

*Weekly Nanos Party Power Index Tracking  
(period ending August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014)  
released September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014*

# Weekly Nanos Party Power Index



Liberals hit new one year high in accessible voters in Nanos tracking –  
Harper and Trudeau trending up individually on qualities of a good  
political leader

*(Released 09/03/2014)*

In the weekly Nanos Party Power Index which is a basket of political good rolling up ballot preferences, leadership and accessible voters, the federal Liberals continue to score better on the index (58 points out of 100) compared to the Conservatives (50 points), the NDP (48 points), the Green Party (32 points) and the BQ (27 points – QC only).

Of note, the Liberals have hit a new 12 month high in accessible voters. Asked independent questions for each federal political party, 57 percent of Canadians would consider voting for the federal Liberals, 44 percent would consider voting for the NDP, 41 percent would consider voting for the Conservatives and 26 percent would consider voting for the Green Party.

Trudeau has hit a 12 month high on the preferred Prime Minister measure. Thirty four percent of Canadian prefer Trudeau as PM followed by Harper at 28 percent, Mulcair at 15 percent and May at 6 percent.

When asked independent questions for each of the leaders on whether they had the qualities of a good political leader, Harper is up from 50 percent at the beginning of August to 55 percent currently trending up over the past four weeks. Over the same period Trudeau has also improved his scores on this measure from 52 percent to 57 percent.

# Party Power Index



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## Data Summary

		This Week	Last Week	4 Weeks Ago	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago (Aug 2013)	12 Month High	12 Month Low	12 Month Average
<b>Canada Party Power Index</b>									
	Liberal	57.6	57.8	55.5	55.5	56.5	59.0	53.7	56.5
	Conservative	50.0	50.1	49.4	52.5	50.3	53.7	48.4	50.6
	NDP	47.9	49.7	51.4	47.9	48.7	52.3	46.3	49.1
	Green	31.7	33.9	33.8	32.8	33.6	35.2	30.3	32.9
	Bloc	26.9	27.8	27.0	27.3	28.6	29.2	24.5	27.0
<b>Party Consider</b>									
	Liberal	57.0%	52.5%	53.9%	52.4%	49.5%	57.0%	47.2%	51.4%
	NDP	43.7%	42.0%	43.5%	43.4%	40.5%	45.5%	37.9%	42.0%
	Conservative	41.2%	37.7%	39.3%	43.4%	39.1%	44.1%	36.1%	39.6%
	Bloc	31.6%	32.6%	31.2%	33.0%	40.1%	40.2%	22.4%	31.8%
	Green	26.1%	27.2%	30.8%	27.1%	27.3%	33.1%	22.7%	27.3%
<b>Preferred Prime Minister</b>									
	Trudeau	33.7%	31.8%	29.3%	29.7%	30.7%	33.7%	25.8%	29.7%
	Harper	27.8%	27.3%	28.7%	32.4%	29.3%	32.4%	25.2%	28.5%
	Mulcair	15.2%	15.5%	19.8%	15.0%	16.6%	20.5%	13.7%	17.9%
	May	5.7%	6.0%	5.6%	5.7%	5.0%	6.7%	3.7%	5.3%
	Beaulieu	1.3%	1.3%	2.4%	2.0%	1.8%	2.8%	0.9%	1.7%
	Unsure	16.3%	18.1%	14.3%	15.2%	16.4%	20.2%	12.2%	16.8%

# About the Index



## *Weekly Nanos Party Power Index*

Since voters are not actually able to make a choice between elections, it is interesting to think about party strength and support more broadly. The Nanos Party Power Index fills this need by incorporating more information than just current vote preference.

The Nanos Party Power Index is a weekly composite measurement of federal party brands based on four questions about the federal parties and their leadership. The questions include:

- a ballot question that captures the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> vote preferences;
- a measure of whether the respondent would consider voting for the party;
- the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> preferences for Prime Minister of the current federal leaders; and,
- whether the respondent believes each current leader has the quality to be a good leader.

The views of 1,000 respondents are compiled into a diffusion brand index for each party that goes from 0 to 100, where 0 means that the party has no brand strength and 100 means it has maximum brand strength. A score above 50 is an indication of brand strength for the party and its leader at this time.

The important factors in this weekly tracking include the direction of the brand strength or weakness and also the brand strength of one federal party relative to another.

# Party Power Index



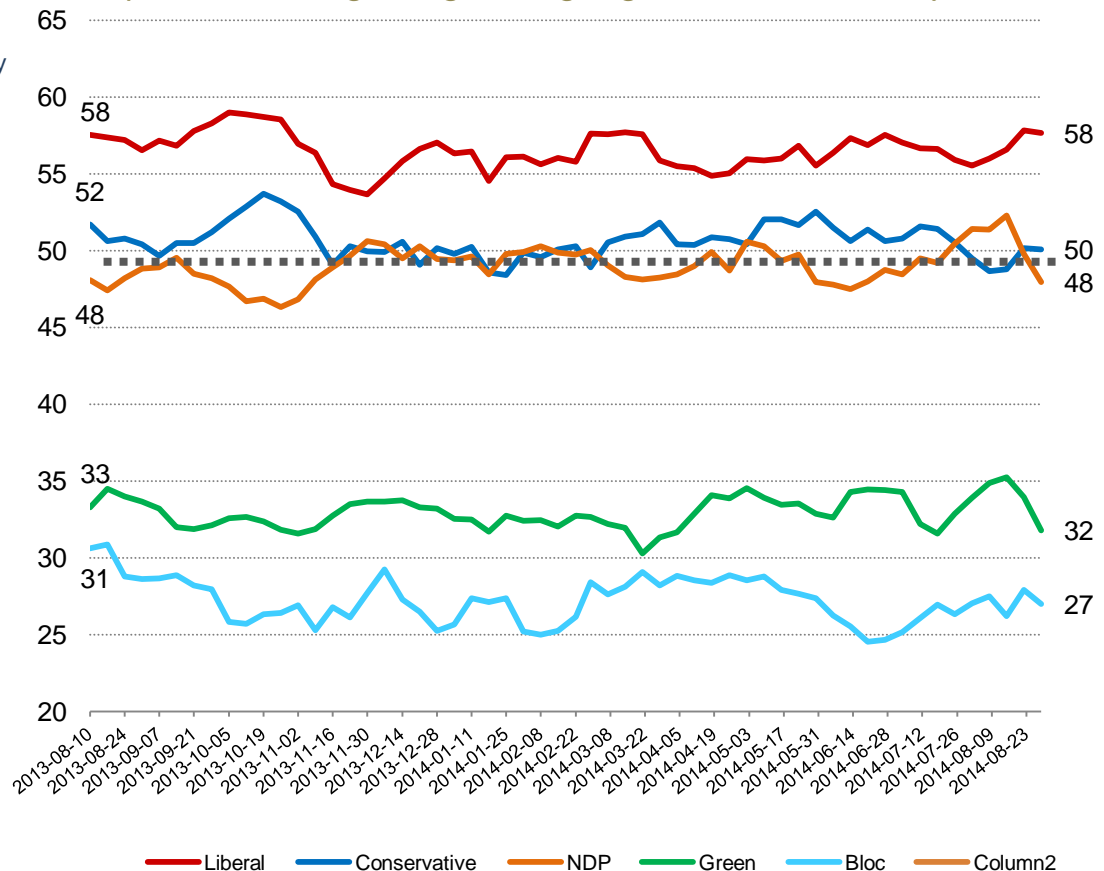
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## *Party Power Index Tracking by Region*

