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**FEDERAL LIBERALS TAKE THE LEAD IN  
ONTARIO IN RUN-UP TO OCTOBER ELECTION**

**FEDERAL GREENS AND NDP TIED IN ONTARIO**

**FEDERAL NDP, GREEN PARTY LOSING SUPPORT TO LIBERALS**

**MORE NOW SAY FORD'S POLICIES MAKE THEM LESS  
LIKELY TO VOTE FOR ANDREW SCHEER THAN LAST MONTH**

### Key Findings

**Close to 4-in-10 Ontarians will vote for the federal Liberals in October, compared to about one third who will vote Conservative:** The federal Liberals lead the federal Conservatives (in Ontario), by a margin of 5 points (38% to 33%).

**The federal Green Party and the federal NDP each have about one seventh of the vote:** The federal Greens (13%) and the federal NDP (14%) are essentially tied in third place in Ontario.

**Just one half or more of 2015 federal NDP and Green Party members will support their parties again in October:** Close to one fifth of past NDP voters will support the Liberals in this fall's election (19%), while twice as many past Green voters will do so as well (35%). Just half or more will support their own parties (NDP - 50%, Greens - 57%).

**Six-in-ten voters now say they are less likely to vote for Andrew Scheer's Conservatives because of Ford's polices, and increase of 6 points since last month:** The proportion agreeing they are less likely to vote for Andrew Scheer has increased for just over half last month (54%) to 6-in-10 now (60%), and this includes about one fifth of past federal Conservative voters (19%).

## Detailed Findings

### **Federal Liberals with the lead over the federal Conservatives in Ontario, if federal election held tomorrow. Greens and NDP tied in third.**

TORONTO, JULY 13, 2019 - In a sampling of public opinion taken by Corbett Communications on July 9 and 10, 2019, among an online sample of 481 Ontario voters, one third would support the federal Conservatives if an election were held tomorrow (33%), compared to close to 4-in-10 for the federal Liberals (38%). The federal NDP and Green Party each draw support from just more than one tenth of the electorate (14% and 13%, respectively). The People's Party of Canada draws little support (1%).

There is a distinct gender gap in these findings, in that more than 4-in-10 males will support the Conservatives (42%), while fewer than a quarter of females will do so (23%). Females are more likely to support the federal Liberals (43%) than are males (34%). The Conservatives find their greatest support among the oldest (45%) and in Northern Ontario (46%), and less so among the youngest (23%) and in the Eastern GTA outside Toronto (York, Simcoe, Durham - 27%).

### **Federal Greens and NDP see voter support flowing to federal Liberals.**

Nine-in-ten past federal Conservative voters will support the party again (87%), while fewer Liberals will support their party again this time around (67%). In a dramatic finding, just one half of past federal NDP supporters will vote for the party this time around (50%). A similar proportion of past green voters will vote Green again (57%). Close to one fifth of past NDP voters will be voting Liberal in October (19%), while about twice as many past Green voters will also support the Liberals (35%).

### **The proportion of Ontario voters who agree Doug Ford's policies make them less likely to vote for Andrew Scheer has increased**

As many as 6-in-10 voters now agree Ford's policies in Ontario will make them less likely to vote for Andrew Scheer's federal Conservatives in October (60%), and this includes one fifth of those who voted Conservative in 2015 (18%). This represents an increase from last month, when fewer agreed Ford's policies were an impediment to a vote for Scheer's Conservatives (June 6 - 54%). In that poll, one fifth of past Conservative voters agreed this was the case as well (21%).

## Conclusion

"It is clear the bloom is off the rose for the federal Conservatives in the vote-rich Ontario heartland, where elections are lost and won. These findings indicate that Doug Ford and his policies continue to be a growing impediment to a Conservative electoral victory in this province in October. It is also interesting to see NDP and Green support flowing to the federal Liberals as well" said John Corbett, Principal and Founder of Corbett Communications.

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## Methodology

This poll was conducted by Corbett Communications on July 9 and 10, 2019, among an online sample of 481 Ontario voters 18 years of age and older who are members of Maru/Blue's Maru Voice Canada Online Panel. Panel members are recruited to reflect the population profile described in 2016 Statistics Canada data and are paid various incentives for their participation.

