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Conservatives ahead by ten points

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FIRST RANKED BALLOT (N=1,203 Canadians, 1010 decided voters)
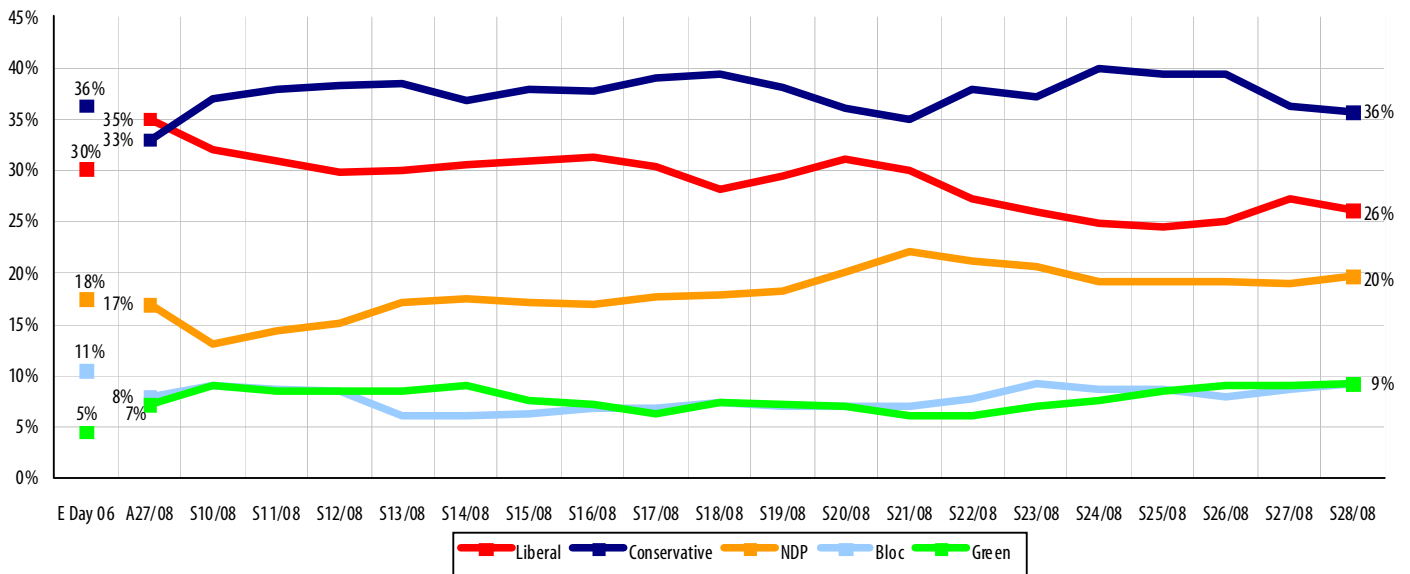
REGIONAL BALLOTS

	Canada		Atlantic Canada		Quebec		Ontario		Western Canada	
	Sept 27	Sept 28	Sept 27	Sept 28	Sept 27	Sept 28	Sept 27	Sept 28	Sept 27	Sept 28
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Conservative	36	36	39	38	24	22	35	37	44	42
Liberal	27	26	39	32	21	20	37	36	20	22
NDP	19	20	17	22	10	11	20	22	24	23
Green	9	9	5	9	7	8	8	6	12	13
BQ	9	9	-	-	38	39	-	-	-	-
Accuracy	±3.1%	±3.1%	±10.2%	±10.3%	±6.6%	±6.4%	±5.6%	±5.8%	±5.1%	±5.1%
Undecided	18	16	21	23	25	21	16	16	13	11

