

Liberal lead widens, Conservative support sags, and voters oppose forcing an election.

The latest poll by Decima Research shows a widening lead for the Liberal Party in national voter opinion, and deteriorating support levels for the Conservative Party.

And, while sample sizes are small enough to warrant caution, the NDP may now be ahead of the Conservative Party among women, Ontario voters, and those under 35.

As well, by a wide margin, voters do not want the Conservatives to renew their efforts to force an election, preferring to wait until after the Gomery Report is released, the election timing proposed by the Prime Minister.

Current Party Support

Decima's results show the Liberals with 37% of decided voters nationally, compared to 23% for the Conservatives, and 21% for the NDP.

- In Ontario, the Liberals are at 48% of decided voters, compared to 24% for the NDP and 22% for the Conservatives.
- In Quebec, Bloc Quebecois support was at 51%, compared to 26% for the Liberals, the NDP 11% and the Conservatives 10%.
- In this week's polling, the Conservatives were trailing the NDP (in some cases within the margin of error) among women, voters 18-34 years old, and single people.

According to Decima CEO Bruce Anderson "Conservative strategy and broad public opinion preferences have recently been somewhat out of sync on election timing and on the Liberal-NDP budget changes. And, in the last week, the Grewal tapes have raised doubts about Conservative credibility and focus."

"During the same period, the NDP has been urging that the House keep working, that it expand its agenda beyond Gomery/sponsorship/corruption, and has been promoting social spending over corporate tax cuts.

"With the volatility we've seen in recent weeks, these results are only reliable as a retrospective analysis, a snapshot of which party's approach seemed more at odds with public preferences most recently. The numbers seem to say more about what has made voters more uncomfortable in the last little while, than what has enthused them about the future. As a result, these numbers are quite likely subject to further change."

Election Timing

This week's survey also asked whether people would *“prefer that the Conservative Party renew its efforts to force an election, or wait until the release of the Gomery Report and have the election that the Prime Minister committed to calling at that time.”*

Only 12% said that they preferred to see the Conservatives renew their efforts to force an election, compared to 76% who preferred to wait. The remainder did not offer an opinion.

Worth noting, only 31% of those who were planning on voting Conservative, and 23% of those who were planning on voting Bloc, think the election should be held before the Gomery report. Among the 28% of voters who are having trouble making up their minds which party to vote for (“volatile” or “whipsawed voters”, as discussed in our previous release), fully 79% oppose the idea of forcing an election.

All data was collected through the Decima teleVox, a national omnibus telephone survey conducted on weekly basis. Each week, Decima teleVox surveys just over 1,000 adult Canadians, providing national results accurate to within +/-3.1% at the 95% confidence interval. This week's data were collected from June 2nd through June 5th.

