# **Results of CBC News Survey**

December 4, 2008



### Methodology

This survey was conducted December 2 and 3, 2008 using Interactive Voice Recognition (IVR) technology, which allows respondents to enter their preferences by punching the keypad on their phone, rather than telling them to an operator.

- In total, a random sample of 2536 Canadians aged 18 and over responded to the survey.
- A sample of this size provides a margin of error of +/- 1.9 percentage points, 19 times out of 20. The margin of error increases when the results are sub-divided (i.e., error margins for sub-groups such as regions).
- All the data were statistically weighted to ensure the samples composition reflects that
  of the actual population of Canada according to Census data.



# **Vote Intention**



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

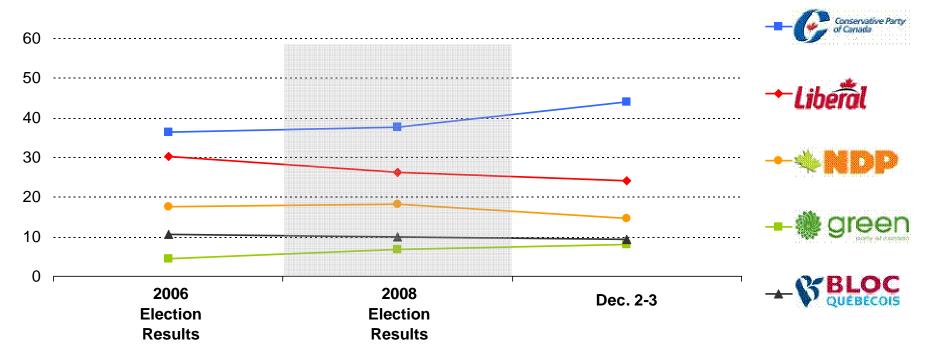
|                              | National | BC/TER | AB     | SK/MB  | ON     | QC     | ATL    |
|------------------------------|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Margin of error:             | +/- 2.0  | +/-4.6 | +/-5.3 | +/-6.6 | +/-4.1 | +/-4.2 | +/-8.7 |
| Conservative Party of Canada | 44.0     | 47.3   | 75.1   | 56.7   | 49.0   | 20.2   | 36.5   |
| Liberal                      | 24.1     | 18.1   | 11.8   | 15.5   | 27.5   | 25.4   | 38.8   |
| <b>NDP</b>                   | 14.5     | 23.0   | 7.1    | 18.0   | 14.2   | 10.4   | 22.7   |
| <b>green</b>                 | 8.1      | 11.6   | 6.0    | 9.8    | 9.3    | 6.7    | 2.0    |
| <b>BLOC</b> QUÉBÉCOIS        | 9.2      |        |        |        |        | 37.4   |        |



BASE: Decided voters; Dec. 2-3 08 n=2277

## Current vote intention vs. past election results







### Preferred solution for current political impasse

**Q.** The Conservative government of Stephen Harper will likely be defeated when Parliament next has an opportunity to vote. The opposition parties want to replace the Conservatives with a coalition made up of Liberals and New Democrats led on an interim basis by Stéphane Dion. Based on this, which of the following is closest to your view?

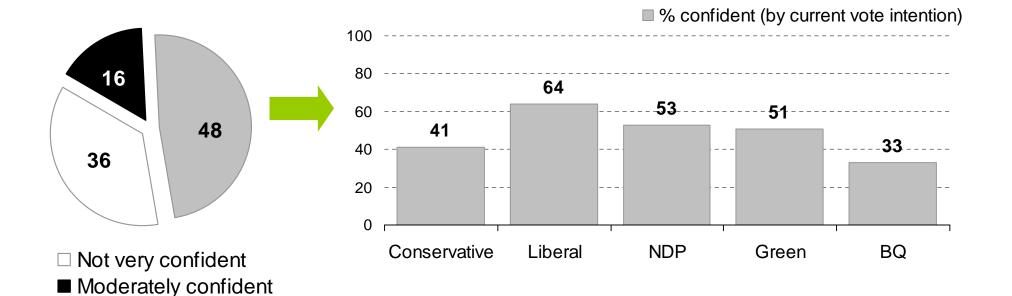
Option favoured among: Parliament taking a break for a month or so to see whether the Conservatives 37 CPC voters (59%) can get the confidence of parliament when it comes back into session The **proposed coalition** of Liberals and LPC (56%), NDP (44%), New Democrats replacing the Conservative 28 BQ (54%) voters government within the next few weeks An **election** to be called within the next 19 few weeks to break the impasse DK/NR 16 10 20 0 30 40



BASE: Canadians; Dec. 2-3, n=2536

#### **Confidence in Governor General**

**Q.** The Governor-General, Michaëlle Jean, may be required to make crucial decisions arising from this impasse. How much confidence do you have in the Governor-General's ability to make these decisions



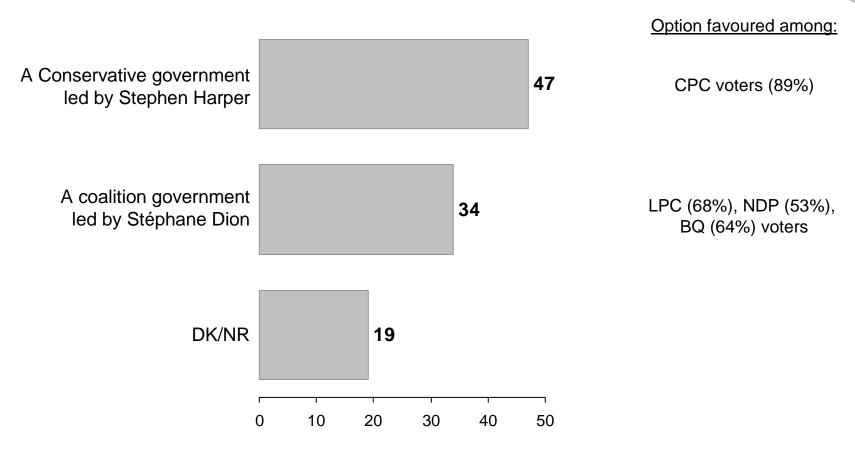


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#### Best leader to deal with the current economic crisis

Q. In your opinion, who would be better able to deal with the current economic crisis?





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