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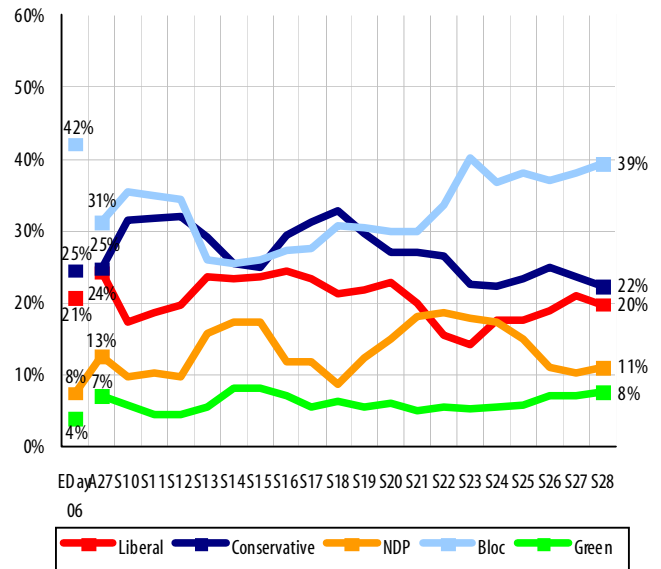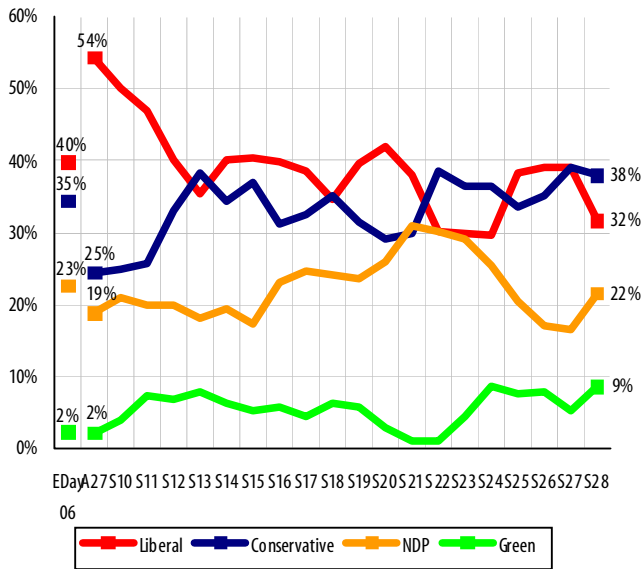
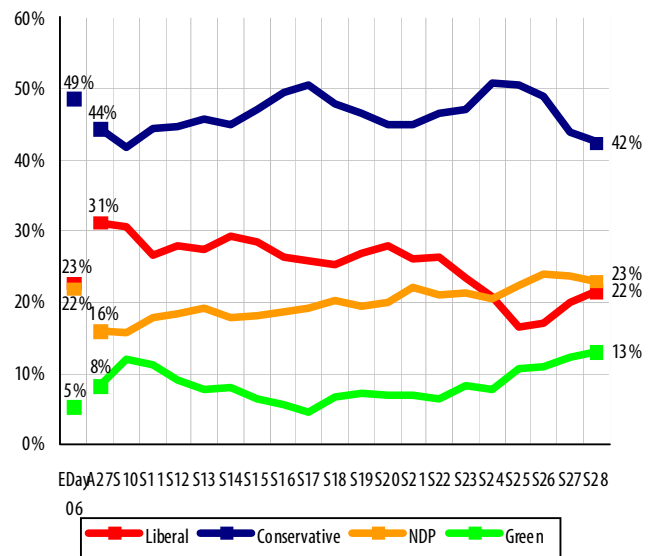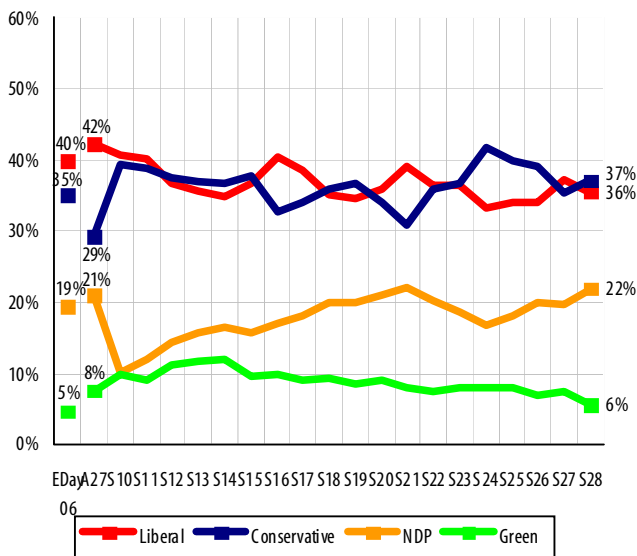## Tories and Liberals tied in Ontario, NDP and Liberals tied in Western Canada

