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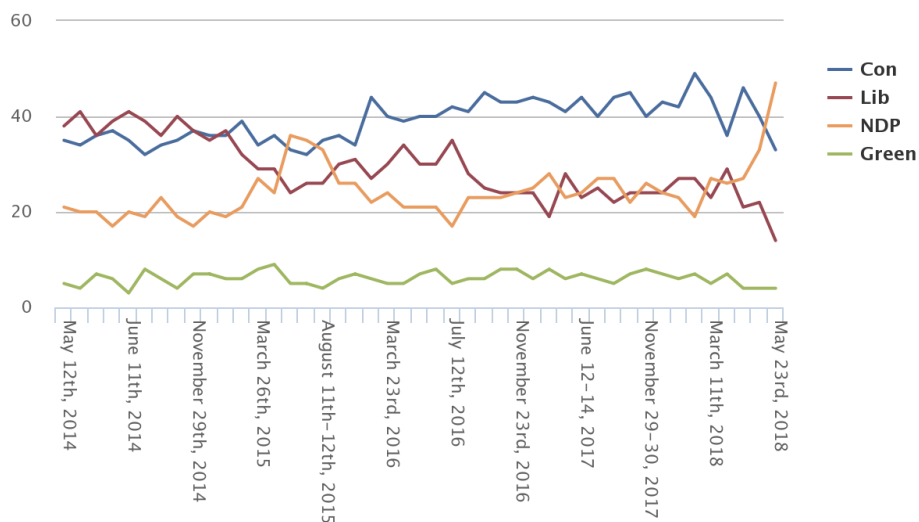
Liberal support collapsing

Toronto, May 24th - In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ among 906 Ontario voters, amongst those decided and leaning almost half of Ontarians (47%) say that they would support the NDP.

A third (33%) say they would support the PCs, and one-sixth (14%) say they would support the Liberals.

Few (4%) say they would support either the Green Party, or another party (2%).

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NDP majority

If the election were held today, we project these results would see an NDP Majority Government with 79 seats. The PCs would serve as opposition with 40 seats, and the Liberals would be left without enough seats to form an official party in the legislature, 5.

Three quarters say they are unlikely to change their voting intention

Three quarters (TOP2: 77%) say they are unlikely to change their voting intention, with almost two thirds (59%) saying they are very unlikely to do so.

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PC supporters say they are the least likely to change, with 9 in 10 (BTM2: 90%) saying they are unlikely to do so.

More than three-quarters (BTM2: 79%) of NDP supporters say they are unlikely to change their support, and just under three-quarters (70%) of Liberals saying they are unlikely to shift their vote elsewhere.

Just over half (58%) of Green voters say they are unlikely to change their vote.

About one-sixth (TOP2: 15%) say they are likely to change their voting intention, but few (3%) say they are very likely to do so.

One-third of Green party supporters (34%) say they are likely to change their vote, with about one quarter (22%) of Liberal voters saying so.

One-sixth (15%) of NDP supporters say they are likely to change their vote, and few (6%) Conservative voters say they are likely to change.

Horwath Approval Steady

Kathleen Wynne's approval sits at one-fifth (19%), while her disapproval sits at two-thirds (69%). 1 in 10 say they do not know (11%). Her net favourable score (approve minus disapprove) is -50

Doug Ford's approval sits at a third (32%), with half (51%) saying they disapprove. About one-fifth (17%) say they do not know. His net favourable score (approve minus disapprove) is -19.

Andrea Horwath's approval sits at 4 in 10 (43%), with a quarter (26%). About one-third (31%) say they do not know. Her net favourable score (approve minus disapprove) is +17.

Horwath and Ford tied for best Premier

A third (33%) say Andrea Horwath would make the best Premier, while a similar proportion (30%) say this of Doug Ford.

Kathleen Wynne is seen as best premier by one-sixth (15%), a similar proportion to those who say none (13%). 1 in 10 (9%) say they do not know.



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Half oppose the closure of the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station

Half (BTM2: 47%) say they oppose the closure of the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station, with a quarter (26%) saying they oppose its closure strongly.

