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Trudeau Liberals To Run The Table

Tied for first in generic matchup

Toronto, February 7th, 2013 – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 1,091 Canadians 18 years of age and older, more than 4-in-10 would vote for the Liberals federally if an election were held today and the Liberal leader were Justin Trudeau (41%), and this would give the Liberals a strong majority of 164 seats in the 308 seat house. The Conservatives would net 3-in-10 votes (30%) and 93 seats, and the NDP would be in third place with just one fifth of the vote (20%) and 45 seats. The Bloc Quebecois would command 6% of the vote and 5 seats, while the Green Party would retain their single seat, but take just 2% of the vote. It is interesting to note that significant support for the Liberals led by Trudeau would come from the Greens (35%), the NDP (25%) and even the Conservatives (10%). They are especially popular in Atlantic Canada (47%), Ontario (45%) and the Prairies (46%), among middle aged Canadians (45 to 54 - 48%) and older (65+ - 45%) and among women (46%).

Liberals tied for first in generic matchup

In a generic matchup, with no leaders' names mentioned, the Conservatives (32%) and the Liberals are essentially tied (30%) within the margin of error, and this represents a decline for the Conservatives since last month (from 36%) and a sharp increase for the Liberals (from 25%). In this situation, the NDP takes about one quarter of the vote (26%, down slightly from 28%). The Bloc would take 6% of the vote and the Greens 4%. Under this scenario, the Conservatives would capture a weak minority of 129 seats in the 308 seat house, compared to 86 for the Liberals and 81 for the NDP. The Bloc would take 11 seats and the Greens would retain leader Elizabeth May's seat.

Prime Minister's favourables down sharply

About one third of Canadians approve of the job Stephen Harper is doing (32%) and this is down sharply since last month (38%). His net favourable (approve minus disapprove) is a dismal -23. Close to 4-in-10 approve of the job Tom Mulcair is doing (38%) and this is steady since last month (37%). His net favourable is a relatively lofty +7. Bob Rae has the approval of about one third (34%) and this has not changed much since last month (32%). His net is 0.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

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Joint nominations favoured by Liberal, NDP supporters

In the general population, there is an even split between those who support opposition joint nominations (42%) and those who do not favour this idea (41%). Among supporters of the opposition parties, however, the idea is seen to have merit. More than one half of Liberals (53%), NDP supporters (55%), Green Party supporters (57%) and Bloquistes (60%) favour the idea of opposition parties running a single candidate against the Conservatives in each riding.

"After a brief setback last month, it appears the Trudeau Express is back on track, crushing everything in its way. The support which the Green Party and the NDP bleed to the Trudeau Liberals must be worrisome for them, if not for the Conservatives. The Trudeau Effect is even nudging the generic matchup, and the Liberals are no longer in the basement," 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 1,091 randomly selected residents of Canada aged 18 or older. The poll was conducted on February 6th, 2013.

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 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.

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Party Preference Trending

[Decided/Leaning]

%	Sample	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other
Feb 6 th , 2013	1051	32	30	26	4	6	1
Jan 16 th -17 th , 2013	1555	36	25	28	4	7	1
Dec 18 th , 2012	1296	31	27	28	6	6	1
Nov 19 th , 2012	1776	33	28	28	4	6	1
Oct 27 th , 2012	1680	31	27	32	4	6	1
Sep 27 th , 2012	1692	35	25	30	3	6	1
Aug 22 nd , 2012	1640	34	22	34	4	6	1
Jul 25 th -26 th , 2012	1545	31	22	35	5	6	1
Jun 27 th , 2012	1114	35	19	35	3	6	1
Jun 14 th , 2012	1482	30	22	37	5	6	1
May 23 rd , 2012	1756	32	20	36	6	5	1
Apr 24 th , 2012	1669	33	22	36	2	6	1
Mar 30 th , 2012	1591	36	19	34	5	5	1
Mar 26 th -27 th , 2012	1565	35	19	35	3	7	1
Mar 2 nd -3 rd , 2012	1603	37	25	28	4	5	1
Feb 6 th , 2012	1148	36	26	28	3	6	1
Jan 13 th , 2012	1140	35	25	28	4	6	1
Dec 13 th , 2011	1160	33	21	27	8	6	5
Federal Election May 2 nd , 2011	n/a	40	19	31	4	6	0

