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Majority want industry to pay for twinning Highway 63

Two thirds say "extremely" or "very important" government completes twinning now

Toronto, June 12th, 2012 – In a sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ among Albertans 18 years of age and older, the majority (53%) agreed that Syncrude, Suncor and other oilsands operators should pay for the twinning of Highway 63 north from Radway to Fort McMurray. One third disagreed (32%) with this position.

Younger Albertans were significantly more likely to agree that oilsands operators should foot the bill for the twinning of Highway 63 (59% 18-34, 59% 35-44, 54% 45-54, 43% 55-64, and 42% 65+) as were those who would back the provincial NDP or Liberal party if a provincial election were held today (69%, 68% respectively).

One half agree that Highway 63 should be tolled to pay for twinning

One half those polled approved of a plan to toll Highway 63 to pay for its twinning (50%), compared to just less than 4-in-10 who disagreed (39%).

Support of a toll based plan to pay for the twinning of Highway 63 was highest among those residing in the city of Edmonton (59%), and was lowest among those living in Northern Alberta where less than 1-in-4 approve (24%).

Two thirds say "very important" or more to twin highway now

In total, two thirds of Albertans (68%) say it is "extremely" (49%) or "very" (19%) important that the provincial government complete the twinning of Highway 63 now.

Residents of Northern Alberta were significantly more likely to indicate that it is 'extremely important' that twinning of the entire length of Highway 63 be finished by the government (60%).

Majority oppose coverage for gender reassignment therapy

Six-in-ten Albertans do not agree with the government's decision to reinstate coverage for gender reassignment (60%), compared to just less than 3-in-10 who approve (29%).

Approval of the reinstatement was significantly higher among female Albertans (35%; compared to only 23% of males), those residing in the city of Edmonton

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- The majority (53%) agreed that Syncrude, Suncor and other oilsands operators should pay for the twinning of Highway 63 north from Radway to Fort McMurray. One third disagreed (32%) with this position.
- One half those polled approved of a plan to toll Highway 63 to pay for its twinning (50%), compared to just less than 4-in-10 who disagreed (39%).
- In total, two thirds of Albertans (68%) say it is "extremely" (49%) or "very" (19%) important that the provincial government complete the twinning of Highway 63 now.
- Six-in-ten Albertans do not agree with the government's decision to reinstate coverage for gender reassignment (60%), compared to just less than 3-in-10 who approve (29%).

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(36%), and those who would back the provincial NDP if an election were held today (50%).

PCs lead Wildrose by slim margin, would form slim majority if election held today

If a provincial election were held today, the PCs would take close to 4-in-10 of the votes (39%, down from 44% in the April election), while the Wildrose Party would take just more than a third (36%, up slightly from 34% in the election). The New Democrats would earn about a tenth of the popular vote (12%, up from 10% in the election), as would the Liberals (9%, from 10% in the election).

Older Albertans were more likely to back the provincial PCs if an election were held today (29% 18-34, 46% 35-44, 39% 45-54, 40% 55-64, and 42% 65+), as were females (43%; compared to only 35% of males), and those with a household income exceeding \$100K (48%).

Support for Wildrose was significantly higher among males (42%; compared to 30% of females), and those residing in Central Alberta and the city of Calgary (46%, 43% respectively).

The provincial NDP has strongest roots among younger Albertans (21% 18-34, 12% 35-44, 12% 45-54, 8% 55-64, and 10% 65+), and those with a household income of less than \$20K (22% <\$20K, 12% \$20K-\$40K, 17% \$40K-\$60K, 10% \$60K-\$80K, 12% \$80K-\$100K, and 10% \$100K+). Those residing in the city of Edmonton were most likely to back the NDP should a provincial election be held today (16%).

Taking into account margin for error, these voting intention results — if they hold on Election Day — would see that PCs take 46 seats in the 87 seat legislature, down from 61 in the election. Wildrose would take 32 seats, almost twice the 17 they earned in the election. The NDP would take 5 seats (up from 4), and the Liberals would take 4 (down from 5).

Redford has highest favourables

Close to one half of Albertans approve of the job Alison Redford is doing as premier (45%), compared to just more than 4-in-10 who think this of Danielle Smith (41%). Brian Mason's approval rating is 38% and Raj Sherman's is 34%.