One-fifth (TOP2: 21%) say they support the closure of the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station, with 1 in 10 (8%) saying they support its closure strongly.

A third (31%) say they do not know.

More than half approve of convenience stores selling beer and wine

More than half (TOP2: 54%) say they approve of convenience stores selling beer and wine, with a third (31%) saying they approve strongly.

4 in 10 (40%) say they disapprove of convenience stores selling beer and wine, with a quarter (27%) saying they disapprove strongly. Few (6%) say they do not know.

Half disapprove of the NDP government not using back to work legislation

Half (BTM2: 50%) say that disapprove of the announcement an NDP government won't use back to work legislation, with a third (30%) saying they disapprove strongly.

One-quarter (TOP2: 24%) say they approve, with 1 in 10 (11%) saying they do so strongly. A quarter (26%) say they do not know.

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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 906 randomly selected Ontario Voters. The poll was conducted May 23, 2018.

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. Actual results depend on the parties' ability to get their voters out. Forum houses its poll results in the Data Library of the Department of Political Science at the University of Toronto.

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Provincial Election Voting Preference Trending

[Decided / Leaning]

%	Sample	Con	Lib	NDP	Green	Other
May 23, 2018	906	33	14	47	4	2
May 9, 2018	777	40	22	33	4	2
April 18, 2018	1126	46	21	27	4	2
March 28-29, 2018	728	36	29	26	7	2
March 11, 2018	923	44	23	27	5	2
Feb 17, 2018	949	49	24	19	7	2
Jan 25, 2018	751	42	27	23	6	2
Jan 11-13, 2018	1022	43	24	24	7	2
Nov 29-30, 2017	861	40	24	26	8	2
Oct 24-25, 2017	946	45	27	22	7	2
Sept 26-27, 2017	801	44	22	27	5	2
Aug 23-24, 2017	981	40	25	27	6	2
June 12-14, 2017	1003	44	23	24	7	2
May 9-10, 2017	1103	41	28	23	6	3
March 28-30, 2017	844	43	19	28	8	2
February 15-16, 2017	1026	44	24	25	6	2
November 21 st , 2016	1104	43	24	24	8	2
October 17-18 th , 2016	1078	43	24	23	8	2
September 12-13 th , 2016	1154	45	25	23	6	2
August 15 th , 2016	1097	41	28	23	6	2
July 12 th , 2016	1183	42	35	17	5	2
June 21 st , 2016	1173	40	30	21	8	2
May 31 st , 2016	1172	40	30	21	7	2
April 28 th , 2016	1157	39	34	21	5	2
March 23 rd , 2016	1225	40	30	24	5	2
February 26 th -29 th , 2016	1148	44	27	22	6	2
December 20 th , 2015	1003	34	31	26	7	2
November 2 nd -4 th , 2015	1158	36	30	26	6	2
August 11 th -12 th , 2015	1001	35	26	33	4	2
July 8 th , 2015	678	32	26	35	5	2
May 11 th , 2015	1001	33	24	36	5	2
May 1 st , 2015	912	36	29	24	9	2
March 26 th , 2015	881	34	29	27	8	2
February 28 th , 2015	996	39	32	21	6	2
January 30 th , 2015	1028	36	37	19	6	2
December 20 th , 2014	1058	36	35	20	7	2
November 29 th , 2014	1054	37	37	17	7	2
November 1 st , 2014	1104	35	40	19	4	2
October 1 st , 2014	1013	34	36	23	6	1
August 20-21 st , 2014	1229	32	39	19	8	2
Popular Vote – June 7 th , 2014	-	31	39	24	5	2
Provincial Election Results						
June 11 th , 2014	1054	35	41	20	3	1