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Seat Distribution Projection Trending

%	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other
Feb 6 ^{th,} 2013	129	86	81	1	11	0
Jan 16 th -17 th , 2013	144	68	73	1	22	0
Dec 18 th , 2012	129	77	77	1	24	0
Nov 19 th , 2012	138	83	76	1	10	0
Oct 27 th , 2012	122	76	101	1	8	0
Sep 27 th , 2012	142	66	87	1	12	0
Aug 22 nd , 2012	140	46	114	1	7	0
July 25 th -26 th , 2012	114	58	128	1	7	0
June 27 th , 2012	144	32	127	1	4	0
June 14 th , 2012	114	53	136	1	4	0
May 23 rd , 2012	123	42	138	1	4	0
Apr 24 th , 2012	118	54	133	1	2	0
Mar 30 th , 2012	142	36	126	1	3	0
Mar 26 th -27 th , 2012	151	25	120	1	11	0
Mar 2 nd -3 rd , 2012	145	69	78	1	15	0
Feb 6 th , 2012	151	60	88	1	8	0
Federal Election May 2 nd , 2011	166	34	103	1	4	0

Party Preference with Trudeau as Liberal Leader Trending

[Decided/Leaning]

%	Sample	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other
Feb 6 ^{th,} 2013	1055	30	41	20	2	6	1
Jan 16 th -17 th , 2013	1553	33	35	21	3	7	1
Dec 18 th , 2012	1311	30	39	22	4	5	1
Nov 19 th , 2012	1775	30	39	23	2	6	1
Oct 27 th , 2012	1694	29	39	24	2	5	1
Sep 27 th , 2012	1707	32	39	20	2	6	1

Seat Distribution Projection with Trudeau as Liberal Leader Trending

%	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other
Feb 6 ^{th,} 2013	93	164	45	1	5	0
Jan 16 th -17 th , 2013	120	112	50	1	25	0
Dec 18 th , 2012	109	154	41	1	3	0
Nov 19 th , 2012	107	150	44	1	6	0
Oct 27 th , 2012	104	160	42	1	1	0
Sep 27 th , 2012	115	149	38	1	5	0

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Federal Leader Approval Rating Trending (% Approve)

[All Respondents]

%	Sample	Rae	Harper	Mulcair
Feb 6 ^{th,} 2013	1091	34	33	38
Jan 16 th -17 th , 2013	1626	32	38	37
Dec 18 th , 2012	1355	39	35	39
Nov 19 th , 2012	1849	35	36	33
Oct 27 th , 2012	1735	34	36	38
Sep 27 th , 2012	1758	31	39	37
Aug 22 nd , 2012	1720	32	36	41
July 25 th -26 th , 2012	1639	34	32	36
June 27 th , 2012	1165	36	35	39
June 14 th , 2012	1529	40	31	39
May 23 rd , 2012	1836	33	33	41
Apr 24 th , 2012	1669	35	34	41
Mar 30th, 2012	1675	36	34	32
Mar 26th-27th, 2012	1638	32	34	32

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Current Federal Party Preference

'If the 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	1051	125	128	214	294	290	549	502
Conservative	32	20	34	31	34	35	37	27
Liberal	30	23	30	32	27	35	28	33
New Democratic	26	35	26	28	26	21	26	27
Green	4	9	3	4	4	4	5	4
Bloc Quebecois	6	11	7	4	8	4	4	9
Other	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	ВС
Sample	1051	108	261	354	109	114	105
Conservative	32	31	14	37	36	59	34
Liberal	30	34	31	34	35	22	19
New Democratic	26	29	29	25	25	9	37
Green	4	5	2	3	4	9	9
Bloc Quebecois	6	0	24	0	0	0	0
Other	1	1	1	1	1	1	0

Household Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-40K	\$40-60K	\$60-80K	\$80- 100K	\$100K+
Sample	1051	135	202	164	119	99	149
Conservative	32	22	28	33	34	30	36
Liberal	30	33	40	24	35	26	27
New Democratic	26	30	19	32	22	32	26
Green	4	6	5	5	3	3	3
Bloc Quebecois	6	7	8	5	6	8	7
Other	1	1	1	0	0	0	2

