

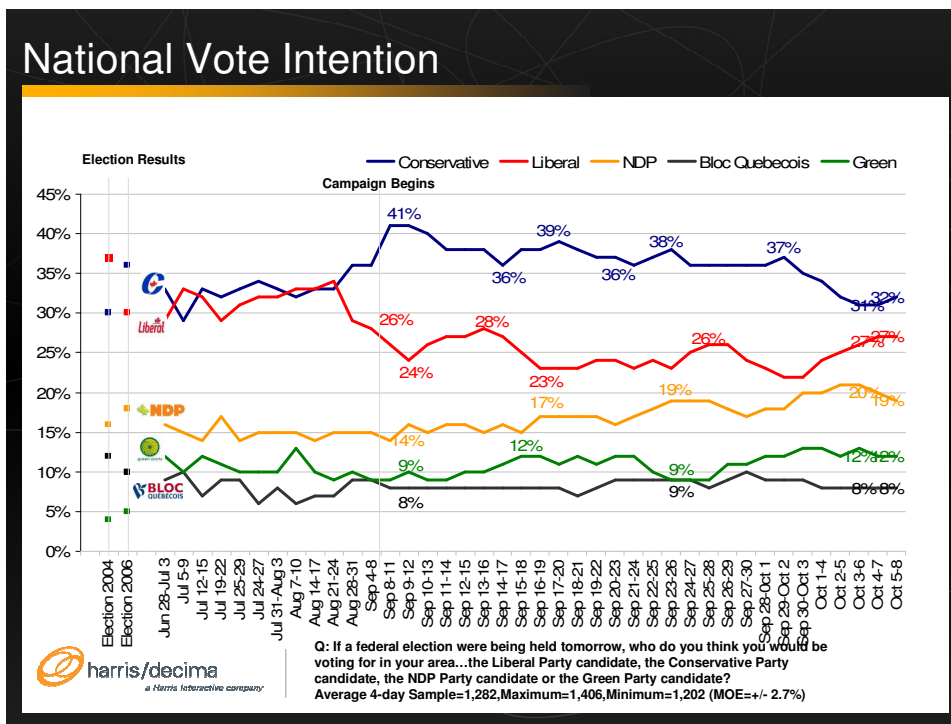


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Conservatives Stabilize, Lead By 5

The latest rolling Canadian Press Harris/Decima surveys reveal:

- **Nationally**, over the last four nights, the Conservatives lead with 32%, followed by the Liberals at 27%, the NDP 19%, the Green Party 12%, the BQ with 8%.



