## EYE ON ALBERTA THE PROVINCIAL POLITICAL HORSERACE

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### **RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

- Study fielded via online research panel
  - $_{\circ}$  Field dates: December 1 to 6, 2015
  - $_{\circ}$  Panel source: Voice of Alberta & Vision Critical
- n=1230
- Weighted to reflect gender, age and region of Alberta population according to Stats Canada
- This online survey utilizes a representative but non-random sample, therefore margin of error is not applicable. However, a probability sample of this size would yield a margin of error of +/- 2.8 percentage points at a 95% confidence interval.
- Accuracy of sub-samples of the data decline based on sample sizes



### REGIONAL SAMPLE SIZES & MARGINS OF ERROR

	Total Interviews (Unweighted) (n)	Total Interviews (Weighted) (n)	Margin of Error (Associated with a probability sample of this size)
ALBERTA TOTAL	1230	1230	+/- 2.8
Calgary	419	412	+/- 4.8
Edmonton	349	375	+/- 5.3
North	132	159	+/- 8.5
Central	165	149	+/- 7.6
South	165	135	+/- 7.6





## ALBERTA'S POLITICAL LANDSCAPE

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#### PROVINCIAL POLITICAL LANDSCAPE -BRUISING FALL SESSION COMING TO A CLOSE-

- New NDP Government having a rough ride in first full legislative session
  - Big Spending, Big Deficit Budget
  - 。 Climate Change Plan
  - Farm Workers Protection
  - Royalty Review Report yet to come...
- NDP support fallen sharply since the end of summer
  - Now trail Wildrose in province-wide popular vote, down 9 points since September
  - Wildrose and PC support shows modest gains in past 3 months

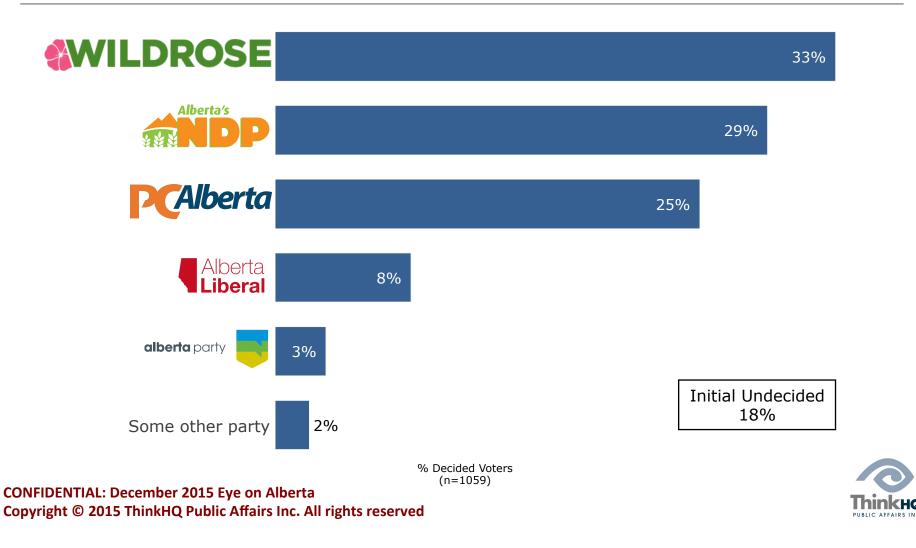


- NDP still dominate Edmonton and region, though support significantly eroded
- Wildrose hold significant edge in small urban and rural regions of the province
- Calgary is a statistical 3-way tie: Wildrose, NDP and PC support all within margin of error of one another