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Past Vote (2011 Federal Election)

%	Total	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1051	327	238	257	56	74	31
Conservative	32	81	4	9	8	11	28
Liberal	30	12	82	13	18	7	23
New Democratic	26	6	10	71	15	12	28
Green	4	1	2	3	51	6	7
Bloc Quebecois	6	0	0	4	5	63	0
Other	1	0	1	0	3	1	15

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Current Federal Party Preference if Justin Trudeau were Liberal Leader

'If a federal election were held today, which party would you be most likely to vote for if Justin Trudeau were the Liberal leader?'+ 'Even though you may not have made up your mind, which party would you be leaning towards if Justin Trudeau were Liberal leader?'

[Decided/Leaning]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1055	127	128	211	295	294	552	503
Conservative	30	21	33	24	32	33	35	24
Liberal	41	33	39	48	37	44	37	46
New Democratic	20	32	17	20	21	16	22	19
Green	2	4	2	3	2	3	3	2
Bloc Quebecois	6	8	8	4	8	2	4	8
Other	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	ВС
Sample	1055	107	261	353	112	114	108
Conservative	30	33	12	33	32	56	31
Liberal	41	47	41	45	46	29	29
New Democratic	20	17	24	19	19	8	35
Green	2	3	1	2	2	6	4
Bloc Quebecois	6	0	22	0	0	0	0
Other	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Household Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-40K	\$40-60K	\$60-80K	\$80-100K	\$100K+
Sample	1055	138	205	165	119	99	150
Conservative	30	24	21	30	33	26	35
Liberal	41	40	54	39	40	33	37
New Democratic	20	23	15	23	18	32	19
Green	2	3	2	3	2	1	1
Bloc Quebecois	6	8	6	4	6	7	6
Other	1	2	0	1	0	1	1

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Current Federal Party Preference

%	Total	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1055	310	294	255	71	60	48
Conservative	30	89	2	1	5	0	22
Liberal	41	10	93	25	35	4	37
New Democratic	20	1	3	74	11	5	7
Green	2	0	0	0	48	2	2
Bloc Quebecois	6	0	1	1	2	88	7
Other	1	0	0	0	0	1	25

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Approval of Leaders:

Conservative

'Do you approve or disapprove of the job Stephen Harper is doing as Prime Minister?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1091	131	135	219	304	302	562	529
Approve	33	28	36	33	37	35	40	27
Disapprove	56	58	55	57	55	57	52	61
Don't know	10	14	8	11	8	8	8	13

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	АВ	ВС
Sample	1091	112	264	370	119	116	110
Approve	33	26	18	37	38	53	37
Disapprove	56	68	71	52	54	40	52
Don't know	10	6	11	11	8	8	12

Household Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-40K	\$40-60K	\$60-80K	\$80-100K	\$100K+
Sample	1091	146	208	168	125	100	150
Approve	33	30	30	32	33	33	36
Disapprove	56	56	59	60	59	62	58
Don't know	10	14	11	8	8	5	6

Current Federal Party Preference

%	Total	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1091	313	297	260	71	60	50
Approve	33	83	16	8	19	9	54
Disapprove	56	11	73	83	69	82	41
Don't know	10	6	12	9	12	9	5

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NDP

'Do you approve or disapprove of the job Thomas Mulcair is doing as Leader of the Opposition?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1091	131	135	219	304	302	562	529
Approve	38	41	31	37	36	45	39	37
Disapprove	31	28	30	35	35	30	35	28
Don't know	30	30	39	28	29	25	26	35

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	ВС
Sample	1091	112	264	370	119	116	110
Approve	38	37	59	29	28	27	40
Disapprove	31	33	17	35	33	51	29
Don't know	30	29	23	36	39	22	30

Household Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-40K	\$40-60K	\$60-80K	\$80-100K	\$100K+
Sample	1091	146	208	168	125	100	150
Approve	38	34	42	33	44	54	42
Disapprove	31	24	28	40	32	26	38
Don't know	30	43	30	28	24	20	20

Current Federal Party Preference

%	Total	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1091	313	297	260	71	60	50
Approve	38	16	38	63	46	56	25
Disapprove	31	51	29	15	22	22	57
Don't know	30	33	33	22	31	22	18