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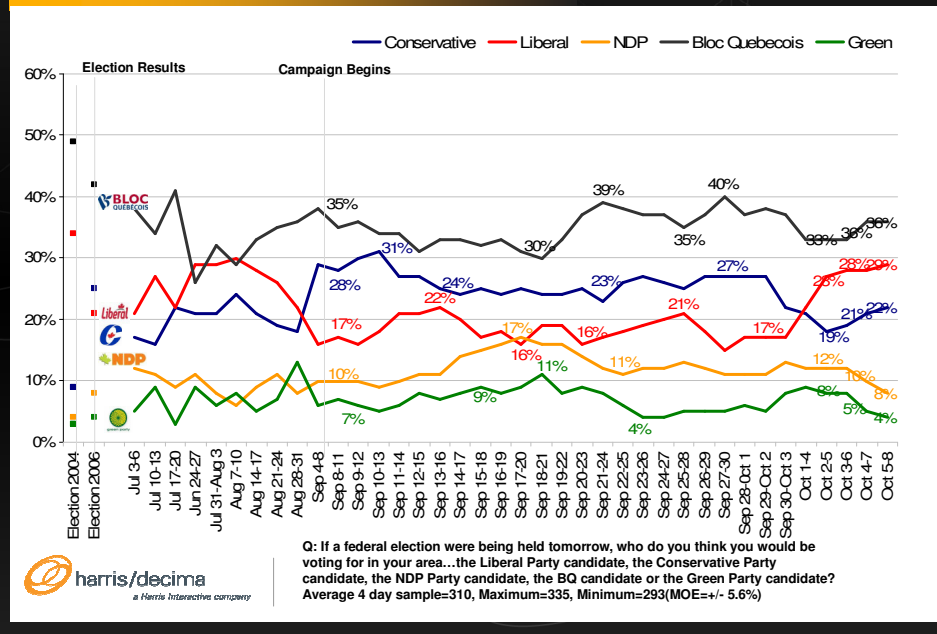
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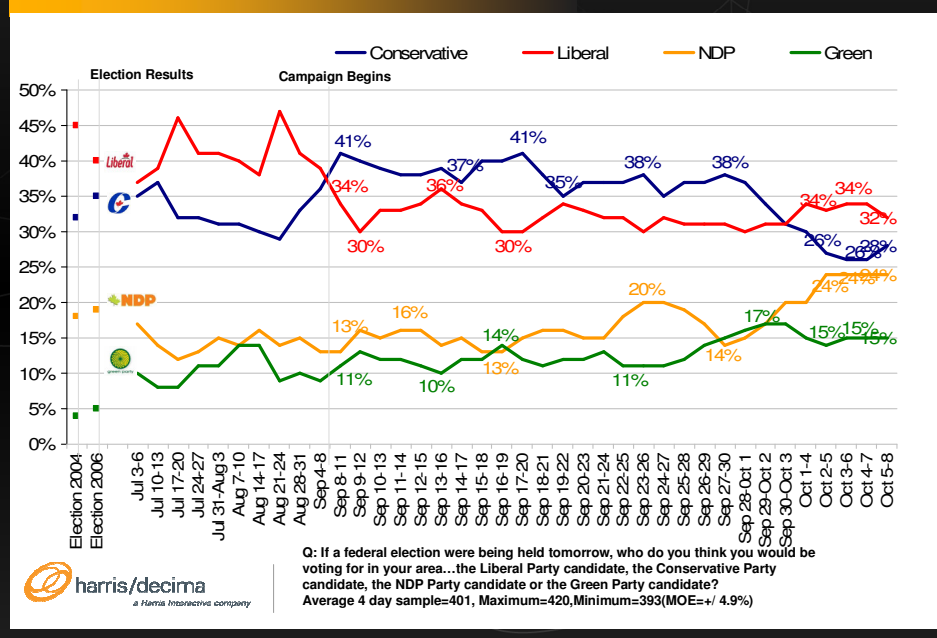
- In **Ontario**, the Liberals are at 32%, Conservatives 28%, NDP 24%, and the Greens 15%.
- In **Quebec**, the BQ is at 36%, Liberals 29%, Conservatives 22%, NDP 8%, and the Greens 4%.
- In **Atlantic Canada**, the Liberals are at 34%, Conservatives 34%, NDP 27%, and the Greens 5%.
- In **BC**, the Conservatives have 47%, the NDP 19%, Greens 16% and the Liberals 16%.



