

Race Narrows as Liberals Lose Ground

New polling data from Decima Research shows that the Liberals maintain a very small lead over the Conservatives nationally, a difference that is within the margin of error of the poll.

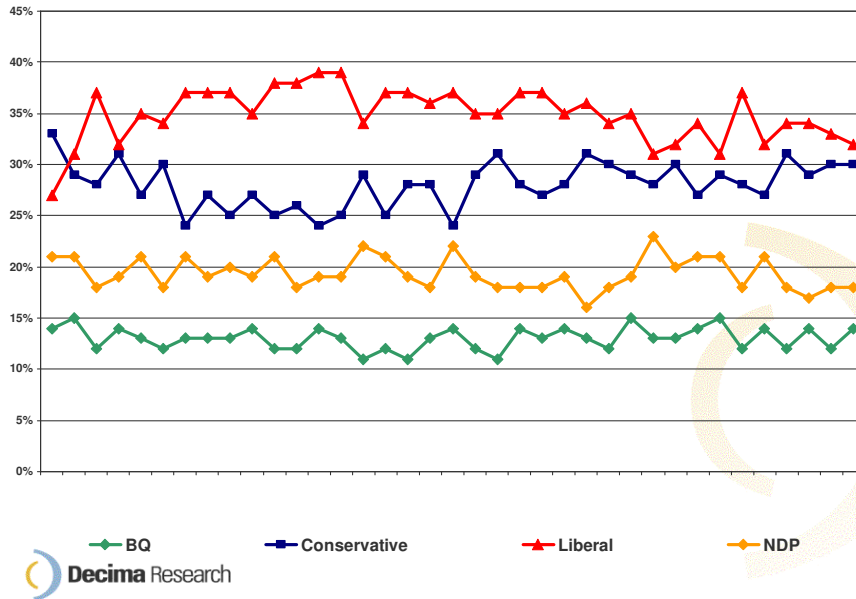
(Decima conducts a weekly telephone omnibus survey and has been tracking voting intentions using this survey for more than a year. This release is based on 1020 surveys completed between December 29th and December 30th. The margin of error for a poll this size is 3.1%, 19 times out of 20.)

The latest findings are:

- **The Liberal Party has the support of 32% of those who are decided or leaning and who are likely to vote on election day.** (The results exclude those who say they are “certain not to vote”. The Conservatives have the support of 30%, followed by the NDP at 18% and the BQ at 14%.)
- **The Liberals continue to lead the Conservatives in Ontario, but the gap in this survey is only 4%, with the Liberals at 40% and the Conservatives at 36%.**
- In Quebec, the Liberals (21%) trail the BQ (60%) by a very wide margin.
- In other regions, sample sizes are too small to provide reliable indications of party support on a single week basis.
- The Liberals hold a nine-point lead over the Conservatives among women (35%-26%), while the Conservatives hold a lead among men (34%-29%).
- The Liberals lead by six points in major urban areas, the Conservatives by 2 points in more rural parts of the country.
- Liberals also lead among single people, Conservatives among married Canadians.

According to Decima’s Bruce Anderson “Most voters are telling us that the next three weeks are what really matters, and these numbers confirm that this election is up for grabs. The patterns we are seeing are similar to those witnessed in the last campaign, but the past is not always a reliable predictor of the future.”

National Vote Intention (Excluding "certain not to vote")



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