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Liberals leading in 3 federal by-elections; NDP shut out

Conservatives lead in Provencher

TORONTO, OCTOBER 19, 2013 - In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among voters in the four federal ridings where by-elections will take place later this year or early next, the Liberals have strong leads in Toronto Centre and Bourassa, in Montreal. They have a slim lead in Brandon-Souris, and the Conservatives lead strongly in Provencher.

In Toronto Centre, the Liberal candidate, journalist Chrystia Freeland, leads with close to one half the vote (45%), compared to 3-in-10 who will support her rival, firebrand NDP commentator Linda McQuaig (30%). The Conservative candidate, Geoff Pollock, and the Green candidate, John Deverell, do not have this level of support (18% and 7%, respectively).

In Bourassa, the Liberal candidate, former MLA Emmanuel Dubourg, leads with close to half the vote (47%), compared to about one third this support for the NDP candidate, former Bran Van 3000 member Stephane Moraille (18%) or a Bloc Quebecois candidate, represented in this poll by the previous candidate, Daniel Mailhot (15%). The Green candidate, Georges Laraque, who withdrew from the race the day polling took place, takes just more than one tenth of the vote (12%).

In Brandon-Souris, a surprise is shaping up as Liberal candidate and tongue-in-cheek punk rocker Rolf Dinsdale has a slim lead over the Conservative candidate, Larry Maguire (39% to 35%). The NDP candidate, Cory Szczepanski, and the Green candidate, David Neufeld, each take about one tenth of the vote (12% each).

In Provencher, one of the safest Conservative seats in the country, the Conservative candidate, Ted Falk, has a strong lead of 27 points over his Liberal counterpart, Terry Hayward (56% to 29%). The NDP candidate and the Green candidate each take less than one tenth of the vote (9% and 6%, respectively).

"For the Liberals to be leading in Bourassa is expected, and in Toronto Centre, it's to be anticipated. But for a federal Liberal to be leading in Brandon-Souris is a strange result indeed. The Justin factor seems to be working right across the country," said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- Liberals have strong leads in Toronto Centre and Bourassa, in Montreal.
- In Toronto Centre, the Liberal candidate, journalist Chrystia Freeland, leads with close to one half the vote (45%).
- In Bourassa, the Liberal candidate, former MLA Emmanuel Dubourg, leads with close to half the vote (47%).
- In Brandon-Souris, a surprise is shaping up as Liberal candidate and tongue-in-cheek punk rocker Rolf Dinsdale has a slim lead over the Conservative candidate, Larry Maguire (39% to 35%).
- In Provencher, one of the safest Conservative seats in the country, the Conservative candidate, Ted Falk, has an almost insurmountable lead of 27 points over his Liberal counterpart, Terry Hayward (56% to 29%).

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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 randomly selected Canadians 18 years of age and older. The poll was conducted on October 17-18th, 2013.

Toronto Centre:	855 respondents, +/- 3%
Bourassa:	404 respondents, +/- 5%
Brandon-Souris:	412 respondents, +/- 5%
Provencher:	287 respondents, +/- 6%

Results based on the total samples listed above are considered accurate 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 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.

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Toronto Centre - Federal Party Preference

'A by-election will be called soon in the riding of Toronto Centre. Which party's candidate are you most likely to vote for in this by - election?'

[Decided Leaning]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	793	46	103	138	196	310	408	385
Geoff Pollock, Conservative	18	13	18	15	20	22	19	17
Chrystia Freeland, Liberal	45	42	40	49	44	47	46	44
Linda McQuaig, NDP	30	27	33	29	33	27	28	31
John Deverell, Green	7	18	9	7	2	3	7	7
Another party	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K	\$\$250K+
Sample	793	100	133	92	80	86	131	49
Geoff Pollock, Conservative	18	14	23	21	14	15	13	20
Chrystia Freeland, Liberal	45	35	43	37	45	54	57	57
Linda McQuaig, NDP	30	43	26	36	37	25	20	11
John Deverell, Green	7	8	8	6	4	6	10	12
Another party	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Previous Federal Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties	Didn't Vote
Sample	793	186	392	141	33	6	14	21
Geoff Pollock, Conservative	18	64	6	2	4	0	8	12
Chrystia Freeland, Liberal	45	19	72	17	26	28	45	36
Linda McQuaig, NDP	30	11	20	74	12	49	46	35
John Deverell, Green	7	6	3	8	57	23	0	17
Another party	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

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Bourassa - Federal Party Preference

'A by-election will be called soon in the riding of Bourassa. Which party's candidate are you most likely to vote for in this by - election?'