As this is an opt-in sample, no margin of error is presented. For comparison purposes, a probability sample of this size would have a margin of error of plus or minus 4.5%, nineteen out of twenty times asking.

The question about Ford's policies making a vote for Andrew Scheer less likely was asked of 936 Ontario voters in total, and a probability sample this size would have a margin of error of plus or minus 3%, nineteen out of twenty times asking.

Where appropriate, data have been weighted to ensure the sample matches the actual population profile according to the latest Statistics Canada data.

This poll is not intended to predict future outcomes but is a "slice of time" view of public opinion. Corbett Communications has released this poll in the public interest and has no stake in its results.

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## Computer Tables

***There is a federal election in October of this year. Thinking about federal politics, which Party are you most likely to vote for if a federal election were held tomorrow?***

	Total	Age Range						Gender	
	Ontario	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65 years or older	Male	Female
U/W Base Incl. Undecided	415 481	45	50	66	79	76	99	220	195
Liberal Party of Canada	38%	38%	34%	40%	42%	40%	36%	34%	43%
Conservative Party of Canada	33%	23%	26%	23%	35%	38%	45%	42%	23%
New Democratic Party of Canada	14%	15%	24%	19%	12%	8%	10%	10%	18%
Green Party of Canada	13%	20%	15%	16%	10%	14%	7%	11%	15%
People's Party of Canada	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	0%	1%	2%	0%
Other Party	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%

	Total	Region of Ontario							
	Ontario	City of Ottawa	Eastern Ontario	Northern Ontario	Hamilton-Niagara	City of Toronto	Halton / Peel Region	York / Simcoe / Durham	Southwest Ontario
U/W Base Incl. Undecided	415 481	27	32	31	36	85	60	74	70
Liberal Party of Canada	38%	50%	31%	21%	27%	47%	41%	39%	38%
Conservative Party of Canada	33%	33%	34%	46%	32%	33%	37%	27%	32%
New Democratic Party of Canada	14%	7%	6%	11%	21%	11%	8%	20%	18%
Green Party of Canada	13%	10%	29%	19%	19%	9%	8%	11%	11%
People's Party of Canada	1%	0%	0%	3%	0%	0%	6%	1%	0%
Other Party	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%

	Total	Thinking about provincial politics, which Party would you most likely to vote for if a provincial election were held tomorrow?				
	Ontario	Liberal Party of Ontario	Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario	New Democratic Party of Ontario	Green Party of Ontario	Another Party
U/W Base Incl. Undecided	415 481	120	131	79	53	10
Liberal Party of Canada	38%	86%	6%	28%	21%	9%
Conservative Party of Canada	33%	4%	90%	9%	5%	50%
New Democratic Party of Canada	14%	2%	1%	59%	0%	25%
Green Party of Canada	13%	7%	0%	4%	74%	8%
People's Party of Canada	1%	1%	2%	0%	0%	0%
Other Party	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	8%

	Total	Do you approve or disapprove of the job Doug Ford is doing as Premier of Ontario?		
	Ontario	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know/ Unsure
U/W Base Incl. Undecided	415 481	98	277	40
Liberal Party of Canada	38%	8%	52%	14%
Conservative Party of Canada	33%	83%	11%	73%
New Democratic Party of Canada	14%	2%	19%	4%
Green Party of Canada	13%	2%	18%	5%
People's Party of Canada	1%	4%	0%	4%
Other Party	0%	1%	0%	0%

	Total	Which party did you vote for in the last provincial election, held in June 2018?			
	Ontario	Liberal Party of Ontario	Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario	New Democratic Party of Ontario	Green Party of Ontario
U/W Base Incl. Undecided	415 481	92	147	91	36
Liberal Party of Canada	38%	86%	9%	38%	34%
Conservative Party of Canada	33%	2%	79%	8%	10%
New Democratic Party of Canada	14%	4%	4%	42%	8%
Green Party of Canada	13%	8%	5%	12%	43%
People's Party of Canada	1%	0%	2%	0%	4%
Other Party	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%

	Total	Which Party did you vote for in the last federal election in October 2015?			
	Ontario	Liberal Party of Canada	Conservative Party of Canada	New Democratic Party of Canada	Green Party of Canada
U/W Base Incl. Undecided	415 481	179	117	49	20
Liberal Party of Canada	38%	67%	4%	19%	35%
Conservative Party of Canada	33%	10%	87%	13%	4%
New Democratic Party of Canada	14%	12%	2%	50%	0%
Green Party of Canada	13%	10%	5%	16%	57%
People's Party of Canada	1%	1%	1%	2%	4%
Other Party	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%

