



# New opinion poll points to strong Sask Party majority

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New poll by Forum Research says Saskatchewan Party could be re-elected with overwhelming majority.

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A new opinion poll released Thursday by Forum Research says the Saskatchewan Party will be re-elected with an overwhelming majority when voters head to the polls on November 7.

In a poll of 1,254 eligible voters, 66 per cent of the respondents who said they are voting would cast a ballot for, or are leaning towards, the Sask Party. Thirty per cent said they are voting or leaning towards the NDP, with three per cent saying the Green Party and one per cent choosing the Liberals.

Forum Research says taking into account the margin for error – and if the results of the opinion poll hold on election day – the Sask Party would win 52 seats and the NDP 6 seats.

“Barring a catastrophic blunder, Brad Wall is strongly positioned to win a second consecutive majority government in Saskatchewan’s upcoming provincial election,” said Forum Research president Lorne Bozinoff.

Sixty-nine per cent of the poll respondents also said Wall would make the best premier compared to 24 per cent for NDP leader Dwain Lingenfelter.

“Wall’s leadership style and defence of the province’s resource industry, along with a focused policy platform, are proving popular with the electorate,” said Bozinoff.

The recent poll also found the majority of respondents, 55 to 45 per cent, disapproved of increasing royalties and taxes on potash and 73 per cent opposed sharing a greater portion of resource revenues with First Nations.

Results of the poll are considered accurate plus or minus 2.8 per cent 19 times out of 20.

Insightrix Research also released the results of an independent online opinion poll conducted just after the leader’s debate on Thursday.

A total of 1,000 randomly selected SaskWatch Research panel members took part in the online poll between October 25 and 26.

Of those polled, 60 per cent of decided voters said they are voting for the Sask Party, with 33.3 per cent saying they would vote for the NDP. Another 3 per cent threw their support behind the Green Party and 2.8 per cent would cast a ballot for the Liberals.

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