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### **Tories Maintains Slight Lead in Neck and Neck Federal Election**

#### The People's Party of Canada Surging

Toronto, Sept 11th, 2021 – In the first poll conducted following the federal election English debate by Forum Research among eligible Canadian voters shows that if the election were held today most decided / leaning voters would vote Conservative (31%), followed by Liberal (28%), NDP (18%), People's Party of Canada (9%), Bloc Quebecois (8%), and Green (4%).

Since the last poll conducted by Forum Research on Aug 15<sup>th</sup>, the most notable difference is that the support for People's Party of Canada has almost doubled, from 5% to 9%. With the largest increases coming from Alberta (from 4% to 12%), the Atlantic (from 5% to 14%), and British Columbia (from 4% to 11%).

There are significant regional differences across the country in political party support. In the crucial battleground of Ontario, the gap in political support between Liberals and Conservatives is the smallest, at 35% and 33% respectively, with 17% of voters supporting the NDP.

In Quebec, the Bloc Quebecois have a lead at 35%, followed by Liberals at 24%, and then Conservatives, NDP, People's Party of Canada, and Green Party, (19%, 9%, 6%, and 4%, respectively). The most notable difference in Quebec since the last poll is that Bloc Quebecois saw a significant increase in support, from 27% to 35%.

In Manitoba / Saskatchewan the Conservatives enjoys a comfortable lead of 48%, followed by the NDP (25%), Liberals (20%), and People's Party of Canada (5%). The Conservative party also has a stronghold in Alberta (45%), followed by the NDP (22%), Liberals (14%), and People's Party of Canada (12%). In British Columbia, Conservatives enjoy a lead of 31%, followed by NDP with 27%, Liberals with 24%, and People's Party of Canada at 11%. In the Atlantic provinces, Liberals lead with 34%, followed by Conservatives (30%), the NDP (16%), and People's Party of Canada (14%).

These voting intention results, if held on election day, would likely yield approximately 129 Tory seats, 121 Liberal seats, 51 Bloc Quebecois seats, and 34 NDP seats. Within a range of approximately plus or minus 10 seats for each party. These results will change as voting intentions change and are subject to the usual margins of error.

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#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

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The poll was conducted by Forum Research with the results based on an interactive voice response telephone survey of 1,579 randomly selected eligible voters across Canada. The poll was conducted on Sept 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Results based on the total sample are considered accurate +/- 3%, 19 times out of 20. Subsample and regional results will be less accurate. Margins of error for subsample and regional results are available at www.forumresearch.com/samplestim.asp.

This research is not necessarily predictive of future outcomes, but rather captures opinion at one point in time. The poll was sponsored by Forum Research Inc. as a public service. With offices across Canada and around the world, 100% Canadian owned Forum Research is one of the country's leading survey research firms.

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The key questions covered in the recent poll concerned:

#### **Party Support**

'If the federal election were held today, which party would you be 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]

#### Region

%	Total	ATL	PQ	ON	MB/ SK	АВ	ВС
Sample	1524	162	261	738	79	127	157
Conservative	31	30	19	33	48	45	31
Liberal	28	34	24	35	20	14	24
New Democratic	18	16	9	17	25	22	27
Green	4	5	4	4	2	3	4
Bloc Quebecois	8	0	35	0	0	0	0
The People's Party of Canada	9	14	6	10	5	12	11
Other Parties	2	1	3	1	0	4	3

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				Age			Gender			
%	Total	< 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 +	Male	Female	Non- Binary
sample	1524	76	182	253	275	289	449	812	668	44
Conservative	31	28	30	29	36	32	31	37	26	25
Liberal	28	10	13	24	30	32	38	25	31	18
New Democratic	18	38	26	20	12	13	12	15	20	7
Green	4	3	6	4	4	1	4	3	4	11
Bloc Quebecois	8	6	7	8	6	11	10	9	8	0
The People's Party of Canada	9	15	17	12	9	7	4	9	9	32
Other Parties	2	1	2	3	2	3	1	2	1	7