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Overall Seat Distribution

%	Con	Lib	NDP
May 23, 2018	40	5	79
May 9, 2018	75	12	37
April 18, 2018	94	7	23
March 29, 2018	57	36	31
March 11, 2018	84	11	29
Feb 17, 2018	93	10	21
Jan 11-13, 2018 (124)	88	12	24
November 29-30, 2017	80	11	31
October 24-25, 2017	89	10	23
September 26-27, 2017	84	12	26
August 22-23, 2017	79	13	30
June 12-14, 2017	87	9	26
May 9-10, 2017	72	25	25
March 28-30, 2017	86	7	29
February 15-16, 2017	84	11	27
November 21 st , 2016	70	11	26
October 17-18 th , 2016	72	11	24
September 12-13 th , 2016	75	8	24
August 15 th , 2016	69	15	23
July 12 th , 2016	48	44	15
June 21 st , 2016	51	36	20
May 31 st , 2016	57	26	24
April 28 th , 2016	53	33	21
March 23 rd , 2016	57	26	24
February 26 th -29 th , 2016	67	16	24
December 20 th , 2015	44	35	28
November 2 nd -4 th , 2015	54	19	34
August 11 th -12 th , 2015	54	19	34
July 8 th , 2015	35	27	45
May 11 th , 2015	49	18	40
May 1 st , 2015	48	33	26
March 26 th , 2015	52	23	32
February 28 th , 2015	49	39	19
January 30 th , 2015	34	56	17
December 20 th , 2014	37	52	18
November 29 th , 2014	38	52	17
November 1 st , 2014	37	56	14
October 1 st , 2014	35	51	21
August 20-21 st , 2014	31	61	15
Election – June 12 th , 2014	28	58	21
June 5 th , 2014	39	57	11
May 27 th , 2014	42	50	15
May 20 th , 2014	31	63	13
May 12 th , 2014	26	68	13



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Ontario Provincial Party Leader Approval Rating Trending (% Approve)

[All Respondents]

	Sample	Wynne	Ford	Horwath
May 23, 2018	906	19	32	43
May 9, 2018	777	20	34	42
April 18, 2018	1126	18	37	37
March 11, 2018 (Ford elected)	870	-	36	-
Jan 11-13, 2018 (Brown)	1022	16	28	33
Nov 29-30, 2017	861	15	29	38
Sept 26-27, 2017	801	15	28	35
Aug 23-24, 2017	981	18	25	35
June 12-14, 2017	1003	15	29	38
May 9-10, 2017	1103	15	19	34
March 28-30, 2017	844	12	27	36
February 15-16, 2017	1026	11	20	36
November 21 st , 2016	1104	13	28	36
October 17-18 th , 2016	1078	14	27	36
September 12-13 th , 2016	1154	16	27	36
August 15 th , 2016	1097	16	26	34
July 12 th , 2016	1183	22	29	33
June 23, 2017	1173	18	22	33
May 31, 2016	1172	21	25	34
April 28 th , 2016	1157	20	27	32
March 23 rd , 2016	1225	20	26	35
February 26 th -29 th , 2016	1148	20	30	38
December 20 th , 2015	1003	23	25	40
November 2 nd -4 th , 2015	1158	21	27	41
August 11 th -12 th , 2015	1001	30	21	38
July 8 th , 2015	678	29	19	38
May 11 th , 2015	1001	26	17	41
May 1 st , 2015	912	29	22	39
March 26 th , 2015	881	33	22	40
February 28 th , 2015	996	36	24	37
January 30 th , 2015	1028	40	22	36
December 20 th , 2014	1058	37	22	35
November 29 th , 2014	1054	42	22	33
November 1 st , 2014	1104	46	23	31
October 1 st , 2014	1079	41	18	31
August 20-21 st , 2014	1229	46	27	35
July 3 rd , 2014	810	41	-	28
May 27 th , 2014	882	34	27	34
May 20 th , 2014	1136	38	25	35
May 12 th , 2014	996	38	23	35
May 2-3 rd , 2014	1845	34	26	36
April 7 th , 2014	928	34	27	40
Mar 24 th , 2014	908	34	23	38
Feb. 25 th , 2014	1014	32	24	40
Jan. 24-25 th , 2014	1222	40	21	40



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Voter intent

If a provincial 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?

