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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Progressive Conservatives projected to win the Ontario provincial election**

#### **PCs on track to secure a majority government**

Toronto, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ on June 1<sup>st</sup> of 1032 eligible Ontario voters, amongst those decided and leaning, 40.3% say they support the Progressive Conservatives (PCs). 24.5% of voters say they support the Liberals, 23.2% support the New Democratic Party (NDP), 6.5% support the Greens, and 5.5% support another party.

Current seat projections suggest PCs are on track to secure 86 seats, enough to form a majority government, with the NDP to secure 31 seats, the Liberals to secure 6 seats, and the Greens to secure 1 seats.

#### **Gender Differences**

Males are significantly more likely to support the PCs than females, with 50% of males and 32% of females supporting the PCs. Likewise, females were more likely to support the Liberals (28% vs. 21%), the NDP (28% vs 18%), and the Greens (7% vs. 6%) than males. Males, however, were more likely indicate that they would support another party than females (6% vs. 5%).

#### **Age Differences**

Those over the age of 45 are also most likely to vote PC, with 44% of voters between 45 and 54, 43% of voters between 55 and 64, and 41% of voters 65 and older supporting the PCs.

Those under the age of 44, however, are most likely to vote NDP, with 29% of voters between 35 to 44, and 28% of voters under the age of 34 supporting the NDP.

#### **Regional Differences**

In Eastern Ontario, the PCs have the lead with 37% of the vote, followed by the NDP (30%), Liberals (26%), and the Greens (5%).

In the Toronto 416 area, the PCs have the lead with 42% of the vote, followed by the Liberals (29%), the NDP (18%), and the Greens (5%).

In the Toronto 905 area, the PCs have the lead with 41% of the vote, followed by the Liberals (25%), the NDP (22%), and the Greens (7%).

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In the southwestern Ontario region, the PCs have the lead with 36% of the vote, followed by the NDP (27%), the Liberals (22%), and the Greens (6%).

In the Northern Ontario region, the PCs have the lead with 48% of the vote, followed by the NDP (21%), Liberals (18%), and the Greens (8%).

## **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, 42% of voters chose Doug Ford, followed by Andrea Horwath (17%) and Steven Del Duca (16%).

## **Job approval of party leaders**

When asked whether they approve or disapprove of the job Doug Ford is doing as premier, 39% 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, 31% approve of Horwath, and 19% approve of Del Duca.

The poll was conducted by Forum Research with the results based on an interactive voice response telephone survey of 1032 randomly selected eligible voters across Ontario. The poll was conducted on June 1st, 2022. Results based on the total sample are considered accurate +/- 3.1%, 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](http://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
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1032	121	140	164	206	401
Progressive Conservative	40.3	33.0	42.3	44.3	43.2	41.0
Liberal	24.5	24.0	17.3	23.5	23.2	30.8
New Democratic	23.2	27.7	29.0	19.6	21.9	19.0
Green	6.5	9.5	6.1	5.5	4.9	5.9
Other Parties	5.5	5.7	5.4	7.1	6.8	3.3

%	Total	Male	Female	Other
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1032	491	519	22
Progressive Conservative	40.3	49.5	32.3	31.8
Liberal	24.5	21.0	28.2	10.4
New Democratic	23.2	17.6	28.0	28.0
Green	6.5	5.9	6.8	14.3
Other Parties	5.5	6.0	4.7	15.5

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%	Total	Eastern Ontario	Toronto 416	Toronto 905	South-western Ontario	Northern Ontario
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1032	165	193	286	235	153
Progressive Conservative	40.3	36.9	42.0	40.7	35.9	47.8
Liberal	24.5	25.8	28.9	25.1	21.8	17.6
New Democratic	23.2	30.3	18.1	22.0	27.1	20.6
Green	6.5	4.9	6.3	6.9	6.2	8.0
Other Parties	5.5	2.1	4.7	5.3	9.0	6.1

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

%	Total
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1086
Steven Del Duca	17.0
Doug Ford	41.6
Andrea Horwath (HOR-vath)	17.0
none of these	16.3
don't know	8.1

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

%	Total
Number of respondents	1086
Approve	39.2
Disapprove	50.2
Don't know	10.6

## **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	1086
Approve	19.0
Disapprove	51.2
Don't know	29.8

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

%	Total
Number of respondents	1086
Approve	30.5
Disapprove	48.2
Don't know	21.4

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