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Liberal

'Do you approve or disapprove of the job Bob Rae is doing as interim leader of the Liberal Party?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1091	131	135	219	304	302	562	529
Approve	34	25	30	38	39	43	36	32
Disapprove	34	39	38	31	31	29	38	31
Don't know	32	36	33	31	30	27	26	37

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	ВС
Sample	1091	112	264	370	119	116	110
Approve	34	34	34	34	43	36	27
Disapprove	34	35	31	37	22	33	36
Don't know	32	31	35	29	35	31	36

Household Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-40K	\$40-60K	\$60-80K	\$80-100K	\$100K+
Sample	1091	146	208	168	125	100	150
Approve	34	27	42	38	30	33	44
Disapprove	34	36	28	35	41	38	34
Don't know	32	37	29	27	29	28	22

Current Federal Party Preference

%	Total	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1091	313	297	260	71	60	50
Approve	34	25	50	34	34	17	27
Disapprove	34	41	20	38	39	42	40
Don't know	32	34	29	28	27	40	33

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Approval of Joint Nominations

'It has been suggested the NDP, the Liberals and the Green Party hold joint nomination meetings prior to the next federal election, and only run the one strongest candidate from the three parties against the Conservative candidate in any riding. Do you favour or oppose this idea?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1091	131	135	219	304	302	562	529
Favour this idea	42	47	39	47	36	35	41	43
Oppose this idea	41	32	44	42	49	46	47	36
Don't know	17	20	16	11	16	19	13	21

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	ВС
Sample	1091	112	264	370	119	116	110
Favour this idea	42	45	55	36	39	33	40
Oppose this idea	41	40	25	47	38	54	47
Don't know	17	15	19	17	22	13	13

Household Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-40K	\$40-60K	\$60-80K	\$80-100K	\$100K+
Sample	1091	146	208	168	125	100	150
Favour this idea	42	47	41	49	44	45	39
Oppose this idea	41	29	39	37	45	47	52
Don't know	17	24	21	14	11	8	10

Current Federal Party Preference

%	Total	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1091	313	297	260	71	60	50
Favour this idea	42	15	53	55	57	60	34
Oppose this idea	41	71	30	32	33	14	44
Don't know	17	15	17	13	10	27	22

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Party Selected in Last Federal Election

'Which party did you vote for in the last federal election held in the spring of 2011?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1091	131	135	219	304	302	562	529
Conservative	28	17	36	29	34	33	35	23
Liberal	21	16	19	26	20	25	22	20
New Democratic	25	30	21	25	24	22	22	28
Green	6	7	5	6	5	5	5	7
Bloc Quebecois	8	11	6	7	7	6	5	11
Other Parties	3	4	2	3	3	3	4	3
Didn't Vote in the last federal election	9	15	10	5	8	5	8	10

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	ВС
Sample	1091	112	264	370	119	116	110
Conservative	28	34	12	31	26	54	28
Liberal	21	30	17	27	15	14	13
New Democratic	25	16	34	21	29	12	32
Green	6	3	3	7	4	10	8
Bloc Quebecois	8	0	24	1	3	5	5
Other Parties	3	2	4	3	4	2	2
Didn't Vote in the last federal election	9	14	7	9	19	3	11

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Household Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-40K	\$40- 60K	\$60- 80K	\$80- 100K	\$100K+
Sample	1091	146	208	168	125	100	150
Conservative	28	18	28	28	30	30	38
Liberal	21	16	28	16	28	22	20
New Democratic	25	19	22	42	23	34	18
Green	6	11	4	5	5	1	6
Bloc Quebecois	8	12	11	2	5	8	9
Other Parties	3	4	2	3	3	1	4
Didn't Vote in the last federal election	9	19	6	4	6	3	5

Current Federal Party Preference

%	Total	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1091	313	297	260	71	60	50
Conservative	28	79	12	7	8	0	19
Liberal	21	4	60	10	9	7	9
New Democratic	25	8	13	69	13	18	6
Green	6	1	2	2	43	3	17
Bloc Quebecois	8	3	2	4	8	64	18
Other Parties	3	1	1	2	3	0	25
Didn't Vote in the last federal election	9	4	9	7	16	8	6

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