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Federal Conservatives and Liberals tied, NDP falls back

Conservative minority seen

TORONTO June 5th, 2015 - In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 1156 Canadians, equal proportions, just under a third, would vote for the Conservatives (31%) or the Liberals (32%) if the election were held today, while the NDP would attract just less than 3-in-10 (28%). This compares closely to our last sounding of public opinion, when the three parties were with one point of each other (May 14 - 31%, 31% and 30%, respectively). Under this scenario, the Green Party would take few votes (5%) as would the Bloc Quebecois (3%) or any other party (1%).

In Atlantic Canada, the Liberals lead strongly (53%), in Quebec, they are ahead (34%) of the NDP (24%) or the Conservatives (23%) or the Bloc (13%). In Ontario, the three parties are at relative parity, with the Liberals slightly ahead (Conservatives - 31%, NDP - 31%, Liberals - 33%). In the prairies and Alberta, the Conservatives lead (44% and 49 respectively) in both regions the NDP are second (27% and 29%, respectively) while the Liberals are third (23% and 18%, respectively). In BC, the Conservatives and NDP are tied (33% and 32%, respectively), while the Liberals trail very slightly (28%).

Of note, close to one fifth of 2011 NDP voters will vote Liberal this time (19%), while just fewer past Liberals will vote NDP now (15%). About one tenth of past Conservatives will vote either Liberal (12%) or NDP (13%) this time around. As many as one third of past Green voters will vote NDP in 2015 (34%).

Conservative Minority in the cards

If these results are projected up to a 338 seat House, the Conservatives are set to capture 151, nineteen fewer than required for a majority. The Liberals would form the opposition with 101 seats and the NDP would hold the balance of power with 83 seats. The Greens would retake their one seat, the Bloc would take one and one independent (André Arthur, if he runs as an independent) would take a seat.

Leader favourables are steady

Prime Minister Stephen Harper has the approval of one third (33%) and his net favourable score (approve minus disapprove) is a very negative -27. Opposition leader Tom Mulcair has the approval of close to half (46%) and his net is a very favourable +19. Justin Trudeau's approval is just less than 4-in-10 (38%) and his net is a neutral +2. These findings are very similar to those noted last month.

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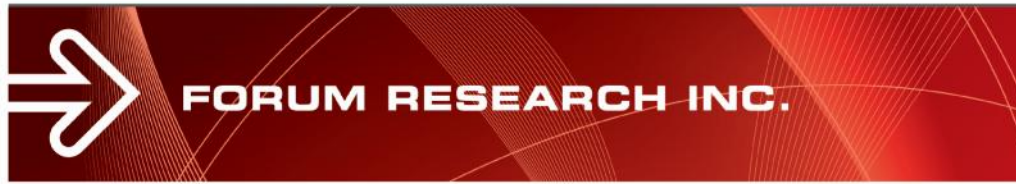
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Liberals, Conservatives in tie for expectations of victory

Exactly equal proportions (just more than 3-in-10, or 31%) expect the Conservatives or the Liberals to win the next election, while just fewer than one fifth have this expectation for the New Democrats (18%). Just fewer have no idea who will prevail (15%). Among New Democrats, one tenth believe the Conservatives will win (13%), while twice this proportion think the Liberals will win (22%). One half expect their own party to be victorious (48%).

"While we see the three major parties at something close to parity here, we do not see much momentum on the part of the New Democrats in supplanting the Liberals as the preferred alternative to the government," 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 1156 randomly selected Canadians 18 years of age or older. The poll was conducted on June 3-5th, 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

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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Federal Party Preference Trending

[Decided/Leaning]