# Party Power Index



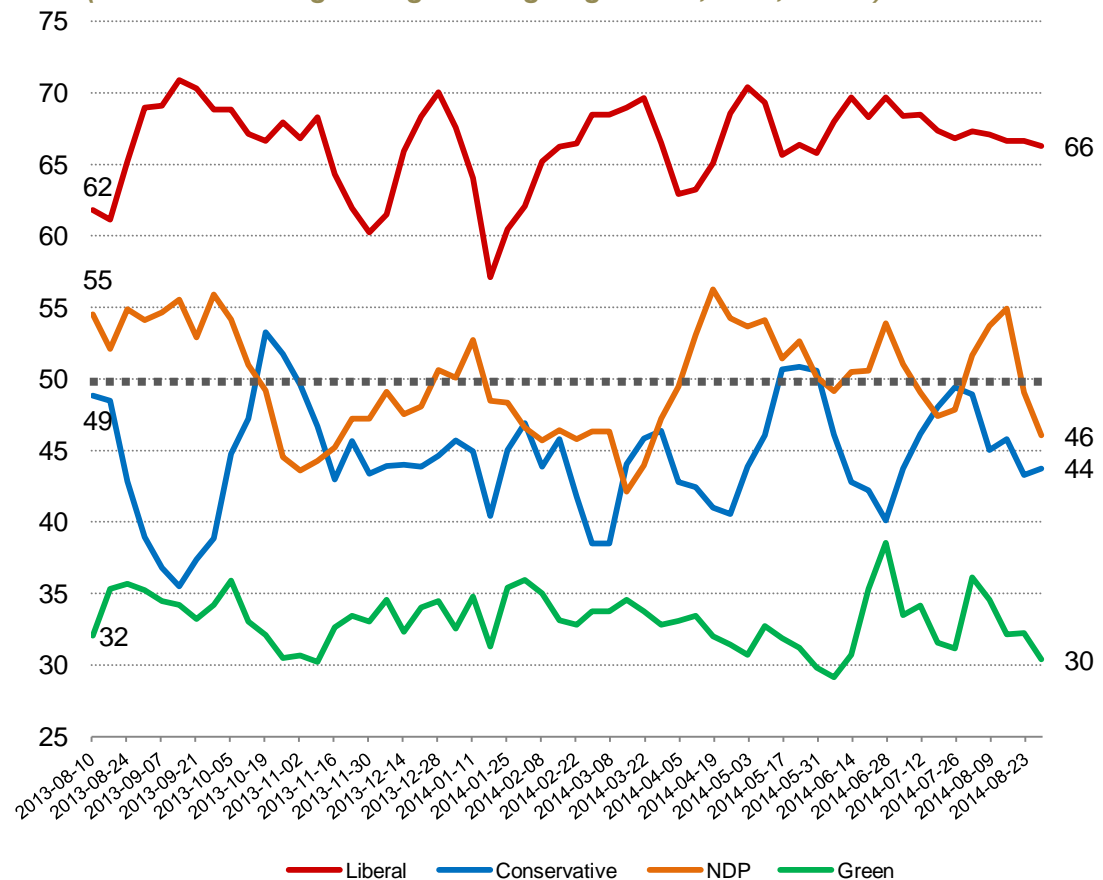
The Nanos Party Power Index Tracking for the Atlantic is based on a composite of the following public opinion measures: the national ballot, which party individuals would consider voting for, the top two choices for Prime Minister, and whether each party leader has good leadership qualities. There are wider margins of accuracy for regional subsamples.