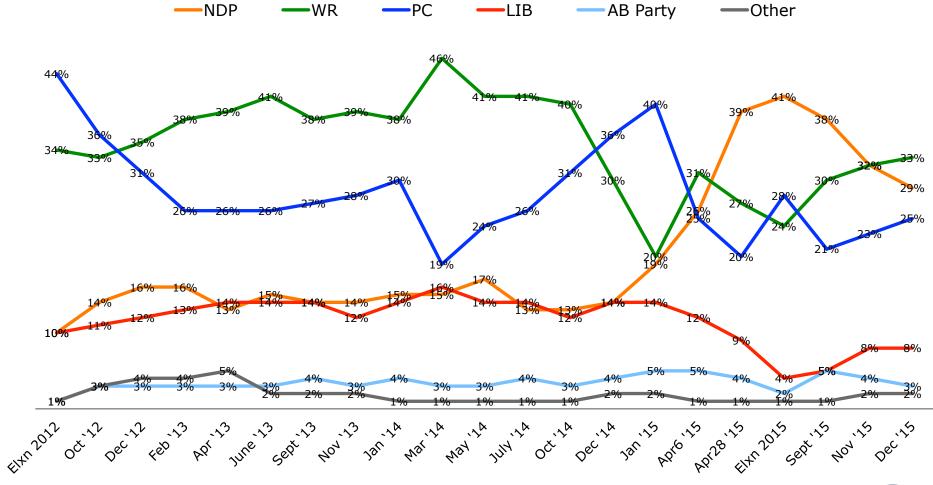


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#### PROVINCIAL POLITICAL HORSERACE -THQ TRACKING-

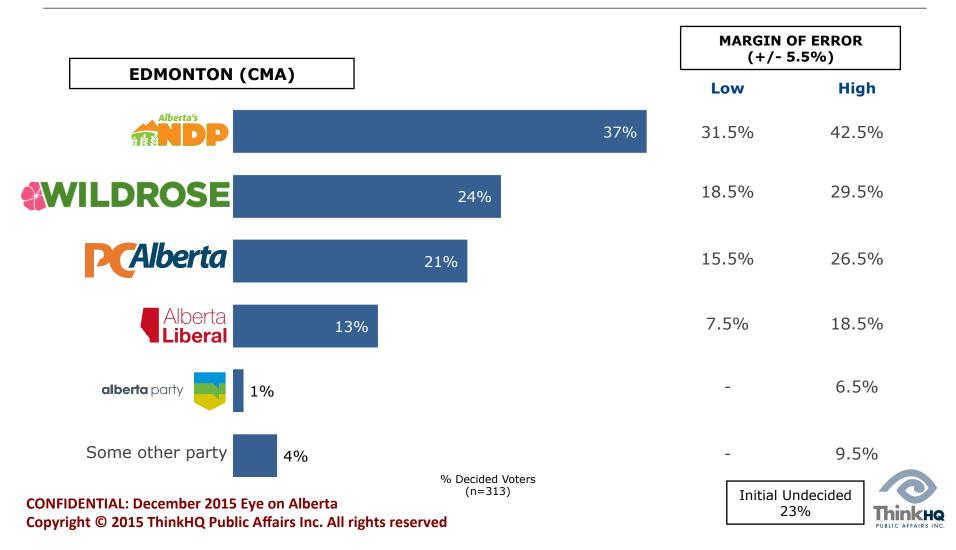


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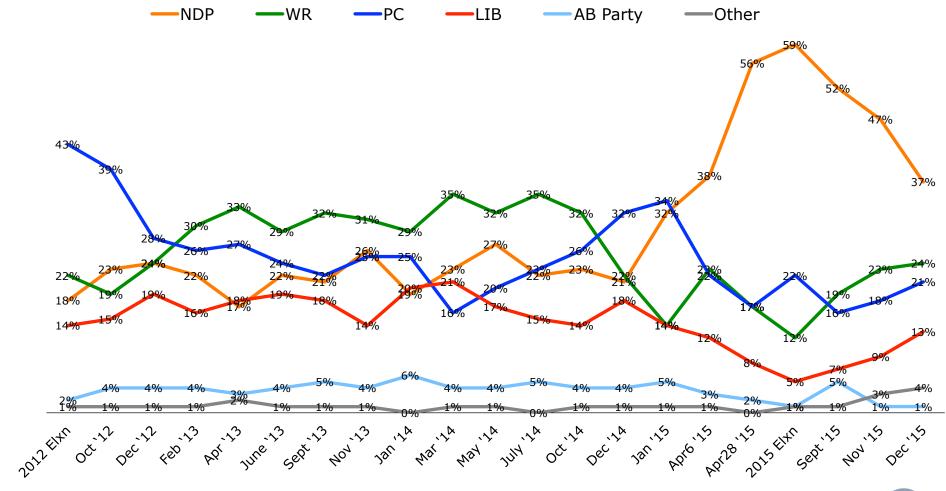