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ATLANTIC CANADA (94 Decided Voters, Accuracy ±10.3)

QUEBEC (239 Decided Voters, Accuracy ±6.4)
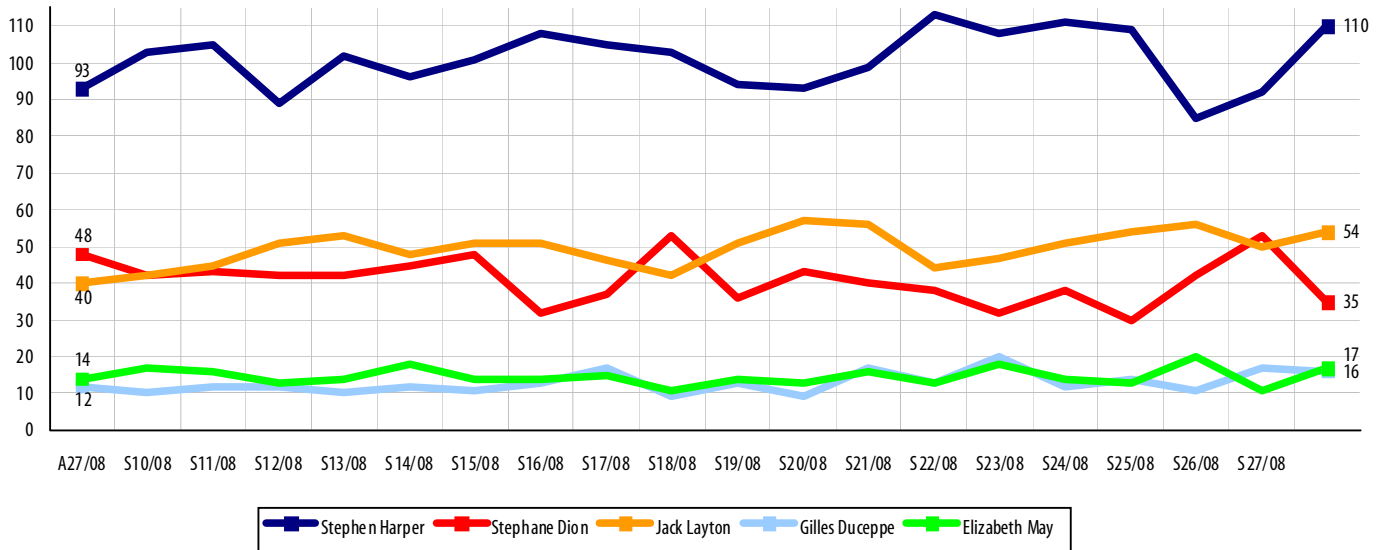

ONTARIO (294 Decided Voters, Accuracy ±5.8)

WESTERN CANADA (382 Decided Voters, Accuracy ±5.1)

Leadership Index: Harper regains ground on leadership index score

LEADERSHIP INDICATORS

	Trust		Competence		Vision for Canada		Leadership Index Score	
	Sept 27	Sept 28	Sept 27	Sept 28	Sept 27	Sept 28	Sept 27	Sept 28
	%	%	%	%	%	%		
Stephen Harper	26	34	38	41	28	35	92	110
Jack Layton	21	21	15	17	14	16	50	54
Stephane Dion	17	11	16	9	20	15	53	35
Elizabeth May	6	8	2	3	3	6	11	17
Gilles Duceppe	7	7	5	4	5	5	17	16
None of them/Undecided	24	20	25	26	30	24		
Accuracy	± 5.0%	± 5.0%	± 5.0%	± 5.0%	± 5.0%	± 5.0%		