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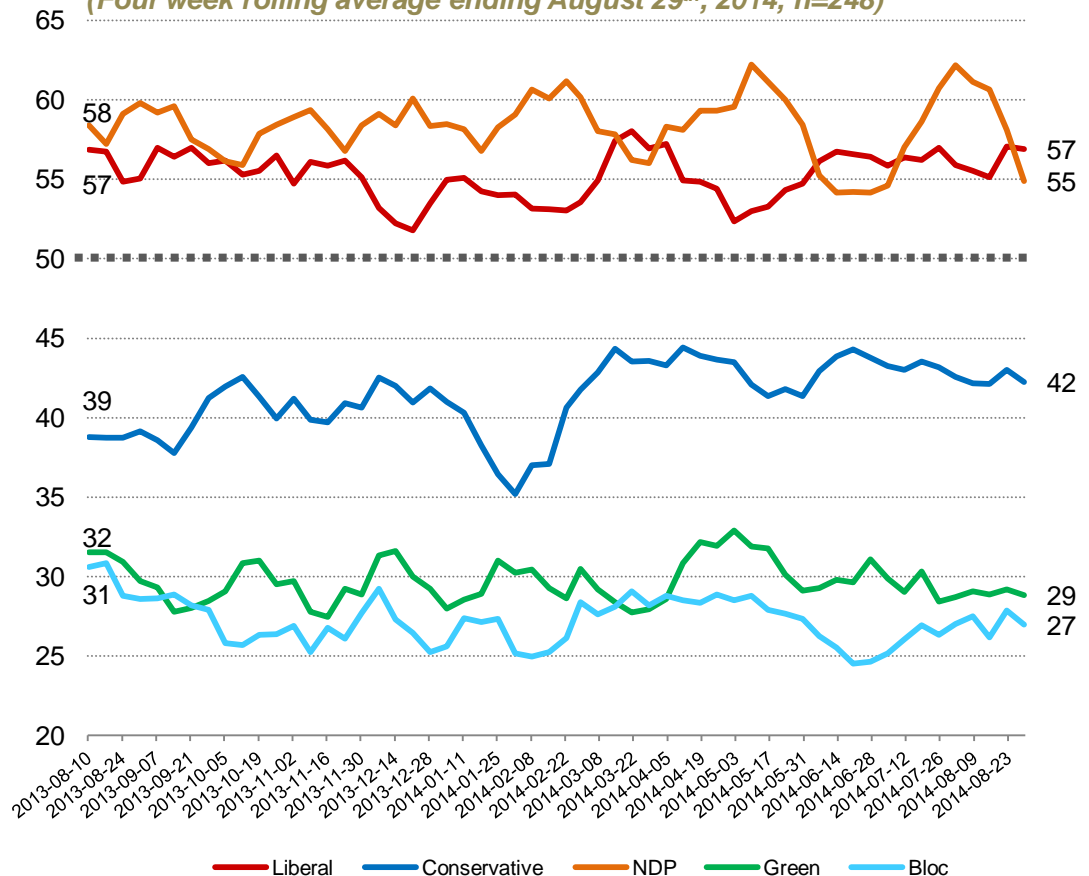
The Nanos Party Power Index Tracking for Quebec is based on a composite of the following public opinion measures: the national ballot, which party individuals would consider voting for, the top two choices for Prime Minister, and whether each party leader has good leadership qualities. There are wider margins of accuracy for regional subsamples.

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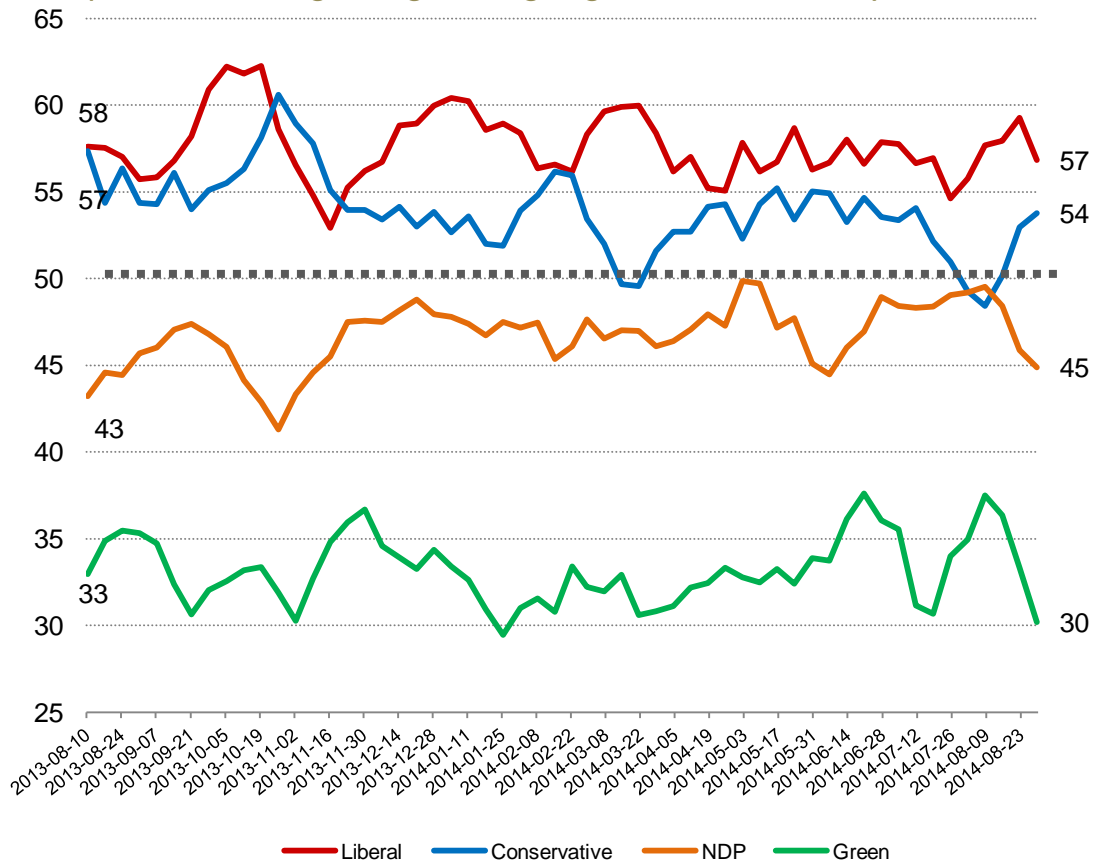
The Nanos Party Power Index Tracking for Ontario is based on a composite of the following public opinion measures: the national ballot, which party individuals would consider voting for, the top two choices for Prime Minister, and whether each party leader has good leadership qualities. There are wider margins of accuracy for regional subsamples.