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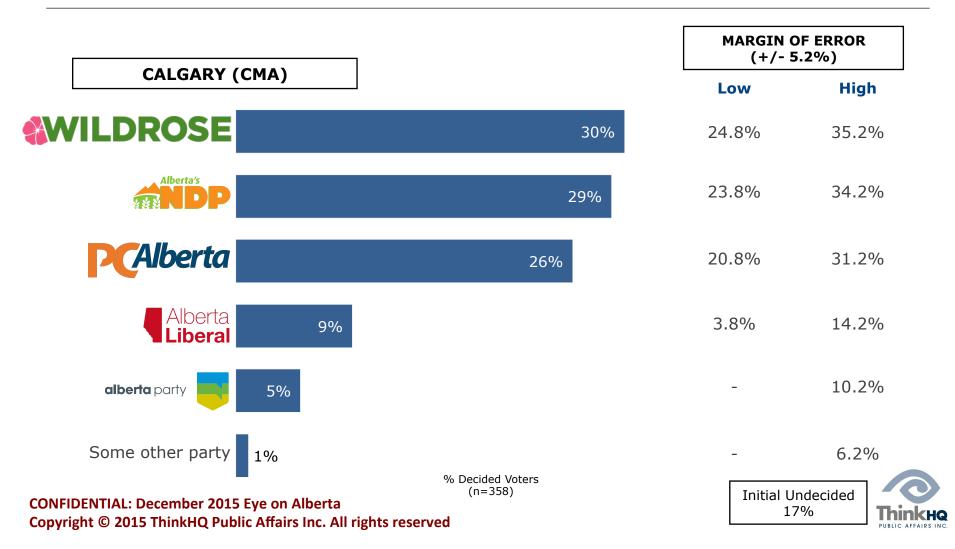


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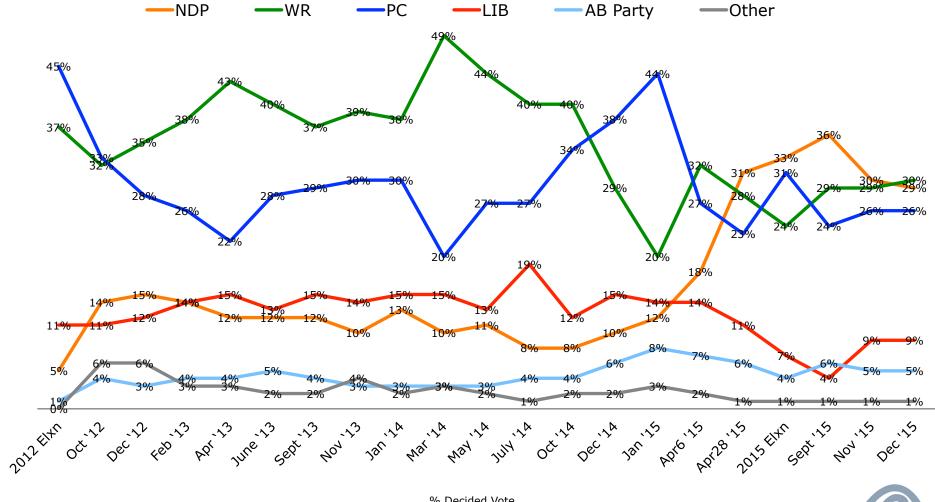