[Decided Leaning]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	385	47	56	69	100	113	168	217
Rida Mahmoud, Conservative	7	13	6	2	4	10	9	5
Emmanuel Dubourg, Liberal	47	32	43	52	56	49	44	50
Stéphane Moraille, NDP	18	15	21	23	12	21	19	17
Georges Laraque, Green	12	21	19	7	8	7	11	13
Daniel Mailhot, Bloc Québécois	15	17	11	14	19	12	17	13
Other	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	2

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K	\$250K+
Sample	385	108	102	51	37	21	9	4
Rida Mahmoud, Conservative	7	5	8	6	10	4	0	30
Emmanuel Dubourg, Liberal	47	48	53	45	43	40	49	23
Stéphane Moraille, NDP	18	19	14	21	11	20	44	0
Georges Laraque, Green	12	13	13	5	10	24	0	40
Daniel Mailhot, Bloc Québécois	15	14	11	21	25	11	0	0
Other	1	1	1	2	1	1	8	6

Previous Federal Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties	Didn't Vote
Sample	385	27	177	73	10	67	15	16
Rida Mahmoud, Conservative	7	46	3	3	9	1	20	2
Emmanuel Dubourg, Liberal	47	24	76	32	0	7	28	58
Stéphane Moraille, NDP	18	6	8	48	30	16	12	15
Georges Laraque, Green	12	19	10	8	58	9	20	16
Daniel Mailhot, Bloc Québécois	15	3	3	8	0	65	9	9
Other	1	2	1	1	2	1	11	0

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Brandon-Souris - Federal Party Preference

'A by-election will be called soon in the riding of Brandon-Souris. Which party's candidate are you most likely to vote for in this by - election?'

[Decided Leaning]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	372	27	32	50	94	169	167	205
Larry Maguire, Conservative	35	25	46	31	36	40	37	33
Rolf Dinsdale, Liberal	39	34	29	40	48	41	44	34
Cory Szczepanski, NDP	12	20	9	15	8	9	7	17
David Neufeld, Green	12	18	14	11	7	8	11	12
Another party	2	3	2	2	2	2	1	3

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K	\$250K+
Sample	372	39	84	54	38	25	51	12
Larry Maguire, Conservative	35	34	38	43	44	38	16	50
Rolf Dinsdale, Liberal	39	35	32	37	38	45	52	17
Cory Szczepanski, NDP	12	22	14	7	10	8	18	0
David Neufeld, Green	12	7	15	13	6	9	13	27
Another party	2	2	1	1	2	0	1	6

Previous Federal Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties	Didn't Vote
Sample	372	200	48	77	22	6	8	11
Larry Maguire, Conservative	35	62	12	4	3	27	0	6
Rolf Dinsdale, Liberal	39	24	73	54	43	7	51	39
Cory Szczepanski, NDP	12	5	7	32	7	29	0	30
David Neufeld, Green	12	8	9	10	46	37	15	16
Another party	2	2	0	0	0	0	34	9

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Provencher - Federal Party Preference

'A by-election will be called soon in the riding of Provencher. Which party's candidate are you most likely to vote for in this by - election?'

[Decided Leaning]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	267	28	26	42	76	95	132	135
Ted Falk, Conservative	56	64	44	56	53	58	58	54
Terry Hayward, Liberal	29	22	35	30	34	27	25	34
Natalie Courcelles Beaudry, NDP	9	6	7	12	10	9	12	6
Janine Gibson, Green	6	7	13	2	3	6	5	6
Another party	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K	\$250K+
Sample	267	36	52	37	36	18	41	2
Ted Falk, Conservative	56	50	68	66	52	45	42	80
Terry Hayward, Liberal	29	13	22	21	42	37	38	0
Natalie Courcelles Beaudry, NDP	9	15	6	13	6	8	13	20
Janine Gibson, Green	6	21	4	0	0	11	7	0
Another party	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Previous Federal Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties	Didn't Vote
Sample	267	154	37	44	14	5	4	9
Ted Falk, Conservative	56	82	8	7	14	79	0	71
Terry Hayward, Liberal	29	15	78	48	40	0	0	29
Natalie Courcelles Beaudry, NDP	9	3	14	33	0	0	89	0
Janine Gibson, Green	6	1	0	12	46	21	0	0
Another party	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0

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