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## Ontario Weekly Index Tracking Scores (Four week rolling average ending August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014, n=300)



# Party Power Index



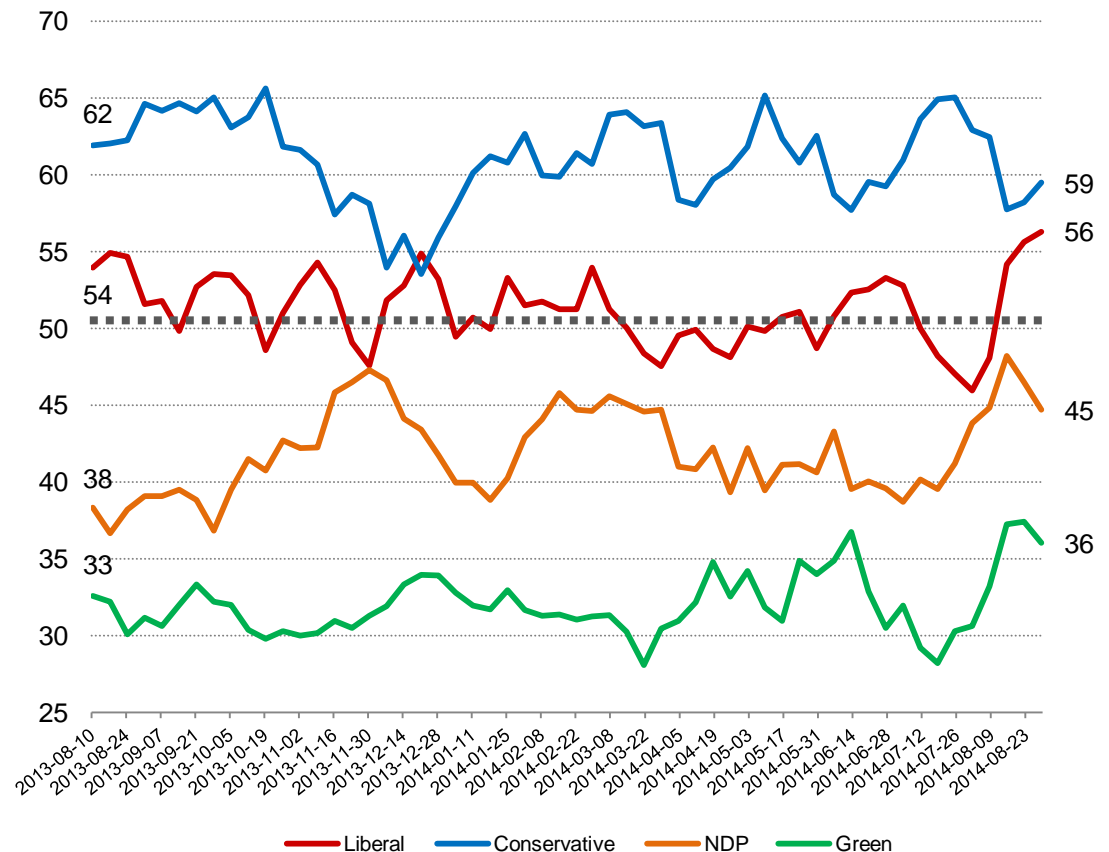
The Nanos Party Power Index Tracking for the Prairies is based on a composite of the following public opinion measures: the national ballot, which party individuals would consider voting for, the top two choices for Prime Minister, and whether each party leader has good leadership qualities. There are wider margins of accuracy for regional subsamples.

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## *Prairies Weekly Index Tracking Scores (Four week rolling average ending August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014, n=200)*



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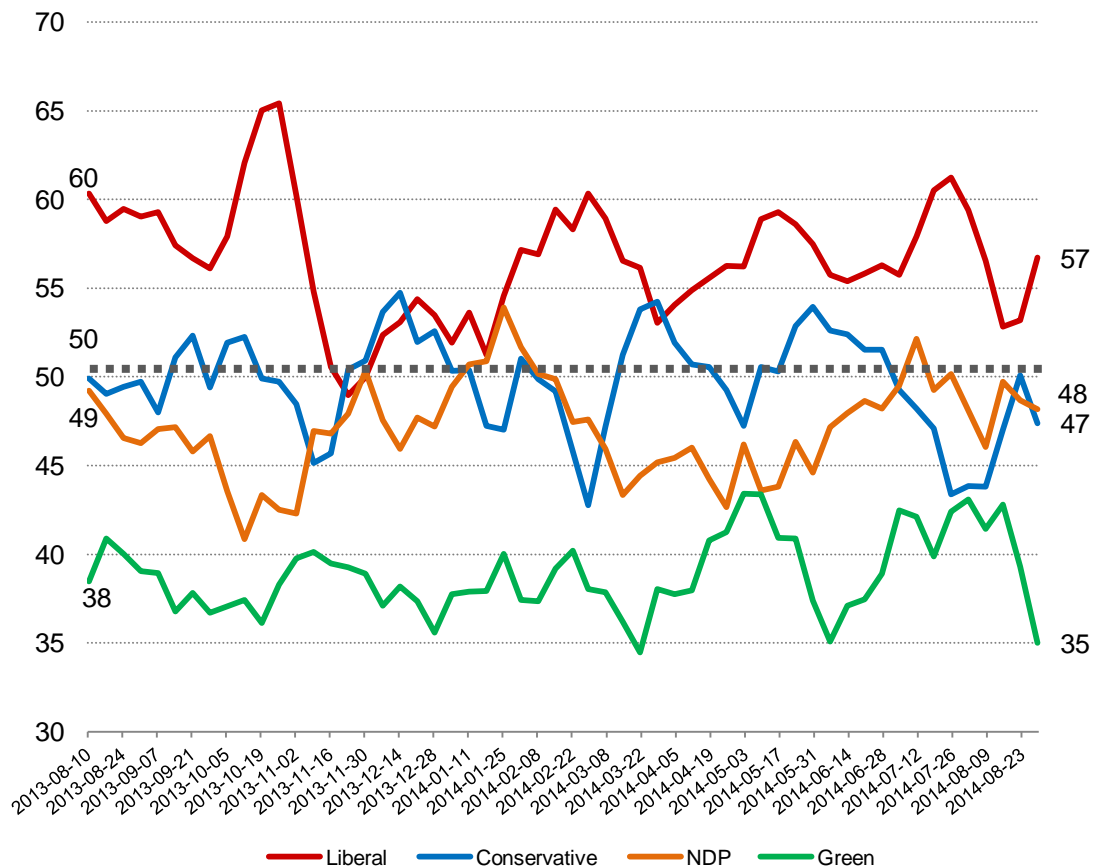
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## British Columbia Weekly Index Tracking Scores (Four week rolling average ending August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014, n=152)