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#### PROVINCIAL POLITICAL HORSERACE -CALGARY (CMA) TRACKING-

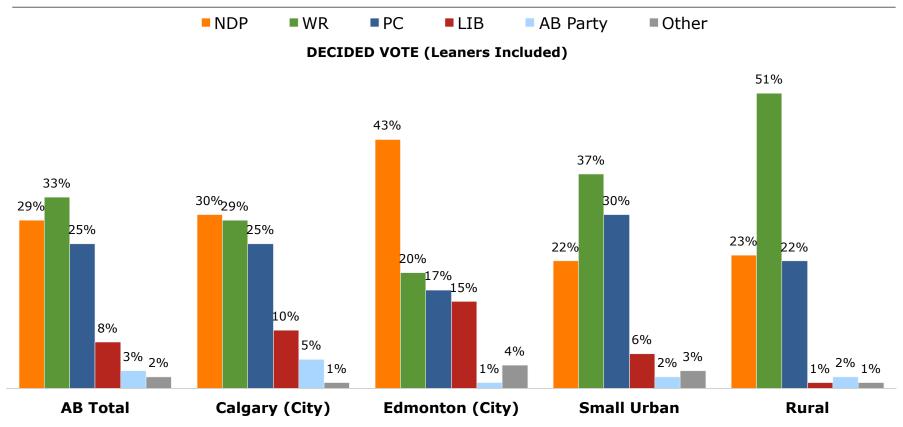


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#### PROVINCIAL POLITICAL HORSERACE -By Region-

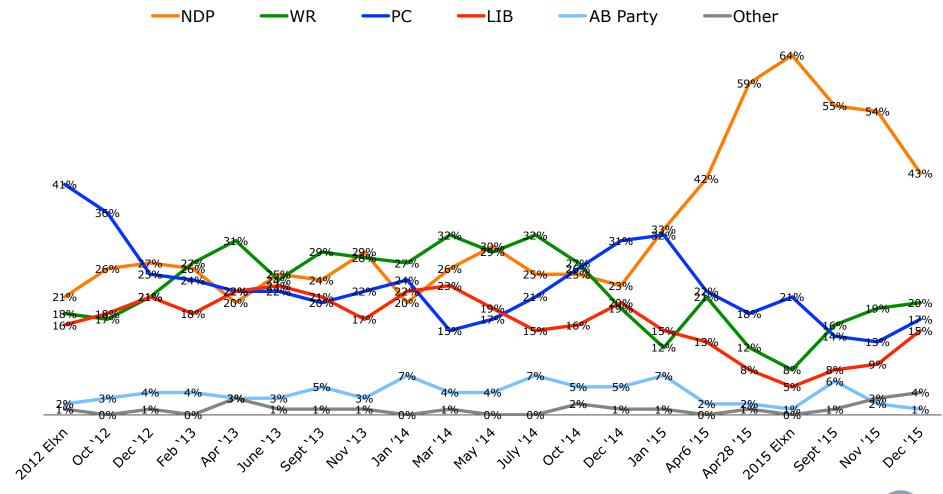
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% Decided Voters (n=1059)

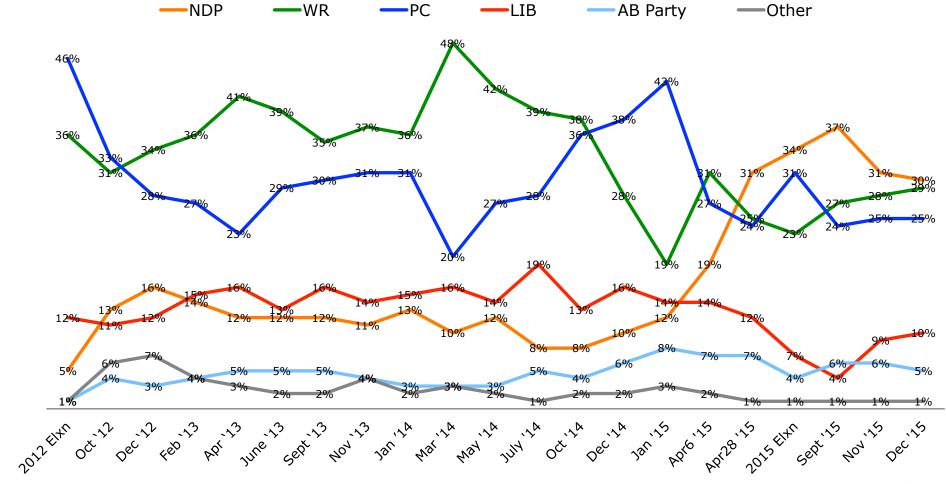
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#### PROVINCIAL POLITICAL HORSERACE -CALGARY (CITY) TRACKING-

