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Progressive Conservatives have a strong lead on first day of election campaign

PCs on track to secure a majority government

Toronto, May 5th, 2022 – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ on May 4th of 2117 eligible Ontario voters, amongst those decided and leaning, 37% say they support the Progressive Conservatives (PCs), 29% support the Liberals, 26% support the New Democratic Party (NDP), 4% support the Greens, and 4% support another party.

Current seat projections suggest PCs are on track to secure 68 seats, enough to form a majority government, with the NDP to secure 35 seats, the Liberals to secure 20 seats, and the Greens to secure 1 seat.

Gender Differences

Males are significantly more likely to support the PCs than females, with 46% of males and 29% of females supporting the PCs. Likewise, females were more likely to support the Liberals (33% vs. 24%), the NDP (30% vs 21%), and the Greens (5% vs. 3%) than males. Males, however, were more likely indicate that they would support another party than females (5% vs. 3%).

Age Differences

Those over the age of 45 are also most likely to vote PC, with 43% of voters between 45 and 54, 40% of voters between 55 and 64, and 38% of voters 65 and older supporting the PCs.

Those under 34, however, are most likely to vote NDP, with 38% of voters indicating they support the party. Those 35 to 44 support the PCs and NDP almost identically, with 32% indicating they support the PCs and 31% indicating they support the NDP.

Regional Differences

In Eastern Ontario, the PCs have the lead with 34% of the vote, followed by the Liberals (29%) and NDP (29%), and the Greens (3%).

In the GTA 416 area, the PCs have the lead with 35% of the vote, followed by the Liberals (32%), the NDP (27%), and the Greens (3%).

In the GTA 905 area, the PCs have the lead with 38% of the vote, followed by the Liberals (30%), the NDP (24%), and the Greens (3%).

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In the southwestern Ontario region, the PCs have the lead with 38% of the vote, followed by the NDP (27%), the Liberals (23%), and the Greens (8%).

In the Northern Ontario region, the PCs have the lead with 37% of the vote, followed by the Liberals (29%), the NDP (27%), and the Greens (4%).

One-third of voters think Doug Ford would make the best premier

When asked regardless of which party you would vote for, who would make the best premier, 37% of voters chose Doug Ford, followed by Andrea Horwath (22%), and Steven Del Duca (17%).

Job approval of party leaders

When asked whether they approve or disapprove of the job Doug Ford is doing as premier, 35% of respondents said they approved. When asked whether they approve or disapprove of the job Andrea Horwath and Steven Del Duca are doing as leaders of their respective parties, 29% approve of Horwath, and 17% approve of Del Duca.

The poll was conducted by Forum Research with the results based on an interactive voice response telephone survey of 2117 randomly selected eligible voters across Ontario. The poll was conducted on May 4thth, 2022. 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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Q1. Which party are you most likely to vote for, or have you already voted for, in the provincial election on June 2nd?

And

1b. Even though you may not have made up your mind, which party are you leaning towards at this time?

%	Total	34 and under	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
Number of respondents	1959	277	297	378	405	602
Progressive Conservative	37	33	32	43	40	38
Liberal	29	20	29	30	31	36
New Democratic	26	38	31	19	21	20
Green	4	5	4	4	4	3
Other Parties	4	4	5	4	4	3

%	Total	Male	Female	Other
Number of respondents	1959	994	906	59
Progressive Conservative	37	46	29	40
Liberal	29	24	33	19
New Democratic	26	21	30	26
Green	4	3	5	7
Other Parties	4	5	3	7

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%	Total	Eastern Ontario	GTA 416	GTA 905	South-western Ontario	Northern Ontario
Number of respondents	1959	154	542	890	220	153
Progressive Conservative	37	34	35	38	38	37
Liberal	29	29	32	30	23	29
New Democratic	26	29	27	24	27	27
Green	4	3	3	3	8	4
Other Parties	4	5	3	4	4	4

Q6. Regardless of which party you would vote for, who do you think would make the best Premier of Ontario?

%	Total
Number of respondents	2117
Steven Del Duca	17
Doug Ford	37
Andrea Horwath (HOR-vath)	22
none of these	13
don't know	11

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Q3. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Doug Ford is doing as premier?

%	Total
Number of respondents	2117
Approve	35
Disapprove	53
Don't know	12

Q4. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Steven Del Duca is doing as leader of the Liberal Party of Ontario?

%	Total
Number of respondents	2117
Approve	17
Disapprove	47
Don't know	36

Q5. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Andrea Horwath is doing as leader of the Ontario NDP?

%	Total
Number of respondents	2117
Approve	29
Disapprove	45
Don't know	25

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