## *Party Power Index Tracking by Age*



# Party Power Index



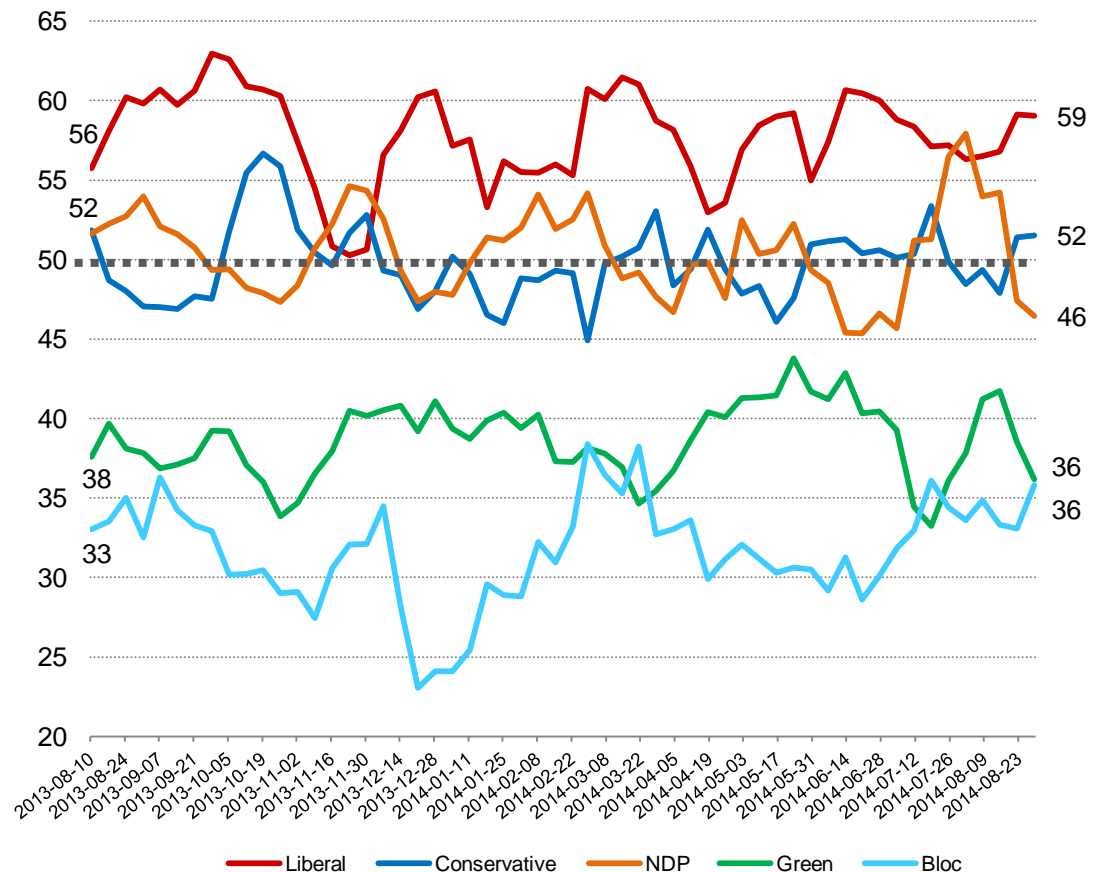
The Nanos Party Power Index Tracking for the 18 to 29 age group is based on a composite of the following public opinion measures: the national ballot, which party individuals would consider voting for, the top two choices for Prime Minister, and whether each party leader has good leadership qualities. There are wider margins of accuracy for age subsamples.

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## 18 to 29 Weekly Index Tracking Scores (Four week rolling average ending August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014, n=205)



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The Nanos Party Power Index Tracking for the 30 to 39 age group is based on a composite of the following public opinion measures: the national ballot, which party individuals would consider voting for, the top two choices for Prime Minister, and whether each party leader has good leadership qualities. There are wider margins of accuracy for age subsamples.

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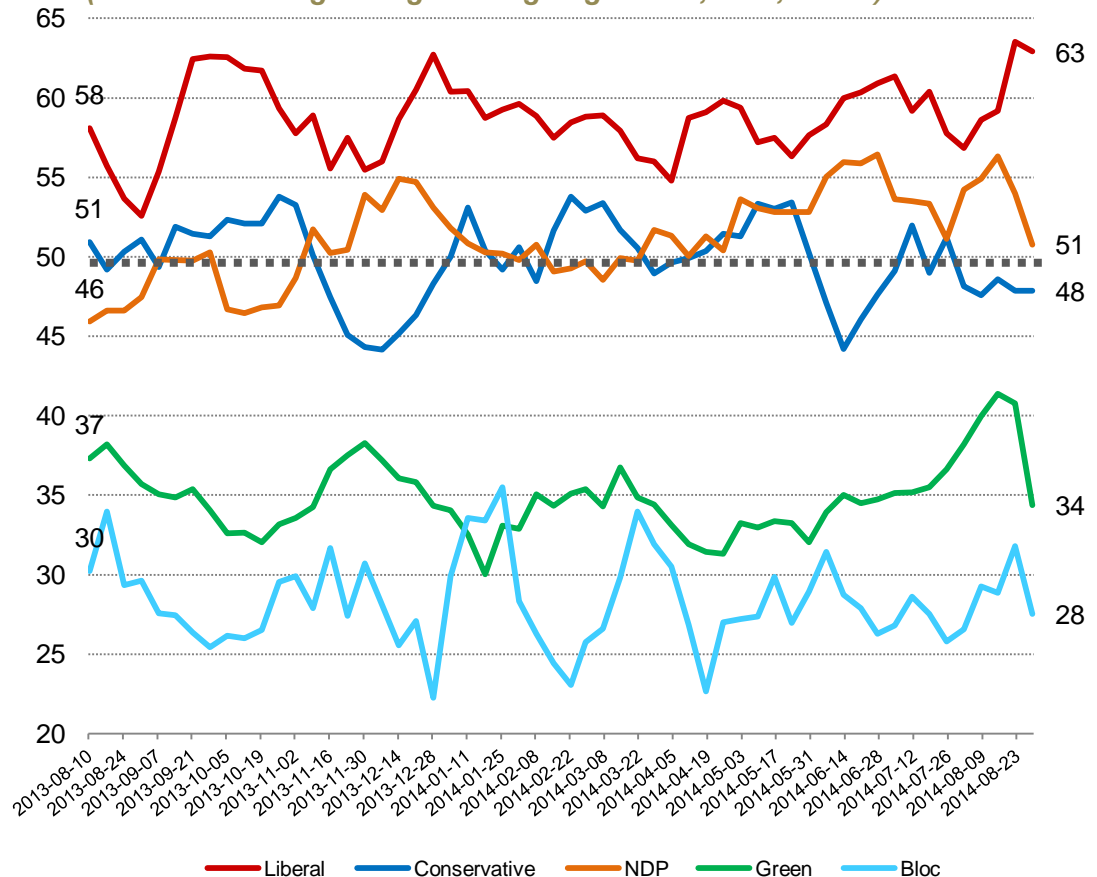
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## 30 to 39 Weekly Index Tracking Scores