In terms of net approval (approve minus disapprove), Alison Redford and Brian Mason are tied at +5, followed by Danielle Smith at +2 and Raj Sherman at -4.

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- Taking into account margin for error, these voting intention results — if they hold on Election Day — would see that PCs take 46 seats in the 87 seat legislature, down 20 from 66 in the election. Wildrose would take 32 seats, almost twice the 17 they earned in the election.
- Close to one half of Albertans approve of the job Alison Redford is doing as premier (45%), compared to just more than 4-in-10 who think this of Danielle Smith (41%). Brian Mason's approval rating is 38% and Raj Sherman's is 34%.

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"It is apparent that twinning Highway 63 is critically important to all Albertans, and they don't care how it's done - with industry funding, government funding or through tolling the highway" said Forum Research president, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

Methodology

The Forum Poll™ was conducted by Forum Research with the results based on an interactive voice response telephone survey of 1106 randomly selected residents of Alberta aged 18 or older (those absolutely certain to vote counted). The poll was conducted on June 11th, 2012.

Results based on the total sample are considered accurate +/- 2.95%, 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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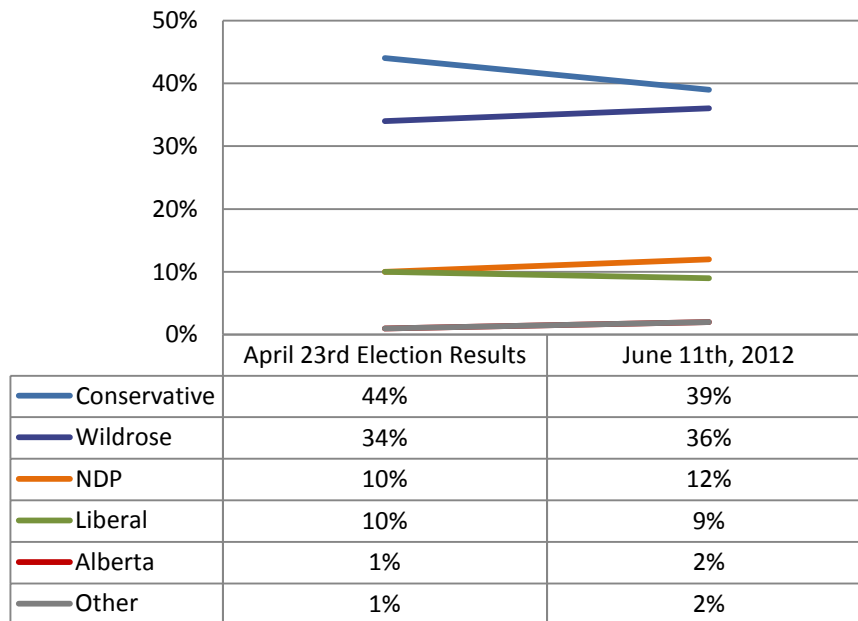
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Provincial Party Preference Trending



Provincial Election Voting Preference Trending

[Decided / Leaning]

%	Sample	PC	Wildrose	NDP	Lib	Alb	Other
Jun 11 th , 2012	1063	39	36	12	9	2	2
Apr 23 rd , 2012 Election Results	n/a	44	34	10	10	1	1

Seat Distribution

	Apr 23rd, 2012 Election Results	Jun 11 th , 2012
TOTAL	87	87
PC	61	46
Wildrose Party	17	32
NDP	4	5
Liberal	5	4

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Provincial Party Preference

'If a provincial election were held today, which party are you most likely to vote for?'+ 'Even though you may not have made up your mind, which party are you leaning towards at this time?'