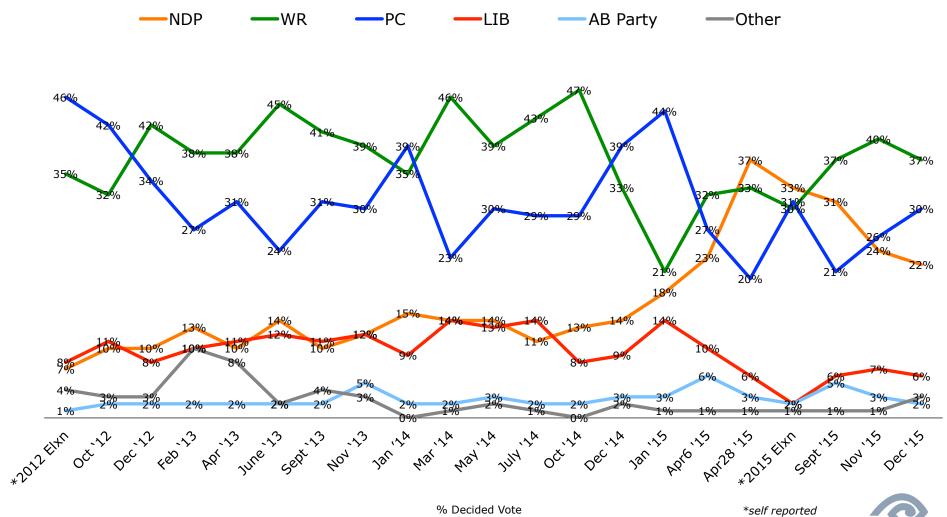


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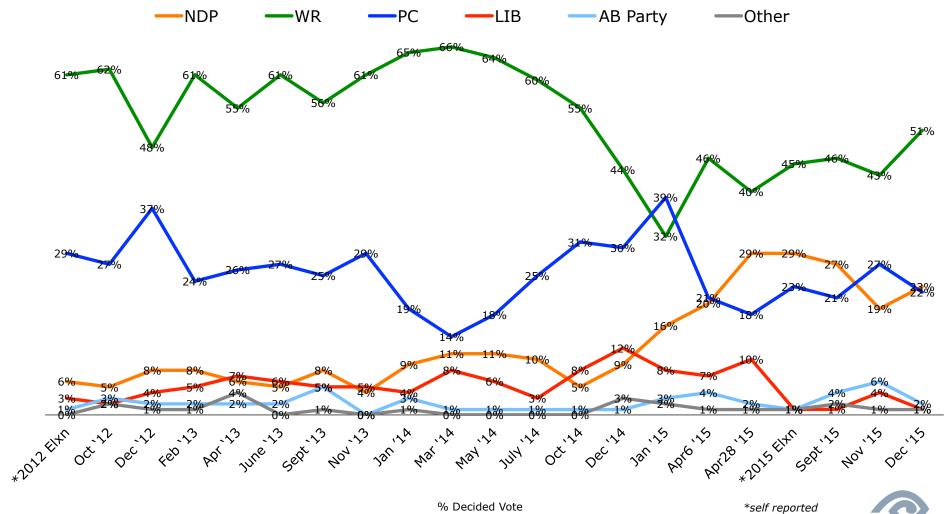


#### PROVINCIAL POLITICAL HORSERACE -SMALL URBAN TRACKING-



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#### PROVINCIAL POLITICAL HORSERACE -RURAL TRACKING-



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