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# Party Power Index



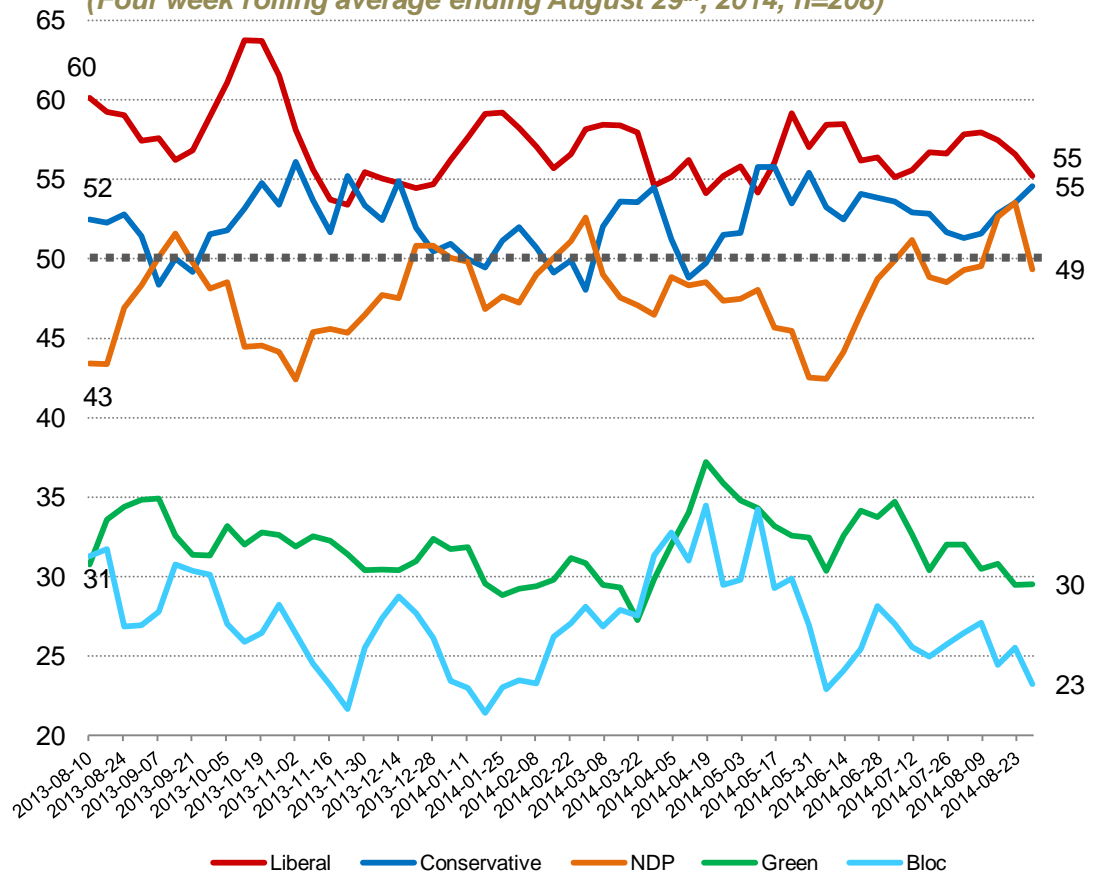
The Nanos Party Power Index Tracking for the 40 to 49 age group is based on a composite of the following public opinion measures: the national ballot, which party individuals would consider voting for, the top two choices for PM, and whether each party leader has good leadership qualities. There are wider margins of accuracy for age subsamples.

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## 40 to 49 Weekly Index Tracking Scores (Four week rolling average ending August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014, n=208)



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The Nanos Party Power Index Tracking for the 50 to 59 age group is based on a composite of the following public opinion measures: the national ballot, which party individuals would consider voting for, the top two choices for Prime Minister, and whether each party leader has good leadership qualities. There are wider margins of accuracy for age subsamples.

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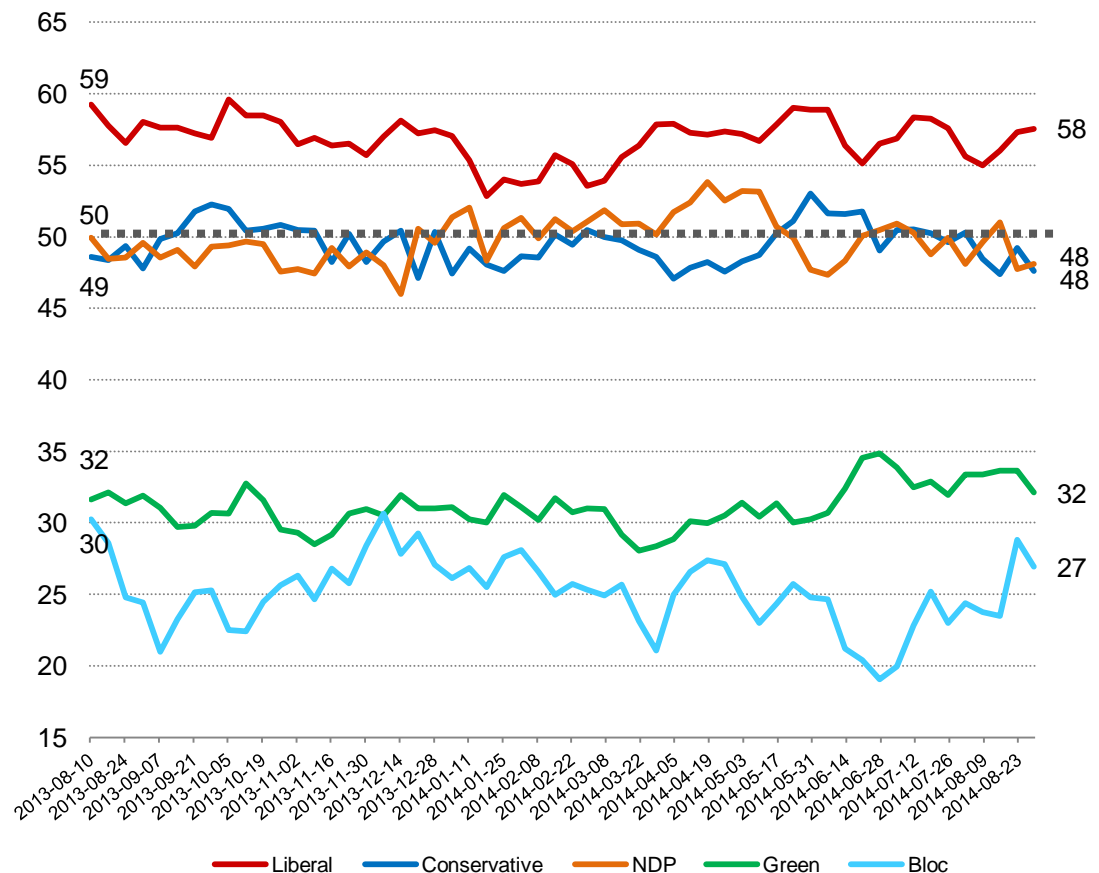
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## 50 to 59 Weekly Index Tracking Scores

