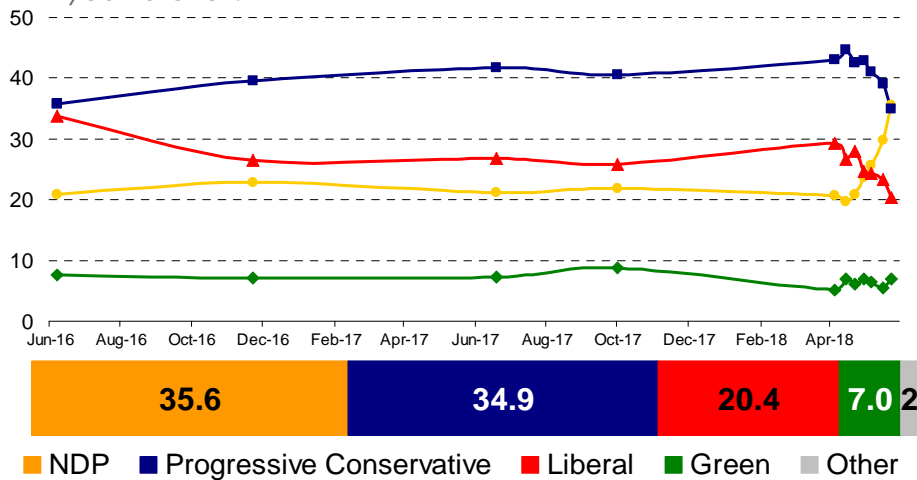


A VOLATILE ELECTORATE PRODUCING A NEWLY-TIED RACE

[Ottawa – May 25, 2018] With just 13 days until Ontarians cast their ballots, the NDP has seen a significant shift and now holds a statistically insignificant lead over the PCs in what is becoming a highly volatile race. Meanwhile, at just 20 points, the Liberals are being squeezed out of what has morphed into a two-way race and it appears that their 15-year reign may be drawing to a close.

Ontario vote intention

Q. If a provincial election were held tomorrow, which party would you vote for?



Note: These figures are based on decided and leaning voters only; 11.8% of respondents say they are undecided, are ineligible to vote, or skipped the question.

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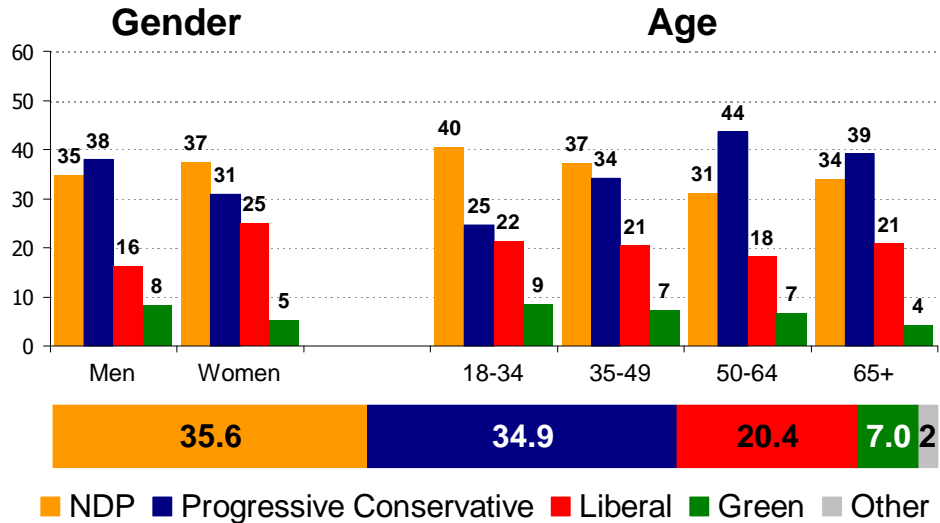
The volatility in these numbers appears to be a product of millennial voters, whose allegiances seem to shift on a daily basis. Whereas a week ago, the PCs enjoyed a modest lead with young people,¹ that vote has swung decisively in the NDP's favour. What happens with this group will ultimately shape the final outcome – they are the wild card in this election and it will be critical to keep a close eye on them. They are giving us different reads and their turnout will be uncertain. Indeed, this election may very well hinge on whether young people show up to vote.

All in all, the race at this stage is highly turbulent and the poll results fluctuate from one night to the next. It is for this reason that we do not put out single-night results and, instead, prefer to focus on the broader long-term trends.

