	31	34	27	27	41	59	24	33	27
Don't know	28	27	25	32	27	14	31	28	25

## **Federal Vote Preference**

%	Total	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1369	418	561	188	93	54	24
Approve	41	23	46	71	35	52	40
Disapprove	31	47	26	18	30	30	25
Don't know	28	30	28	12	35	19	36

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