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NDP Thought Best on Education, Environment, Tied on Healthcare

Liberals tied with PCs on Economy and Infrastructure

Toronto, May 17th – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ among 1057 Nova Scotia voters, 3-in-10 (30%) say that if elected, the Liberals would be best for the economy, statistically tied with the Progressive Conservatives (29%). The NDP is well back with (17%). A quarter (24%) say they are unsure.

Worth noting is that only about half (56%) of NDP supporters think that their party is the best for the economy. Both, Liberal and Conservative supporters display more confidence with nearly 8-in-10 (78%, and 77% respectively) suggesting that their party is best for economy.

NDP most environmentally friendly

Almost a third (30%) say that the NDP, if elected, would be best for the environment. Fewer than 2 in 10 say either the Liberals (18%) or PCs (17%) would be best for the environment. More than a third (35%) say they are unsure.

Only about half of Liberal and Conservative supporters think that their party is best for environment (50%, and 45% respectively). NDP supporters are more confident, with 7-in-10 suggesting that their party is best on this issue (71%).

NDP and PCs tied on Healthcare

Almost 3-in-10 (28%) say the NDP, if elected, would be best for healthcare, a virtual tie with the Progressive Conservatives (27%). Just under a quarter (22%) say the Liberals would be best for healthcare. More than 2-in-10 (22%) say they are unsure.

Worth noting is that Liberal supporters report the lowest confidence in their party to be best on healthcare (62%), and the highest undecided numbers (21%) compared to their rivals.

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"The NDP should be especially please it's seen to be the best on education, the environment, and tied for the best on healthcare," said Dr. Lorne Bozinoff, President of Forum Research. "Healthcare continues to resonate strongly in this campaign, if they can extend their lead on healthcare, their strength could surprise on election day."



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Liberals and PCs tied on Infrastructure

Almost 3-in-10 (29%) say the Liberals, if elected, would be best for building infrastructure, tied with the Progressive Conservatives (29%). Fewer than 2-in-10 (15%) say the NDP would be best for healthcare. Almost a third (28%) say they are unsure.

Worth noting is that NDP supporters report the lowest confidence in their party to be best for building infrastructure (44%), and the highest undecided numbers (28%) compared to their rivals.

NDP seen as best for education

Almost a third (31%) say the NDP, if elected, will be best for education. A quarter (25%) say the Progressive Conservatives would be best for education, with the Liberals virtually tied at (23%). Just over 2-in-10 say they are unsure.

More than 1-in-10 of both, Liberal (15%) and Conservative (15%) supporters report that the NDP will be best of education if elected.

"The NDP should be especially pleased it's seen to be the best on education, the environment, and tied for the best on healthcare. Healthcare continues to resonate strongly in this campaign, if they can extend their lead on healthcare, their strength could surprise on election day," said Dr. Lorne Bozinoff, President of Forum Research.

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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 1057 randomly selected Nova Scotia Voters. The poll was conducted May 15-16, 2017.

The following numbers of households were contacted for this poll:

May 15th: 13387

May 16th: 41056

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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Best Party Summary

%	Economy	Environment	Healthcare	Infrastructure	Education
Liberal	30	18	22	29	23
Progressive Conservative	29	17	27	29	25
NDP	17	30	28	15	31
Unsure	24	35	22	28	21

Best for economy

Which party, if elected, will be best for the economy?

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1057	168	144	173	236	336	493	540
Liberal	30	25	23	29	33	36	34	27
Progressive Conservative	29	33	29	28	27	28	32	27
NDP	17	15	25	19	15	13	15	18
Unsure	24	27	24	24	24	22	19	28

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1057	91	168	149	132	121	191
Liberal	30	31	28	37	33	30	27
Progressive Conservative	29	17	27	32	29	33	33
NDP	17	24	16	12	13	20	21
Unsure	24	27	30	20	25	17	18



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Region

%	Total	Halifax	Cape Breton	South Shore	North End
Sample	1057	445	147	305	160
Liberal	30	27	24	35	30
Progressive Conservative	29	28	32	26	36
NDP	17	20	16	14	16
Unsure	24	25	27	26	18

Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	1057	197	257	377	226
Liberal	30	30	30	31	28
Progressive Conservative	29	27	28	30	33
NDP	17	15	16	15	23
Unsure	24	28	26	25	17

Current Provincial Vote Preference

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Other
Sample	1057	313	336	244	48
Liberal	30	4	78	7	16
Progressive Conservative	29	77	7	11	16
NDP	17	5	3	56	21
Unsure	24	13	12	26	47



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Best for environment

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Liberal	18	19	13	14	21	22	21	16
Progressive Conservative	17	13	18	16	16	20	19	14
NDP	30	33	36	35	31	22	31	30
Unsure	35	35	33	36	32	36	29	39

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1057	91	168	149	132	121	191
Liberal	18	23	17	28	17	20	14
Progressive Conservative	17	15	19	20	12	15	17
NDP	30	33	21	26	30	37	42
Unsure	35	29	43	26	41	28	26

Region

%	Total	Halifax	Cape Breton	South Shore	North End
Sample	1057	445	147	305	160
Liberal	18	16	17	21	18
Progressive Conservative	17	13	21	18	20
NDP	30	41	24	23	29
Unsure	35	30	38	38	34

Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	1057	197	257	377	226
Liberal	18	18	19	19	17
Progressive Conservative	17	22	17	15	16
NDP	30	18	26	33	42
Unsure	35	42	38	33	25



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Current Provincial Vote Preference

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Sample	1057	313	336	244	48
Liberal	18	3	50	4	4
Progressive Conservative	17	45	4	4	17
NDP	30	20	16	71	29
Unsure	35	31	30	21	50



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Best for healthcare

Which party, if elected, will be best for healthcare?

Age/Gender

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Liberal	30	25	23	29	33	36	34	27
Progressive Conservative	29	33	29	28	27	28	32	27
NDP	17	15	25	19	15	13	15	18
Unsure	24	27	24	24	24	22	19	28

Income

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Sample	1057	91	168	149	132	121	191
Liberal	22	23	20	29	22	24	22
Progressive Conservative	27	18	29	29	30	28	27
NDP	28	29	24	22	27	28	37
Unsure	22	30	27	19	21	20	14

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Current Provincial Vote Preference

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Other
Sample	1057	313	336	244	48
Liberal	22	3	62	2	9
Progressive Conservative	27	74	8	4	19
NDP	28	13	8	82	33
Unsure	22	10	21	12	39



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Best for infrastructure

Which party, if elected, will be best for building infrastructure?

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Sample	1057	168	144	173	236	336	493	540
Liberal	29	24	24	28	32	34	33	25
Progressive Conservative	29	30	34	25	29	27	34	24
NDP	15	15	17	15	15	12	13	15
Unsure	28	31	25	32	24	27	20	35

Income

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Sample	1057	91	168	149	132	121	191
Liberal	29	32	25	32	31	31	26
Progressive Conservative	29	22	25	30	28	28	38
NDP	15	18	15	13	14	18	17
Unsure	28	28	35	25	27	23	19

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NDP	15	17	21	10	12
Unsure	28	27	24	32	27

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Sample	1057	313	336	244	48
Liberal	29	6	68	14	21
Progressive Conservative	29	68	10	14	29
NDP	15	5	5	44	15
Unsure	28	21	17	28	35



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Progressive Conservative	25	22	21	25	26	30	28	23
NDP	31	42	40	29	28	20	28	34
Unsure	21	18	20	26	21	19	18	22

Income

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Sample	1057	91	168	149	132	121	191
Liberal	23	20	20	31	20	26	21
Progressive Conservative	25	16	25	29	25	29	25
NDP	31	36	26	23	34	33	43
Unsure	21	27	29	18	21	12	12

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Unsure	21	19	24	19	22

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Progressive Conservative	25	69	5	5	16
NDP	31	15	15	84	37
Unsure	21	12	17	8	37

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