Quebec Voters



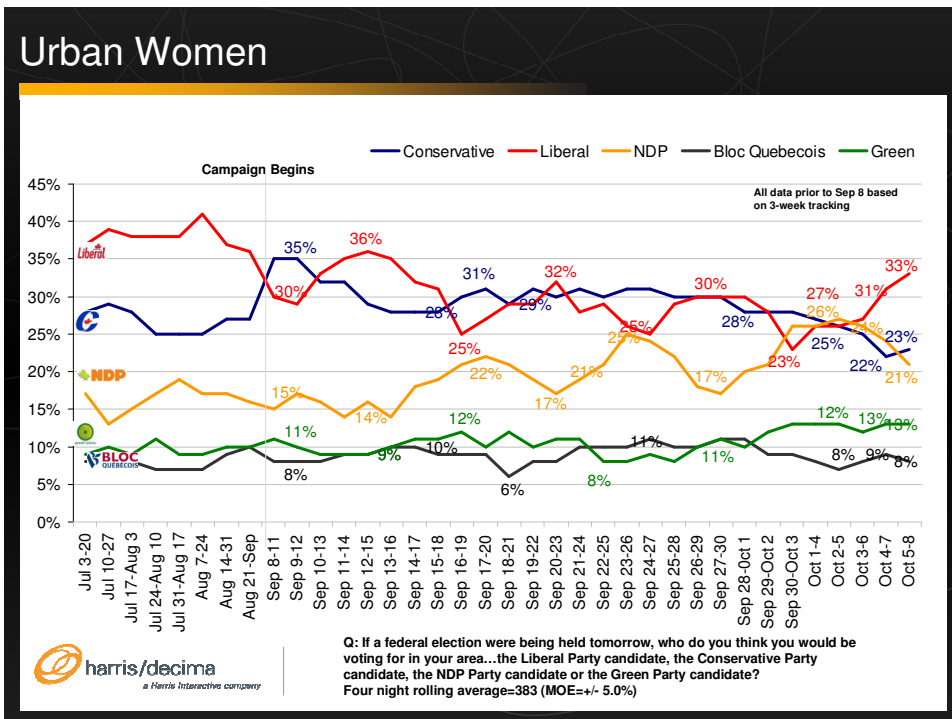
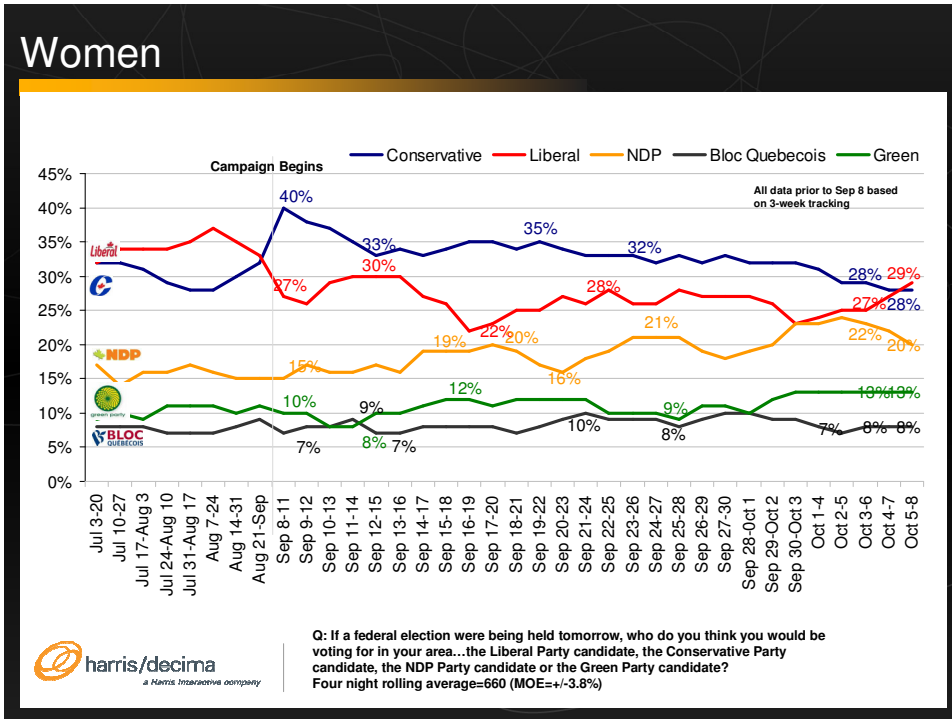
Ontario Voters



- The Liberals continue to make inroads among women voters. Overall, they now hold a 1-point lead over the Conservatives and are 9 points ahead of the NDP. A week ago the NDP and Liberals were in a virtual dead heat