¹ EKOS Research Associates, "PCs Hold Solid Lead, but Momentum Favours NDP", May 22, 2018. Available online at: goo.gl/3FTLBS

Vote intention by gender and age

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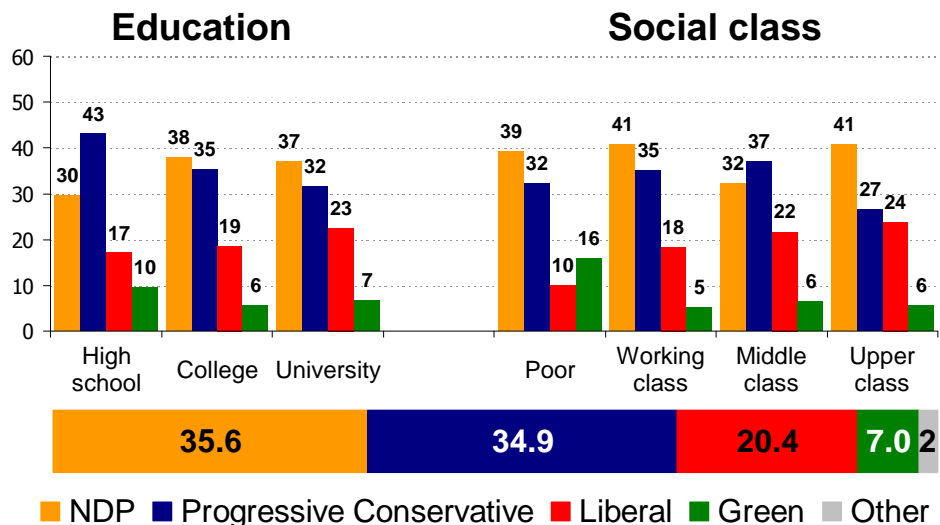


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Vote intention by socioeconomic status

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Detailed Results:

Ontario Vote Intention (decided and leaning voters only)							
<i>Q. If a provincial election were held tomorrow, which party would you vote for? [If undecided] Even if you do not have a firm idea, are you leaning towards a party? [If yes] As it stands, towards which party are you leaning?</i>							
	NDP	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	Green	Other	Sample Size	Margin of Error (+/-)
NATIONALLY	35.6%	34.9%	20.4%	7.0%	2.1%	886	3.3
GENDER							
Male	34.7%	38.0%	16.2%	8.2%	2.8%	419	4.8
Female	37.4%	30.9%	25.0%	5.2%	1.4%	444	4.7
AGE							
<35	40.4%	24.7%	21.5%	8.5%	4.9%	73	11.5
35-49	37.1%	34.2%	20.5%	7.2%	1.0%	153	7.9
50-64	31.1%	43.6%	18.1%	6.6%	0.6%	273	5.9
65+	34.0%	39.1%	20.9%	4.3%	1.6%	380	5.0
EDUCATION							
High school or less	29.6%	43.0%	17.1%	9.5%	0.8%	206	6.8
College or CEGEP	37.8%	35.3%	18.7%	5.6%	2.6%	255	6.1
University or higher	37.0%	31.6%	22.5%	6.7%	2.3%	415	4.8
Social class							
Poor	39.3%	32.3%	10.0%	15.8%	2.5%	74	11.4
Working class	40.8%	35.1%	18.4%	5.1%	0.6%	229	6.5
Middle class	32.2%	37.0%	21.6%	6.4%	2.8%	514	4.3
Upper class	40.8%	26.6%	23.8%	5.7%	3.1%	59	12.8

Methodology:

This survey was conducted using High Definition Interactive Voice Response (HD-IVR™) technology, which allows respondents to enter their preferences by punching the keypad on their phone, rather than telling them to an operator. In an effort to reduce the coverage bias of landline only RDD, we created a dual landline/cell phone RDD sampling frame for this research. As a result, we are able to reach those with a landline and cell phone, as well as cell phone only households and landline only households.

The field dates for this survey are May 23-24, 2018. In total, a random sub-sample of 1,021 residents of Ontario aged 18 and over responded to the survey. The margin of error associated with the total sample is +/- 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

Please note that the margin of error increases when the results are sub-divided (i.e., error margins for sub-groups such as region, sex, age, education). All the data have been statistically weighted by **age, gender, region, and educational attainment** to ensure the sample's composition reflects that of the actual population of Canada according to Census data.