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# Party Power Index



The Nanos Party Power Index Tracking for the 60 plus age group is based on a composite of the following public opinion measures: the national ballot, which party individuals would consider voting for, the top two choices for Prime Minister, and whether each party leader has good leadership qualities. There are wider margins of accuracy for age subsamples.

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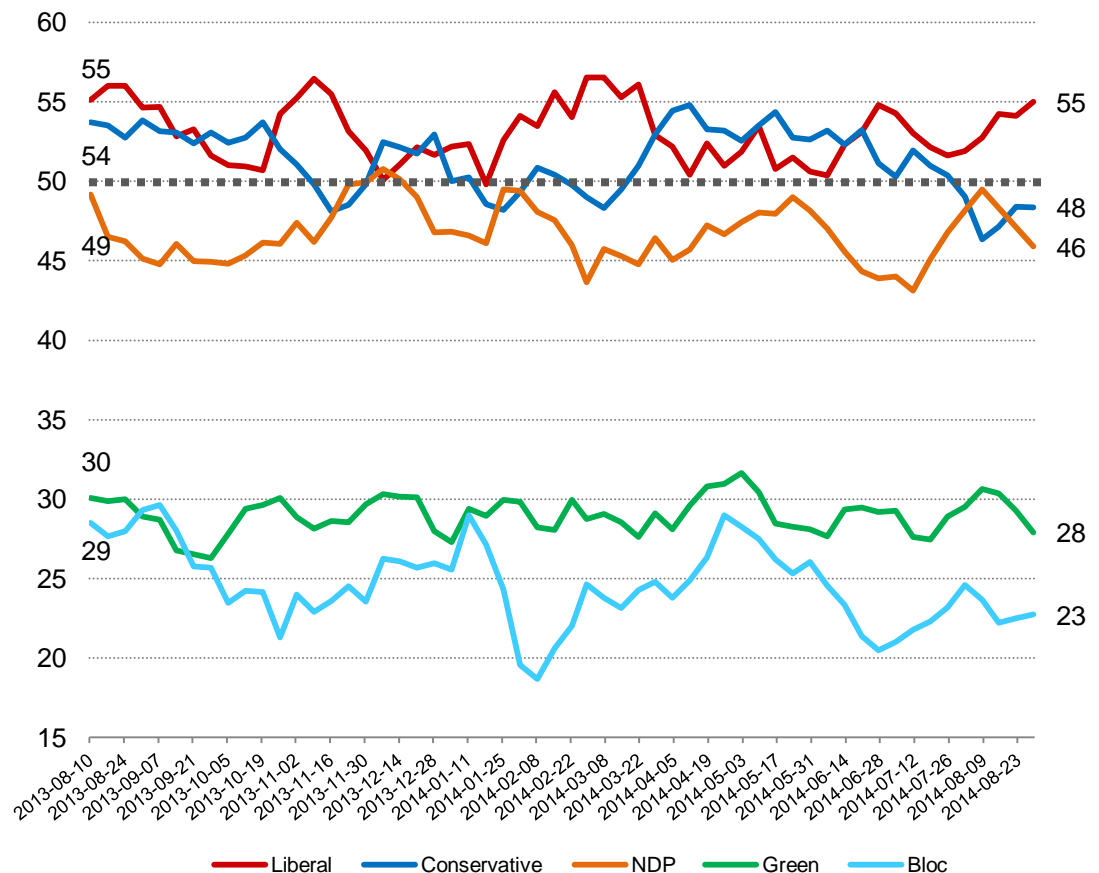
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## 60 plus Weekly Index Tracking Scores

(Four week rolling average ending August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014, n=239)





## *Party Power Index Tracking by Gender*

# Party Power Index



The Nanos Party Power Index Tracking for males is based on a composite of the following public opinion measures: the national ballot, which party individuals would consider voting for, the top two choices for Prime Minister, and whether each party leader has good leadership qualities. There are wider margins of accuracy for gender subsamples.