[Base=decided and leaning]

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	854	160	122	129	176	267	464	362
Progressive Conservative	33	23	27	41	36	40	41	27
Liberal	14	16	14	11	14	17	11	17
New Democratic	47	55	52	44	44	38	44	50
Green	4	4	6	3	5	4	3	5
Another Party	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	0

Region

%	Total	Eastern Ontario	416	905	South-Western Ontario	Northern Ontario
Sample	854	167	223	176	166	122
Progressive Conservative	33	38	33	34	28	37
Liberal	14	15	18	16	8	14
New Democratic	47	41	44	44	57	45
Green	4	3	4	6	4	4
Another Party	2	2	1	1	4	0



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Voter Intent

How likely or unlikely are you to change your voting intention?

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	906	165	127	139	184	291	477	394
NET: TOP2	15	20	14	12	13	14	14	15
NET: BTM2	77	76	78	81	77	74	80	76
Very likely	3	2	4	3	2	3	2	3
Somewhat likely	12	18	10	9	11	11	12	12
Somewhat unlikely	19	26	24	20	11	14	16	22
Very unlikely	59	51	54	61	66	61	64	55
Don't know	8	3	9	7	10	12	6	9

Region

%	Total	Eastern Ontario	416	905	South-Western Ontario	Northern Ontario
Sample	906	180	235	187	175	129
NET: TOP2	15	15	16	16	10	16
NET: BTM2	77	76	73	77	83	76
Very likely	3	3	4	2	3	4
Somewhat likely	12	12	12	15	7	12
Somewhat unlikely	19	21	18	16	22	17
Very unlikely	59	56	55	61	60	59
Don't know	8	8	11	7	7	8



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Voter Intention

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Other Parties
Sample	906	342	143	307	46	16
NET: TOP2	15	6	22	15	34	29
NET: BTM2	77	90	70	79	58	58
Very likely	3	1	4	2	1	7
Somewhat likely	12	5	18	13	33	21
Somewhat unlikely	19	11	19	26	15	11
Very unlikely	59	79	51	53	43	48
Don't know	8	5	8	6	8	13

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Wynne Approval

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Kathleen Wynne is doing as premier?

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	906	165	127	139	184	291	477	394
Approve	19	21	24	16	15	21	19	20
Disapprove	69	64	68	75	72	69	74	65
Don't know	11	15	8	10	13	10	8	14

Region

%	Total	Eastern Ontario	416	905	South-Western Ontario	Northern Ontario
Sample	906	180	235	187	175	129
Approve	19	18	25	19	17	17
Disapprove	69	68	65	71	68	75
Don't know	11	14	10	10	15	8

Voter Intention

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Other Parties
Sample	906	342	143	307	46	16
Approve	19	1	56	24	10	15
Disapprove	69	97	20	65	78	73
Don't know	11	2	24	11	12	11



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Ford Approval

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Doug Ford is doing as leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario?

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	906	165	127	139	184	291	477	394
Approve	32	27	27	41	33	32	41	23
Disapprove	51	55	59	41	48	51	46	56
Don't know	17	18	14	18	20	17	13	20

Region

%	Total	Eastern Ontario	416	905	South-Western Ontario	Northern Ontario
Sample	906	180	235	187	175	129
Approve	32	32	29	36	26	35
Disapprove	51	50	50	50	58	44
Don't know	17	17	20	14	17	21

Voter Intention

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Other Parties
Sample	906	342	143	307	46	16
Approve	32	75	6	10	5	12
Disapprove	51	9	75	78	75	45
Don't know	17	16	19	11	20	44



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Horwath Approval

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Andrea Horwath is doing as leader of the Ontario NDP?

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	906	165	127	139	184	291	477	394
Approve	43	47	46	41	43	35	41	45
Disapprove	26	17	29	26	32	32	34	19
Don't know	31	36	24	32	25	32	25	35

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Approve	43	41	40	46	47	36
Disapprove	26	27	29	27	23	24
Don't know	31	32	31	27	30	40

Voter Intention

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Other Parties
Sample	906	342	143	307	46	16
Approve	43	14	40	74	51	11
Disapprove	26	55	18	6	19	40
Don't know	31	31	42	20	30	49



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Best Premier of Ontario

Regardless of which party you would vote for, who do you think would make the best Premier of Ontario?