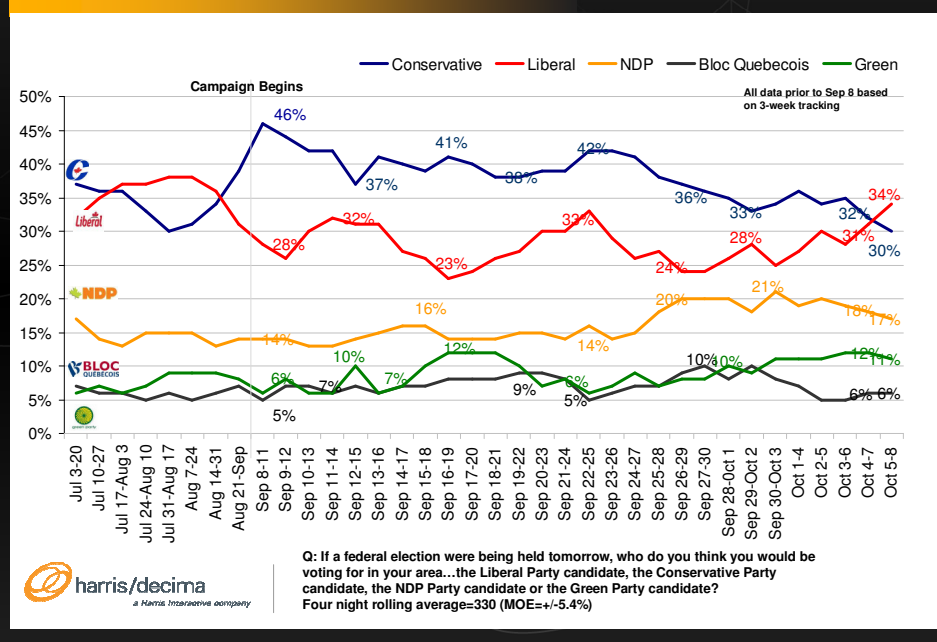


among women, well behind the Conservatives. Among women over 50 the Liberals now hold a lead for the first time this campaign. Among urban women, the Liberals now lead by 10 points.



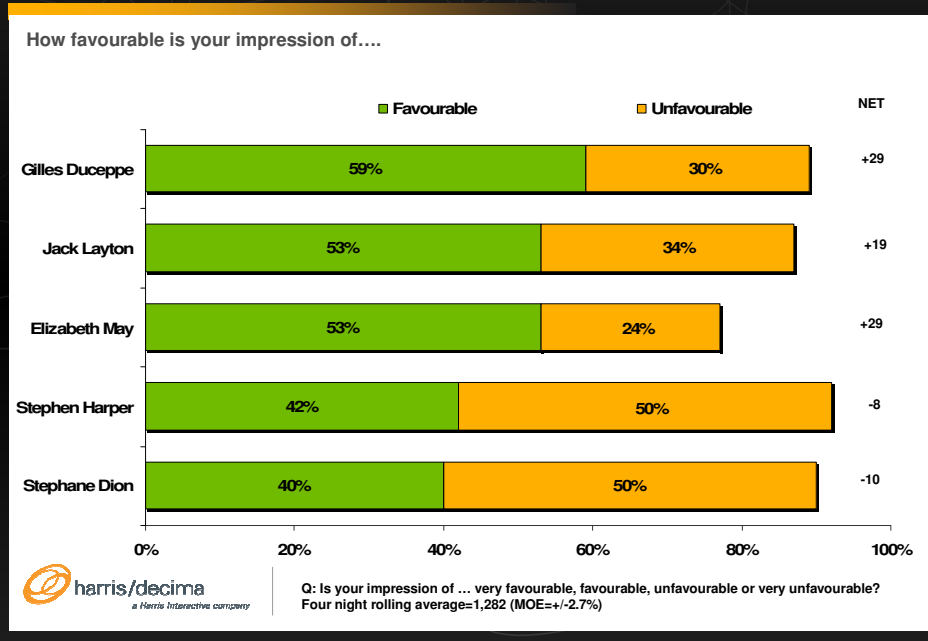


Women 50+



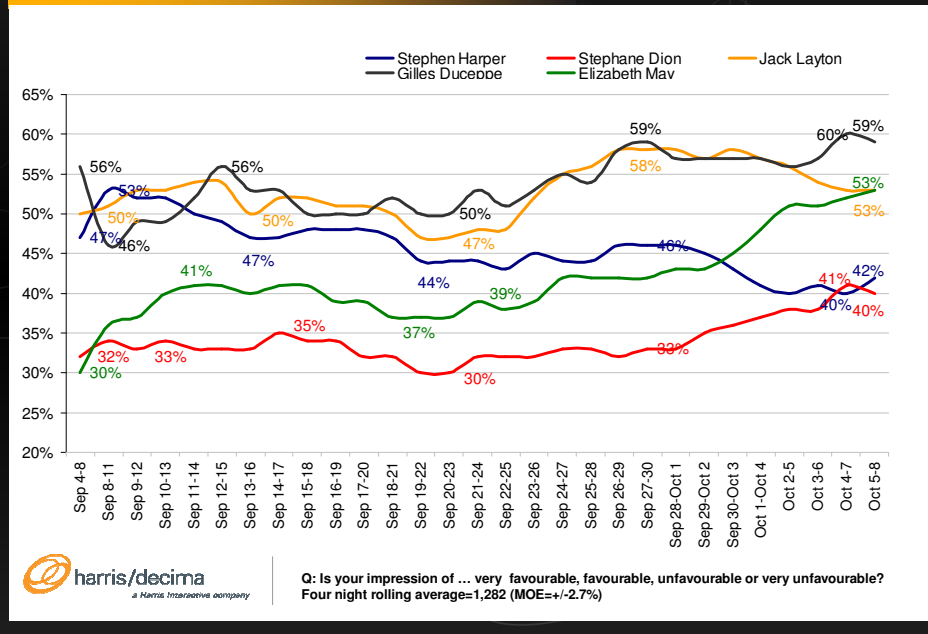
- Mr. Harper's leadership numbers have stabilized after falling in recent days. Ms. May's have continued to improve, and she is now enjoys an overall better rating than Jack Layton, whose positives have been sliding.