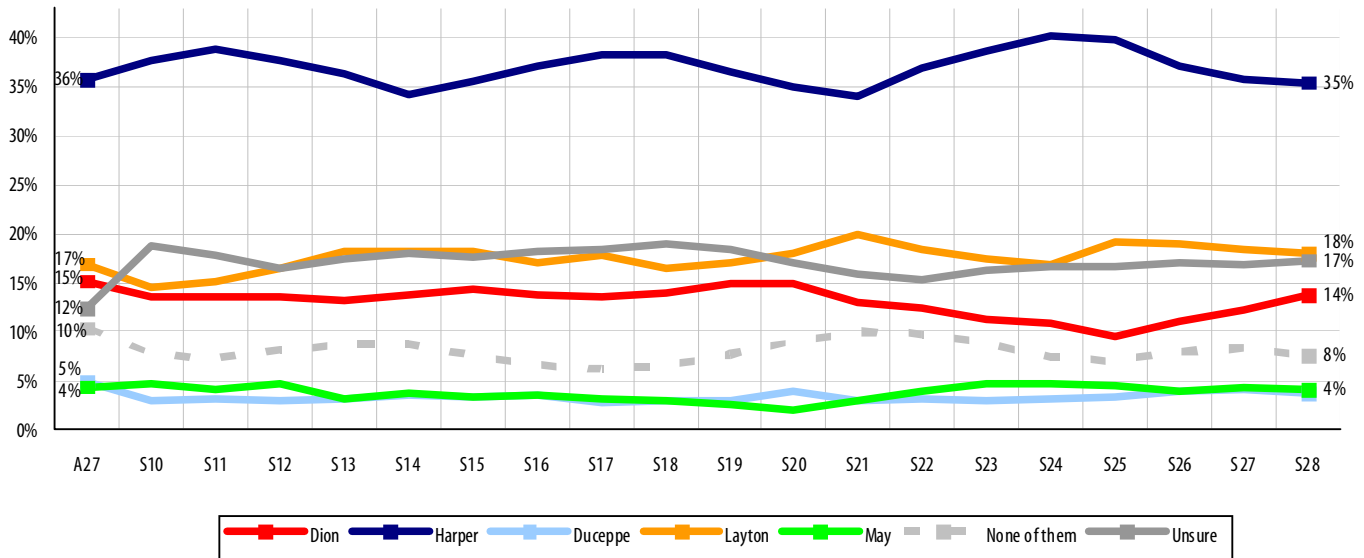*Note: Percentages may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

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Best PM: One in three Canadians choose Harper as best PM

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BEST PRIME MINISTER (N=1,203 Canadians)

Legend: Dion, Harper, Duceppe, Layton, May, None of them, Unsure

REGIONAL NUMBERS

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	Sept 27	Sept 28	Sept 27	Sept 28	Sept 27	Sept 28	Sept 27	Sept 28	Sept 27	Sept 28
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Harper	36	35	32	30	25	26	36	36	44	43
Layton	18	18	24	23	16	18	18	17	19	18
Dion	12	14	18	17	11	13	14	15	10	13
May	4	4	8	9	1	2	4	5	5	4
Duceppe	4	4	0	0	15	14	1	0	1	1
None	8	8	6	7	11	9	10	10	6	5
Undecided	17	17	12	14	21	18	17	19	15	17
Accuracy	± 2.8%	± 2.8%	± 9.0%	± 9.0%	± 5.7%	± 5.7%	± 5.2%	± 5.2%	± 4.9%	± 4.9%

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METHODOLOGY

CPAC Questions

1. If a FEDERAL election were held today, could you please rank your top two current <u>local</u> voting preferences? (First ranked reported)
2. Are you currently leaning towards any particular FEDERAL party, and if you are, which party would that be?