***Doug Ford's policies in Ontario make me less likely to vote for the federal Conservatives, led by Andrew Scheer, in the next Canadian federal election***

	Total	Age Range						Gender	
	Ontario	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+	Male	Female
U/W Base	936	103	131	150	180	163	209	459	477
Agree	60%	65%	63%	64%	57%	61%	54%	55%	64%
Disagree	27%	17%	26%	16%	26%	29%	40%	34%	20%
Don't Know	13%	17%	11%	20%	17%	10%	6%	10%	16%

	Total	Region of Ontario							
	Ontario	City of Ottawa	Eastern Ontario	Northern Ontario	Hamilton-Niagara	City of Toronto	Halton / Peel Region	York / Simcoe / Durham	Southwest Ontario
U/W Base	936	60	74	55	80	206	129	170	162
Agree	60%	60%	64%	47%	65%	59%	57%	65%	57%
Disagree	27%	33%	28%	36%	30%	23%	34%	21%	25%
Don't Know	13%	7%	8%	16%	5%	17%	9%	15%	17%

	Total	Do you approve or disapprove of the job Doug Ford is doing as Premier of Ontario?		
	Ontario	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know/Unsure
U/W Base	936	191	643	102
Agree	60%	15%	80%	17%
Disagree	27%	75%	11%	35%
Don't Know	13%	10%	9%	48%

	Total	Do you approve or disapprove of the job John Fraser is doing as the interim leader of the Ontario Liberal Party?		
	Ontario	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know/Unsure
U/W Base	936	165	155	616
Agree	60%	79%	35%	61%
Disagree	27%	16%	56%	23%
Don't Know	13%	5%	8%	17%

	Total	Do you approve or disapprove of the job Andrea Horwath is doing as leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party?		
	Ontario	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know/Unsure
U/W Base	936	369	245	322
Agree	60%	80%	35%	55%
Disagree	27%	15%	60%	16%
Don't Know	13%	4%	6%	29%

	Total	Do you approve or disapprove of the job Mike Schreiner is doing as leader of the Ontario Green Party?		
	Ontario	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know/Unsure
U/W Base	936	216	108	612
Agree	60%	77%	33%	58%
Disagree	27%	18%	59%	25%
Don't Know	13%	5%	7%	17%

	Total	Thinking about provincial politics, which Party would you most likely to vote for if a provincial election were held tomorrow?				
	Ontario	Liberal Party of Ontario	Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario	New Democratic Party of Ontario	Green Party of Ontario	Another Party
U/W Base	936	223	230	206	111	20
Agree	60%	85%	13%	85%	79%	50%
Disagree	27%	9%	77%	8%	12%	25%
Don't Know	13%	6%	10%	7%	9%	25%

	Total	Which party did you vote for in the last provincial election, held in June 2018?			
	Ontario	Liberal Party of Ontario	Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario	New Democratic Party of Ontario	Green Party of Ontario
U/W Base	936	197	271	197	71
Agree	60%	88%	22%	83%	85%
Disagree	27%	7%	66%	11%	11%
Don't Know	13%	5%	11%	7%	4%

	Total	Which Party did you vote for in the last federal election in October 2015?				
	Ontario	Liberal Party of Canada	Conservative Party of Canada	New Democratic Party of Canada	Green Party of Canada	Other Party
U/W Base	936	362	222	105	49	6
Agree	60%	79%	19%	79%	82%	83%
Disagree	27%	13%	70%	14%	10%	17%
Don't Know	13%	9%	11%	7%	8%	0%

	Total	There is a federal election in October of this year. Thinking about federal politics, which Party are you most likely to vote for if a federal election were held tomorrow?					
	Ontario	Liberal Party of Canada	Conservative Party of Canada	New Democratic Party of Canada	Green Party of Canada	People's Party of Canada	Undecided
U/W Base	481	158	141	55	53	6	66
Agree	59%	85%	13%	81%	85%	32%	50%
Disagree	27%	6%	76%	7%	5%	50%	13%
Don't Know	14%	9%	11%	12%	10%	18%	37%