[Decided/Leaning]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1063	112	137	207	299	308	512	551
Progressive Conservative	39	29	46	39	40	42	35	43
Wildrose Party	36	34	33	37	40	34	42	30
New Democratic	12	21	12	12	8	10	13	12
Alberta Party	2	6	1	1	1	1	2	3
Liberal	9	7	7	10	11	12	7	12
Other	2	3	1	1	1	1	2	1

Region

%	Total	Calgary CMA	Edmonton CMA	Southern AB	Central AB	Northern AB
Sample	1063	349	339	122	139	114
Progressive Conservative	39	39	41	35	34	42
Wildrose Party	36	43	26	37	46	28
New Democratic	12	8	16	14	12	11
Alberta Party	2	3	2	1	1	4
Liberal	9	6	13	11	6	9
Other	2	1	2	2	1	6

Income

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100K+
Sample	1063	97	151	134	109	117	248
Progressive Conservative	39	32	41	31	34	39	48
Wildrose Party	36	30	32	42	43	38	30
New Democratic	12	22	12	17	10	12	10
Alberta Party	2	6	2	0	1	2	2
Liberal	9	9	11	10	11	9	8
Other	2	1	1	0	0	1	3

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Approval of Alison Redford as Premier

'Do you approve or disapprove of the job Alison Redford is doing as premier?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1106	116	144	216	312	318	527	579
Approve	45	36	48	48	49	55	42	48
Disapprove	40	45	37	41	38	34	49	31
Don't know	15	19	16	11	13	12	9	21

Region

%	Total	Calgary CMA	Edmonton CMA	Southern AB	Central AB	Northern AB
Sample	1106	362	354	129	144	117
Approve	45	46	50	32	48	37
Disapprove	40	41	40	34	40	44
Don't know	15	13	10	34	12	19

Income

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100K+
Sample	1106	102	155	137	113	119	256
Approve	45	34	40	50	49	43	49
Disapprove	40	42	36	36	35	46	42
Don't know	15	24	24	14	16	10	8

Provincial Party Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Wildrose Party	NDP	Alberta Party	Liberal	Other Parties
Sample	1106	407	366	120	29	113	28
Approve	45	81	14	40	49	43	21
Disapprove	40	12	70	47	35	37	57
Don't know	15	7	16	14	16	19	22

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Approval of Danielle Smith as Leader of Opposition

'Do you approve or disapprove of the job Danielle Smith is doing as Leader of the Opposition?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1106	116	144	216	312	318	527	579
Approve	41	32	47	44	47	43	46	37
Disapprove	39	47	31	38	32	38	40	37
Don't know	20	21	22	18	21	19	14	26

Region

%	Total	Calgary CMA	Edmonton CMA	Southern AB	Central AB	Northern AB
Sample	1106	362	354	129	144	117
Approve	41	49	36	35	46	31
Disapprove	39	34	44	35	39	38
Don't know	20	17	19	30	14	31

Income

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100K+
Sample	1106	102	155	137	113	119	256
Approve	41	26	39	51	47	51	40
Disapprove	39	51	37	27	23	34	45
Don't know	20	23	24	22	30	15	16

Provincial Party Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Wildrose Party	NDP	Alberta Party	Liberal	Other Parties
Sample	1106	407	366	120	29	113	28
Approve	41	25	81	18	28	16	41
Disapprove	39	51	9	59	59	60	32
Don't know	20	24	11	23	13	24	27

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Approval of Raj Sherman as Leader of the Liberal Party

'Do you approve or disapprove of the job Raj Sherman is doing as Leader of the Liberal Party?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1106	116	144	216	312	318	527	579
Approve	34	35	30	32	38	37	33	34
Disapprove	38	36	46	37	35	35	46	30
Don't know	28	29	24	31	27	28	21	35

Region

%	Total	Calgary CMA	Edmonton CMA	Southern AB	Central AB	Northern AB
Sample	1106	362	354	129	144	117
Approve	34	30	45	29	27	29
Disapprove	38	35	38	34	47	42
Don't know	28	35	18	37	26	29

Income

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100K+
Sample	1106	102	155	137	113	119	256
Approve	34	33	35	42	38	32	30
Disapprove	38	32	28	36	28	45	48
Don't know	28	34	37	23	34	24	22

Provincial Party Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Wildrose Party	NDP	Alberta Party	Liberal	Other Parties
Sample	1106	407	366	120	29	113	28
Approve	34	27	29	44	32	76	28
Disapprove	38	44	43	34	34	11	29
Don't know	28	29	28	22	33	13	42

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Approval of Brian Mason as Leader of the NDP