As you may know, [ROTATE all five federal leaders with name and party]. Which of the federal leaders would you best describe as:

3. Most trustworthy
4. Most competent
5. Best vision for Canada's future
6. Of the following individuals, who do you think would make the best Prime Minister? [ROTATE names of all five party leaders]

Methodology

A national random telephone survey is conducted nightly by Nanos Research throughout the campaign. Each evening a new group of 400 eligible voters are interviewed. The daily tracking figures are based on a three-day rolling sample comprised of 1,200 interviews. To update the tracking a new day of interviewing is added and the oldest day dropped. The margin of accuracy is $\pm$2.9%, 19 times out of 20.

The respondent sample is stratified geographically and by gender. The data may be weighted by age according to data from the 2006 Canadian Census administered by Statistics Canada. Percentages reported may not add up to 100 due to rounding. The research has been registered with the Marketing Research and Intelligence Association of which Nanos is a member.

Leadership Index Score Methodology

Every day, Nanos will report on a daily leadership index score. The leadership index score is a summation of the three leadership indicators (trustworthy, competence, vision). For example, on August 27th (A27), Elizabeth May received a Leadership Index Score of 14 because 6% of Canadians identified Elizabeth May as the most trustworthy leader, 3% said she was the most competent and 5% said she had the best vision for Canada

The Leadership Index Score will be tracked daily with updated results from the previous night of polling. Unlike the other measures tracked by Nanos, the leadership index score will not be based on a three-day rolling sample. It will be reported from results the evening before. This will allow Nanos to measure the performance of the federal party leaders and the key factors driving performance on a daily basis.

About Nanos

Established in 1987, Nanos Research is a full service public opinion research and management consulting firm. For more information on our full range of services please visit our website www.nanosresearch.com.

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Established in 1987, Nanos Research is one of North America's premier market and public opinion research organizations. We put strategic intelligence into the hands of decision-makers.

Whether you are charting a new corporate expansion, engaging employee input or navigating a complex public policy issue, executives like you turn to Nanos as their trusted research partner.

Capabilities

Nanos has the scope and capacity for every assignment. Our organization has offices in Ottawa, Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver, Halifax and Calgary.

- Telephone Surveys
- Online Surveys
- Mystery Shopping
- Qualitative Research (Focus groups/in-depth interviews)
- eDeliberative Polling and Online Dialogue
- Management Consulting and Strategic Advice
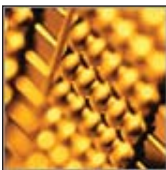
Our Record of Success

As a full-service research firm, Nanos brings the right tools to every research challenge to ensure success. The sample assignments listed below demonstrate the broad range of Nanos capabilities that clients have called upon.

In the lead-up to a major **labour negotiation**, a multi-billion dollar corporation turned to Nanos to conduct research and provide advice on its corporate reputation and positioning.

Nanos helped chart the course for the **market expansion** of one of North America's leading retailers. Nanos conducted market and customer research which helped the retailer grow market share to number one in its class while expanding from 40 to 220 stores.

A global advocacy organization chose Nanos to **reposition a major international campaign** as part of an effort to increase support for the cause and to influence decision-makers.

As part of a policy renewal process, a federal government department retained Nanos to conduct an **environmental scan** of policy initiatives around the world.

Nanos has conducted major brand research and provided expert analysis for numerous **trademark litigations**.

A leading industry association relied on Nanos to conduct research, **test creative materials** and provide advice related to its image and government initiatives which impact association members.

For a federal government department, Nanos developed an over-arching service delivery **performance measurement** framework.

Faced with negative press, a leading advocacy organization turned to Nanos to conduct research among donors, members and the general populace to manage its reputation and craft a **communications campaign.**

In the 2004 and 2006 national federal elections in Canada, Nanos conducted a **nightly tracking** initiative in conjunction with CPAC, Canada's Political Channel. In both elections Nanos was recognized as the most accurate at predicting the outcome.

A Trusted Source

Our team is headed by Nik Nanos, a leader in the market and public opinion research industry recognized for the quality of his work, the insightfulness of his counsel and his professional integrity. Media organizations regularly call upon Nik Nanos and Nanos Researchto capture the public pulse and analyse complex issues.

The Nanos Research Group

Our group of companies is a national team of like-minded research professionals and organizations bound by a common commitment to quality research, quality service and superior research outcomes.

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