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	906	165	127	139	184	291	477	394
Kathleen Wynne	15	15	13	13	15	18	13	17
Doug Ford	30	23	27	41	34	29	39	22
Andrea Horwath	33	42	37	26	31	26	31	36
None of these	13	12	16	12	14	13	13	12
Don't know	9	9	7	9	7	14	4	13

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None of these	13	12	11	9	20	14
Don't know	9	14	8	8	7	13

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Doug Ford	30	77	5	5	5	6
Andrea Horwath	33	6	23	66	44	12
None of these	13	11	10	9	38	56
Don't know	9	4	9	8	3	17



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Closure of Picking Nuclear Generating Station

Do you support or oppose the closure of the Picking nuclear generating station?

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	906	165	127	139	184	291	477	394
NET: TOP2	21	22	20	22	20	21	16	26
NET: BTM2	47	42	48	49	52	50	61	35
Strongly support	8	7	10	9	9	7	7	8
Somewhat support	13	15	11	14	11	14	9	17
Somewhat oppose	22	22	20	26	21	19	25	20
Strongly oppose	26	19	28	23	31	31	36	16
Don't know	31	36	31	28	28	29	23	39

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Somewhat oppose	22	22	21	22	20	25
Strongly oppose	26	31	22	25	26	25
Don't know	31	32	28	30	37	30



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Don't know	31	28	36	27	33	58



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Sale of Beer and Wine at Convenience Store

Do you approve or disapprove of allowing convenience stores to sell beer and wine in Ontario?

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	906	165	127	139	184	291	477	394
NET: TOP2	54	68	51	49	51	47	60	51
NET: BTM2	40	27	40	47	46	47	37	42
Strongly approve	31	39	29	32	29	20	35	27
Somewhat approve	24	29	21	17	22	27	25	24
Somewhat disapprove	13	11	11	14	13	14	11	14
Strongly disapprove	27	16	29	33	33	33	25	28
Don't know	6	5	9	4	4	7	4	8

Region

%	Total	Eastern Ontario	416	905	South-Western Ontario	Northern Ontario
Sample	906	180	235	187	175	129
NET: TOP2	54	70	59	51	42	58
NET: BTM2	40	27	35	39	53	40
Strongly approve	31	42	40	24	22	34
Somewhat approve	24	28	19	27	20	24
Somewhat disapprove	13	12	10	12	16	13
Strongly disapprove	27	15	26	27	37	27
Don't know	6	3	6	10	5	2



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Voter Intention

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Other Parties
Sample	906	342	143	307	46	16
NET: TOP2	54	63	47	54	53	51
NET: BTM2	40	32	43	42	45	49
Strongly approve	31	41	24	25	38	49
Somewhat approve	24	22	23	29	16	2
Somewhat disapprove	13	11	18	12	8	11
Strongly disapprove	27	21	25	30	37	39
Don't know	6	5	11	4	2	0



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Back-to-Work Legislation

Do approve or disapprove of Andrea Horwath announcing an NDP government would not use back-to-work legislation?

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	906	165	127	139	184	291	477	394
NET: TOP2	24	29	29	24	20	17	26	22
NET: BTM2	50	33	48	57	63	58	55	46
Strongly approve	11	10	18	13	11	4	13	9
Somewhat approve	13	19	11	11	8	13	14	13
Somewhat disapprove	20	15	13	25	25	23	17	23
Strongly disapprove	30	18	35	32	38	35	38	23
Don't know	26	38	23	19	18	25	19	32

Region

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Sample	906	180	235	187	175	129
NET: TOP2	24	23	31	20	25	24
NET: BTM2	50	42	47	59	46	47
Strongly approve	11	13	17	7	12	10
Somewhat approve	13	9	14	14	13	15
Somewhat disapprove	20	11	15	28	20	17
Strongly disapprove	30	31	32	31	26	30
Don't know	26	35	23	21	29	29



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NET: BTM2	50	70	44	39	38	51
Strongly approve	11	3	7	22	10	10
Somewhat approve	13	2	15	24	16	0
Somewhat disapprove	20	12	16	31	17	2
Strongly disapprove	30	58	28	8	20	49
Don't know	26	26	34	15	36	39

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