%	Sample	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other
June 5 th , 2015	1156	31	32	28	5	3	1
May 14 th , 2015	1286	31	31	30	4	3	1
April 23 rd , 2015	977	35	31	23	6	5	1
April 16 th , 2015	1365	33	35	22	6	3	1
March 31 st , 2015	1239	31	34	23	5	5	1
March 14 th , 2015	1370	32	36	21	6	4	1
February 11 th , 2015	1018	32	39	17	5	4	1
January 27-28 th , 2015	1309	35	34	20	6	5	1
January 5-6 th , 2015	1650	33	37	20	5	4	1
Dec. 10-11 th , 2014	1560	33	41	17	5	3	1
Nov. 19-20 th , 2014	1442	33	36	18	8	4	1
Oct. 5-8 th , 2014	1504	34	38	19	4	4	1
Sept. 5 th , 2014	1267	34	40	18	3	4	1
August 18-19 th , 2014	1798	32	41	17	5	5	1
July 18 th , 2014	1624	28	44	18	3	5	1
June 16-17 th , 2014	1683	31	39	19	5	4	1
May 22 nd , 2014	1694	30	36	23	5	6	1
Apr 29 th , 2014	1572	30	39	20	4	6	1
Mar 25-28 th , 2014	1764	29	39	22	3	5	1
Feb. 18-19 th , 2014	1824	29	39	21	4	6	1
Jan. 23-24 th , 2014	1228	28	38	24	4	5	1
Jan. 17 th , 2014	1779	28	37	25	4	5	1
Dec. 12-13 th , 2013	1634	32	38	21	3	5	1
Nov. 12-13 th , 2013	1834	29	38	22	4	6	1
Oct. 23 rd , 2013	1007	28	40	20	5	6	1
Oct. 21-22 nd , 2013	1859	30	39	19	5	7	1
Sept 16-17 th , 2013	1527	31	36	21	4	7	1
August 24 th , 2013	1145	29	38	22	4	6	1
July 23 rd , 2013	1501	31	35	22	4	7	1
June 19 th , 2013	1420	30	38	20	4	6	0
May 21 st – 22 nd , 2013	1709	27	44	20	3	4	1
April 15 th , 2013	1764	30	43	19	2	5	1
April 2 nd , 2013	1269	29	33	25	6	5	1
March 6 th -7 th , 2013	1663	31	30	27	5	6	1
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

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Seat Distribution Projection Trending

%	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other
June 5 th , 2015	151	101	83	1	1	1
May 14 th , 2015	131	95	111	1	0	0
April 23 rd , 2015	146	101	77	1	12	1
April 16 th , 2015	142	137	58	1	0	0
March 31 st , 2015	129	125	65	1	17	1
March 14 th , 2015	130	138	65	1	4	0
February 10 th , 2015	112	194	30	1	1	0
January 27-28 th , 2015	145	125	61	1	5	1
January 5-6 th , 2015	137	126	70	1	0	1

Switch from 308 to 338 seat distribution

Dec. 10-11 th , 2014	109	164	34	1	0	0
Nov. 19-20 th , 2014	125	124	52	1	6	0
Oct. 5-8 th , 2014	132	130	44	1	1	0
Sept. 5 th , 2014	113	162	30	1	2	0
August 18-19 th , 2014	110	142	51	1	4	0
July 18 th , 2014	84	192	30	1	1	0
June 16-17 th , 2014	109	142	53	1	3	0
May 22 nd , 2014	111	110	75	1	11	0
Apr 29 th , 2014	100	158	39	1	10	0
Mar 25-28 th , 2014	99	159	40	1	9	0
Feb. 18-19 th , 2014	100	134	51	1	22	0
Jan. 23-24 th , 2014	104	132	65	1	6	0
Jan. 17 th , 2013	111	130	61	1	5	0
Dec. 12-13 th , 2013	110	147	48	1	2	0
Nov. 12-13 th , 2013	108	134	53	1	12	0
Oct. 23 rd , 2013	104	146	47	1	10	0
Oct. 21-22 nd , 2013	106	147	33	1	21	0
Sept 16-17 th , 2013	121	102	45	1	39	0
August 24 th , 2013	107	127	63	1	10	0
July 23 rd , 2013	129	120	44	1	14	0
June 19 th , 2013	113	150	39	1	5	0
May 21 st , 2013	77	192	37	1	1	0
April 15 th , 2013	99	170	35	1	3	0
April 2 nd , 2013	119	117	65	1	6	0
March 6 th -7 th , 2013	125	88	76	1	18	0
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