'Do you approve or disapprove of the job Brian Mason is doing as Leader of the NDP?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1106	116	144	216	312	318	527	579
Approve	38	44	31	32	37	43	39	38
Disapprove	33	29	35	38	34	34	42	25
Don't know	29	27	34	29	29	23	20	37

Region

%	Total	Calgary CMA	Edmonton CMA	Southern AB	Central AB	Northern AB
Sample	1106	362	354	129	144	117
Approve	38	30	54	25	30	38
Disapprove	33	37	26	34	40	36
Don't know	29	34	19	41	29	26

Income

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100K+
Sample	1106	102	155	137	113	119	256
Approve	38	41	42	43	40	36	33
Disapprove	33	27	23	34	22	42	42
Don't know	29	32	35	23	38	22	25

Provincial Party Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Wildrose Party	NDP	Alberta Party	Liberal	Other Parties
Sample	1106	407	366	120	29	113	28
Approve	38	36	22	71	45	44	57
Disapprove	33	33	46	14	34	32	29
Don't know	29	31	32	14	21	24	14

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Approval of Reinstating Public Coverage for Gender Reassignment Therapy

‘The provincial government has decided to reinstate public coverage for gender reassignment therapy, including sex change surgery. Do you approve or disapprove of this decision?’

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1106	116	144	216	312	318	527	579
Approve	29	29	32	30	29	24	23	35
Disapprove	60	57	61	61	59	65	66	54
Don't know	11	14	7	10	12	11	11	11

Region

%	Total	Calgary CMA	Edmonton CMA	Southern AB	Central AB	Northern AB
Sample	1106	362	354	129	144	117
Approve	29	28	36	27	23	16
Disapprove	60	60	53	62	69	71
Don't know	11	12	11	11	7	13

Income

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100K+
Sample	1106	102	155	137	113	119	256
Approve	29	23	26	30	24	28	34
Disapprove	60	57	60	56	68	68	57
Don't know	11	20	14	15	7	3	9

Provincial Party Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Wildrose Party	NDP	Alberta Party	Liberal	Other Parties
Sample	1106	407	366	120	29	113	28
Approve	29	30	16	50	41	39	28
Disapprove	60	55	79	40	48	54	63
Don't know	11	16	5	10	11	7	9

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Importance of Government Twinning the Entire Length of Hwy 63 from Radway to Fort McMurray

'How important is it that the government finish twinning the entire length of Highway 63 from Radway to Fort McMurray?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1106	116	144	216	312	318	527	579
Extremely important	49	49	49	48	48	50	46	52
Very important	19	12	19	25	22	19	18	19
Somewhat important	22	27	19	16	21	23	22	22
Not very important	5	4	5	5	6	6	7	2
Not important at all	3	6	1	2	2	1	6	0
Don't know	3	1	6	3	1	1	2	4

Region

%	Total	Calgary CMA	Edmonton CMA	Southern AB	Central AB	Northern AB
Sample	1106	362	354	129	144	117
Extremely important	49	46	51	42	51	60
Very important	19	22	19	9	19	15
Somewhat important	22	22	21	28	21	18
Not very important	5	4	5	7	7	3
Not important at all	3	3	2	8	2	2
Don't know	3	4	1	6	1	1

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%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100K+
Sample	1106	102	155	137	113	119	256
Extremely important	49	50	50	49	46	50	53
Very important	19	7	30	20	23	9	20
Somewhat important	22	28	14	24	17	30	18
Not very important	5	3	4	2	9	4	3
Not important at all	3	4	0	3	3	4	4
Don't know	3	8	2	3	2	3	1

Provincial Part Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Wildrose Party	NDP	Alberta Party	Liberal	Other Parties
Sample	1106	407	366	120	29	113	28
Extremely important	49	49	47	49	47	52	58
Very important	19	23	18	18	10	16	4
Somewhat important	22	20	24	22	39	14	21
Not very important	5	2	6	5	1	11	5
Not important at all	3	1	3	4	0	6	12
Don't know	3	4	1	2	3	2	0

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Approval of Initiating Hwy Tolls To Pay For Entire Length of Twinning

