

McGuinty not in such bad shape in another reckoning

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The Laurier Institute for the Study of Public Opinion and Policy keeps a seat-projection thingy that takes previous election results and current polling and crunches them together to make specific projections about individual seats in upcoming elections. In contrast to the Forum Research poll, their work suggests Dalton McGuinty is “leading” — the strongest term they have for a candidate who’s ahead, a step above “leaning” and indicating a margin of at least seven percentage points — in Ottawa South.

The same data and calculations have Ottawa Centre leaning NDP and Ottawa West-Nepean “too close to call.” The other ridings in the area would be held by their current parties. Overall, the “LISPOP” figures give the Liberals 46 seats, the Tories 41 and the NDP 20 ... but that’s also based on polling that’s a week old or more.

It’s also worth noting that in the last federal election, LISPOP predicted the Conservatives would win 144 seats and they actually won 167, with other parties’ standings out accordingly, and most of the seats they got wrong are in Ontario. On the, I guess, third or possibly by now fourth hand, a federal election and a provincial election are different beasts.