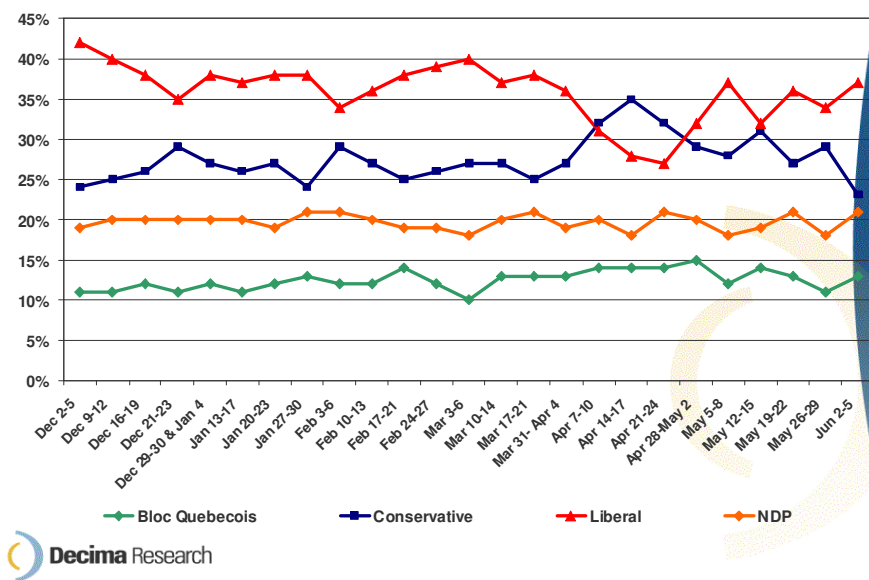


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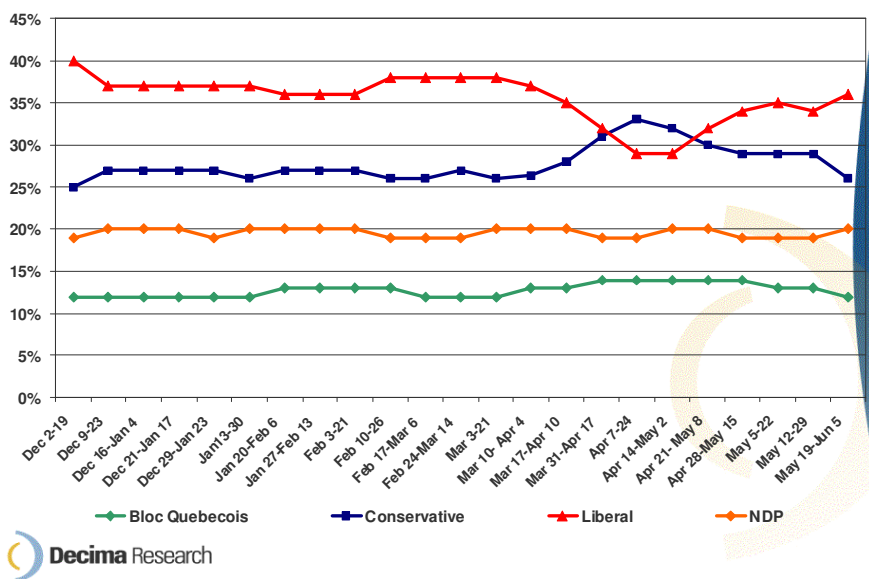
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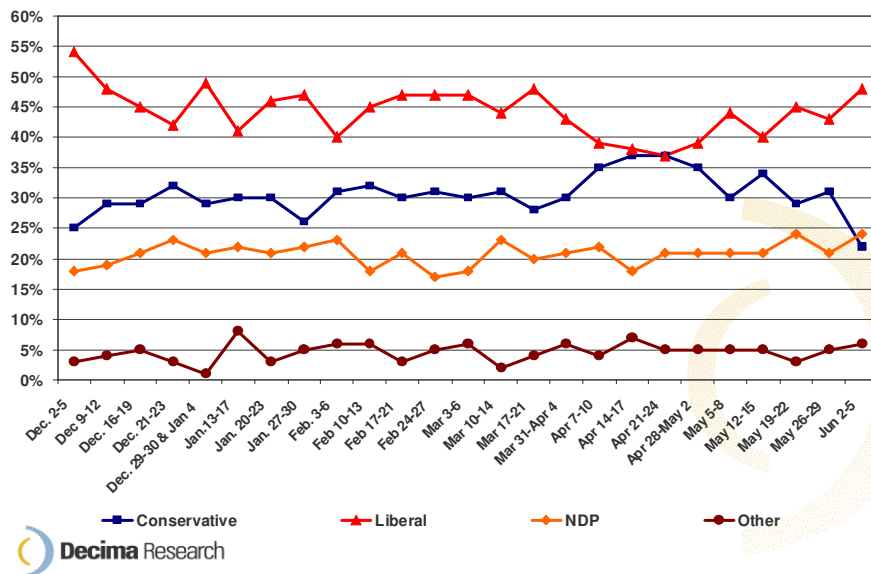
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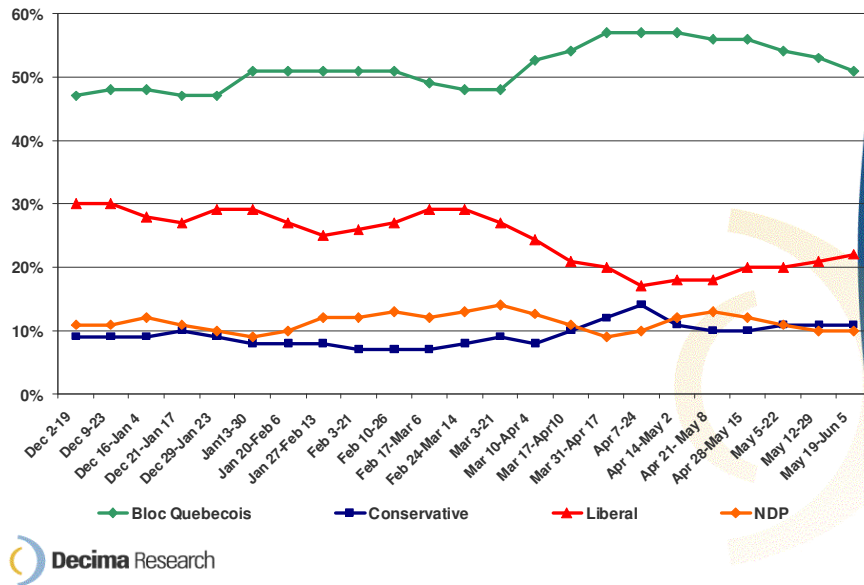
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Vote Intention: Ontario



Voting Intentions in Quebec (3 Week Average)



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