'A proposal has been made to pay for twinning the entire length of Highway 63 from Radway to Fort McMurray by adding tolls to the highway. Do you approve or disapprove of this proposal?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1106	116	144	216	312	318	527	579
Approve	50	48	59	47	42	53	53	47
Disapprove	39	42	31	41	47	34	41	37
Don't know	11	10	10	12	11	14	6	17

Region

%	Total	Calgary CMA	Edmonton CMA	Southern AB	Central AB	Northern AB
Sample	1106	362	354	129	144	117
Approve	50	49	59	50	47	24
Disapprove	39	37	32	38	45	63
Don't know	11	14	9	12	8	13

Income

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100K+
Sample	1106	102	155	137	113	119	256
Approve	50	43	53	56	44	51	51
Disapprove	39	44	30	33	48	41	40
Don't know	11	13	17	12	8	8	8

Provincial Part Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Wildrose Party	NDP	Alberta Party	Liberal	Other Parties
Sample	1106	407	366	120	29	113	28
Approve	50	53	51	46	59	47	31
Disapprove	39	32	42	43	36	43	64
Don't know	11	15	8	11	5	10	5

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Agreement for Requiring Oil Operators to Pay for Twinning of Hwy 63

'Do you agree or disagree that Suncor, Syncrude and the other oilsands operators should be required to pay for the twinning of Highway 63?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1106	116	144	216	312	318	527	579
Agree	53	59	59	54	43	42	54	53
Disagree	32	31	33	31	33	37	35	30
Don't know	14	10	9	14	25	21	11	17

Region

%	Total	Calgary CMA	Edmonton CMA	Southern AB	Central AB	Northern AB
Sample	1106	362	354	129	144	117
Agree	53	52	59	55	47	49
Disagree	32	33	26	31	44	36
Don't know	14	15	15	15	9	15

Income

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100K+
Sample	1106	102	155	137	113	119	256
Agree	53	65	56	66	45	63	51
Disagree	32	19	21	24	43	26	42
Don't know	14	17	24	11	12	11	7

Provincial Part Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Wildrose Party	NDP	Alberta Party	Liberal	Other Parties
Sample	1106	407	366	120	29	113	28
Agree	53	48	44	69	78	68	55
Disagree	32	34	44	23	14	19	16
Don't know	14	18	11	9	8	14	28

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Last Vote in April 2012 Provincial Election

'Which party did you vote for in the last provincial election held in April of 2012?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1106	116	144	216	312	318	527	579
Progressive Conservative	33	27	37	33	35	39	33	33
Wildrose Party	28	20	28	33	35	32	31	25
New Democratic	11	15	11	9	9	9	11	11
Alberta Party	4	5	5	3	1	2	4	3
Liberal	8	9	4	9	9	12	6	10
Other parties	4	3	5	6	5	3	5	4
Didn't Vote	11	21	10	6	5	3	9	13

Region

%	Total	Calgary CMA	Edmonton CMA	Southern AB	Central AB	Northern AB
Sample	1106	362	354	129	144	117
Progressive Conservative	33	33	33	34	33	32
Wildrose Party	28	35	18	26	37	27
New Democratic	11	6	18	11	9	9
Alberta Party	4	4	3	4	3	4
Liberal	8	8	11	6	7	6
Other parties	4	2	6	1	6	7
Didn't Vote	11	12	10	18	5	14

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Income

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100K+
Sample	1106	102	155	137	113	119	256
Progressive Conservative	33	23	36	27	27	31	43
Wildrose Party	28	16	23	34	42	35	23
New Democratic	11	17	12	12	9	13	7
Alberta Party	4	5	2	2	4	4	5
Liberal	8	4	11	7	10	10	6
Other parties	4	7	2	1	1	2	5
Didn't Vote	11	29	13	17	5	4	10

Provincial Party Preference

%	Total	Conservative	Wildrose Party	NDP	Alberta Party	Liberal	Other Parties
Sample	1106	407	366	120	29	113	28
Progressive Conservative	33	76	6	11	18	17	22
Wildrose Party	28	7	76	3	3	2	9
New Democratic	11	1	4	59	16	8	3
Alberta Party	4	1	1	2	33	3	19
Liberal	8	4	1	2	24	60	0
Other parties	4	2	3	6	0	2	33
Didn't Vote	11	9	9	17	5	7	14

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