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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	1108	195	153	198	274	288	598	510
Conservative	31	24	29	32	31	38	36	26
Liberal	32	29	31	34	32	33	31	32
New Democratic	28	35	28	29	28	23	25	31
Green	5	9	5	2	4	4	3	6
Bloc Quebecois	3	2	6	3	5	2	3	4
Other	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1108	99	234	342	92	163	178	900	208
Conservative	31	21	23	31	44	49	33	33	23
Liberal	32	53	34	33	23	18	28	32	32
New Democratic	28	20	24	31	27	29	32	30	24
Green	5	6	5	4	5	2	6	5	4
Bloc Quebecois	3	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	15
Other	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1

Past Federal Vote

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1108	377	260	208	42	46	52
Conservative	31	71	9	5	15	14	21
Liberal	32	12	72	19	18	9	24
New Democratic	28	13	15	71	34	20	33
Green	5	2	3	4	27	2	3
Bloc Quebecois	3	0	0	2	4	53	8
Other	1	0	0	0	2	2	10

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Stephen Harper Approval

'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	1156	208	156	207	286	299	624	532
Approve	33	24	38	36	32	39	37	29
Disapprove	59	66	55	58	63	53	55	63
Don't know	8	11	8	6	5	8	8	8

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1156	101	239	361	96	172	187	942	214
Approve	33	20	27	34	33	51	33	34	26
Disapprove	59	69	64	59	60	42	58	58	65
Don't know	8	11	9	7	7	6	9	8	9

Federal Vote Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1156	342	330	289	71	31	45
Approve	33	86	15	11	12	16	19
Disapprove	59	7	82	83	81	77	64
Don't know	8	7	4	6	7	7	17

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Tom Mulcair Approval

'Do you approve or disapprove of the job Tom 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	1156	208	156	207	286	299	624	532
Approve	46	37	45	52	50	51	48	45
Disapprove	27	29	31	24	27	26	32	23
Don't know	27	34	24	25	23	23	20	32

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1156	101	239	361	96	172	187	942	214
Approve	46	35	54	46	41	37	47	43	56
Disapprove	27	31	23	27	25	38	29	29	21
Don't know	27	34	23	27	34	25	25	28	23

Federal Vote Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1156	342	330	289	71	31	45
Approve	46	30	50	69	33	43	28
Disapprove	27	45	26	14	28	21	34
Don't know	27	25	24	18	39	36	38

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Justin Trudeau Approval

'Do you approve or disapprove of the job Justin Trudeau is doing as leader of the Liberal Party?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1156	208	156	207	286	299	624	532
Approve	38	37	37	41	41	35	36	40
Disapprove	40	37	41	41	42	43	47	34
Don't know	22	25	23	19	17	22	17	26

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1156	101	239	361	96	172	187	942	214
Approve	38	53	37	37	35	26	44	39	35
Disapprove	40	30	39	40	40	56	37	41	40
Don't know	22	18	24	22	25	18	19	21	25

Federal Vote Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1156	342	330	289	71	31	45
Approve	38	9	80	32	29	21	20
Disapprove	40	75	8	40	49	44	49
Don't know	22	16	12	28	22	35	31

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Party Expected to Win the Next Federal Election

'Which party do you expect to win the next federal election?'

[All Respondents]

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Sample	1156	208	156	207	286	299	624	532
Conservative	31	28	32	29	35	36	38	25
Liberal	31	33	34	35	28	24	31	32
New Democratic	18	18	19	18	17	18	17	19
Green	3	5	1	3	2	2	2	4
Bloc Quebecois	2	4	1	1	1	0	1	2
Don't know	15	12	13	15	17	19	11	18

Region

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1156	101	239	361	96	172	187	942	214
Conservative	31	26	29	32	37	39	27	32	30
Liberal	31	42	36	31	32	15	28	30	35
New Democratic	18	12	14	19	18	26	22	19	15
Green	3	2	5	2	1	2	2	3	3
Bloc Quebecois	2	1	3	1	0	4	0	1	3
Don't know	15	18	13	14	12	14	20	15	15

Federal Vote Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1156	342	330	289	71	31	45
Conservative	31	82	9	13	17	23	20
Liberal	31	4	68	22	25	35	21
New Democratic	18	3	8	48	17	22	18
Green	3	2	1	0	22	2	3
Bloc Quebecois	2	0	1	0	8	9	8
Don't know	15	8	12	16	10	9	31

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