Impression of Party Leaders



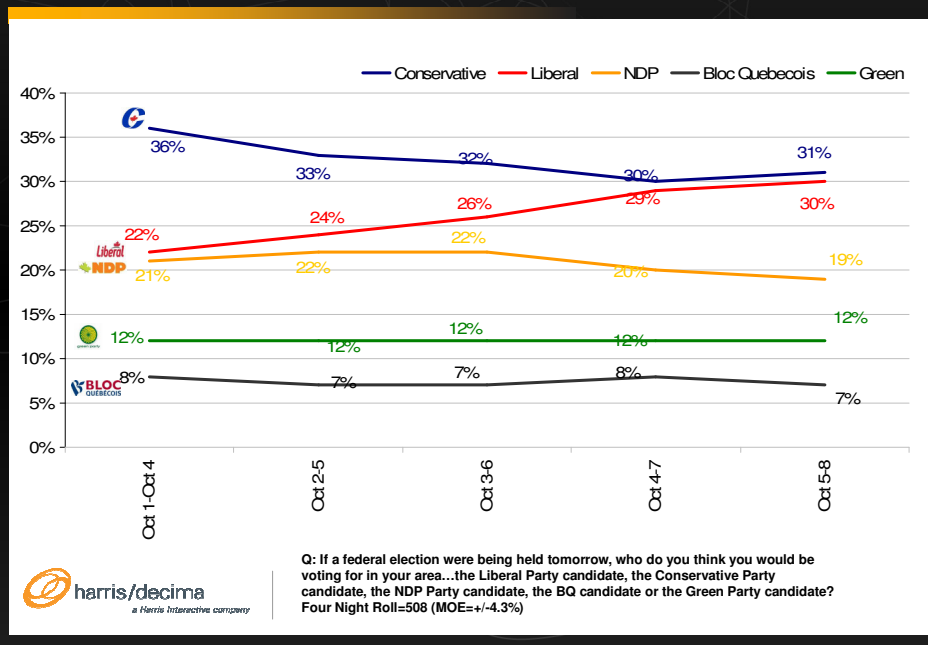


Leadership – Positive Feelings



- Vote intentions among those who say the economy is affecting their vote a great deal or somewhat remain relatively unchanged. 31% would vote Conservative, 30% Liberal, 19% NDP, 12% Green and 7% BQ.

Economy Affecting Vote A Great Deal or Somewhat





According to Harris/Decima President Bruce Anderson “After several days of bad news, the Conservatives can see better news in these patterns, although the race remains much more competitive than it was two weeks ago. Mr. Dion has in recent days strengthened perceptions of himself and support for his Party, Mr. Harper appears to have arrested sagging Conservative fortunes, and may be recovering some of the vote that had drifted away. Heading into the final weekend, there are also signs that support for the NDP is at heightened risk of polarization, a phenomenon that has occurred in the past, and largely to the benefit of the Liberals, so this will be a factor to watch closely.”

Harris/Decima interviews roughly 300 Canadians every night, as part of a rolling nationwide survey that will continue throughout this election campaign. This sample represents a total of 1,275 interviews, gathered October 5th through October 8th 2008. The poll's margin of error is 2.7%, 19 times out of 20.