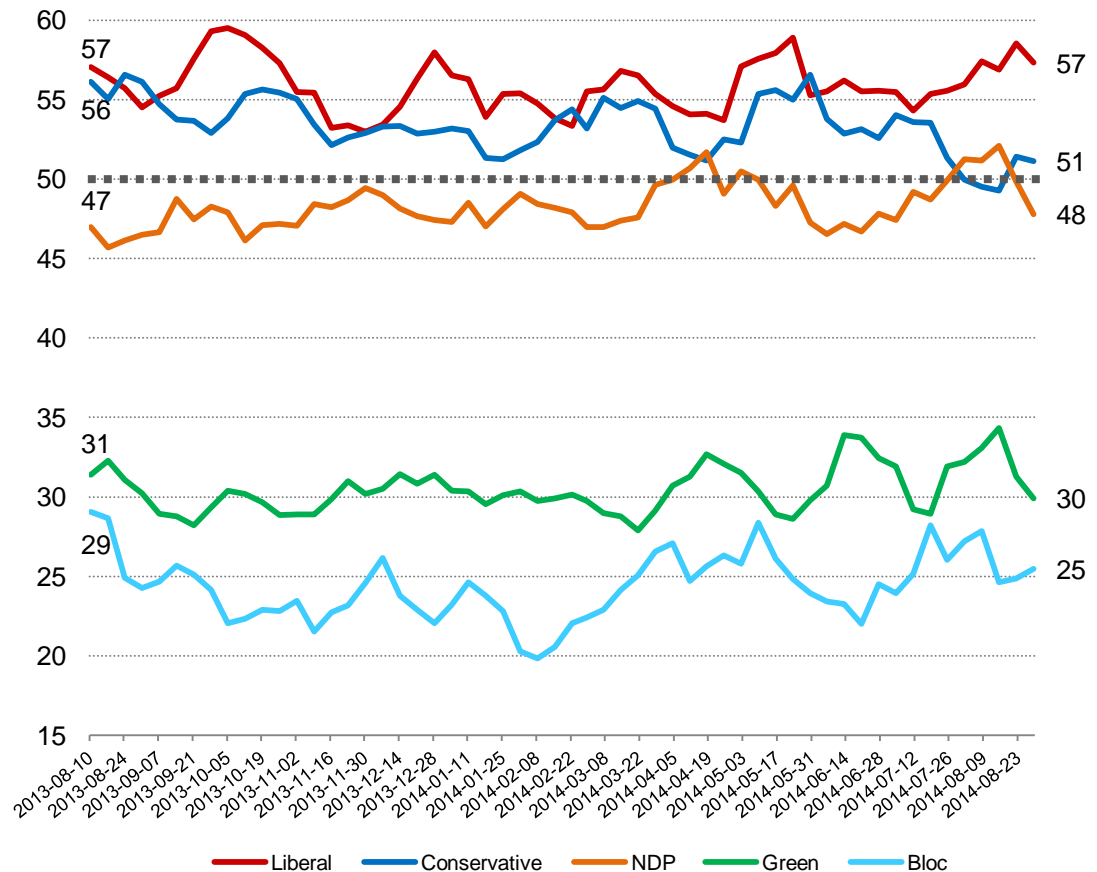
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## Male Weekly Index Tracking Scores

(Four week rolling average ending August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014, n=490)



# Party Power Index



The Nanos Party Power Index Tracking for females is based on a composite of the following public opinion measures: the national ballot, which party individuals would consider voting for, the top two choices for Prime Minister, and whether each party leader has good leadership qualities. There are wider margins of accuracy for gender subsamples.

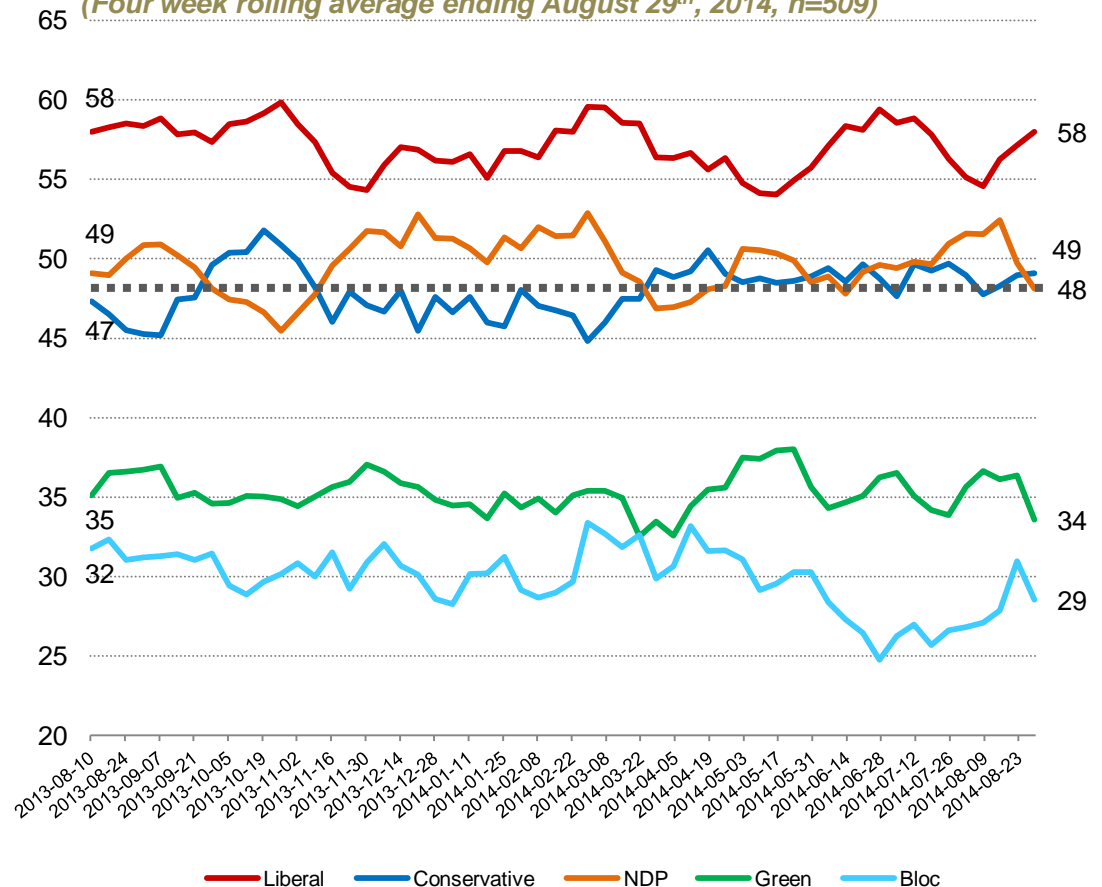
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## Female Weekly Index Tracking Scores

(Four week rolling average ending August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014, n=509)







## *National Vote Considerations Tracking*

# Consider Conservative NANOS

**Question:** For each of the following federal political parties, please tell me if you would consider or not consider voting for it.  
[RANDOMIZE] Conservative Party

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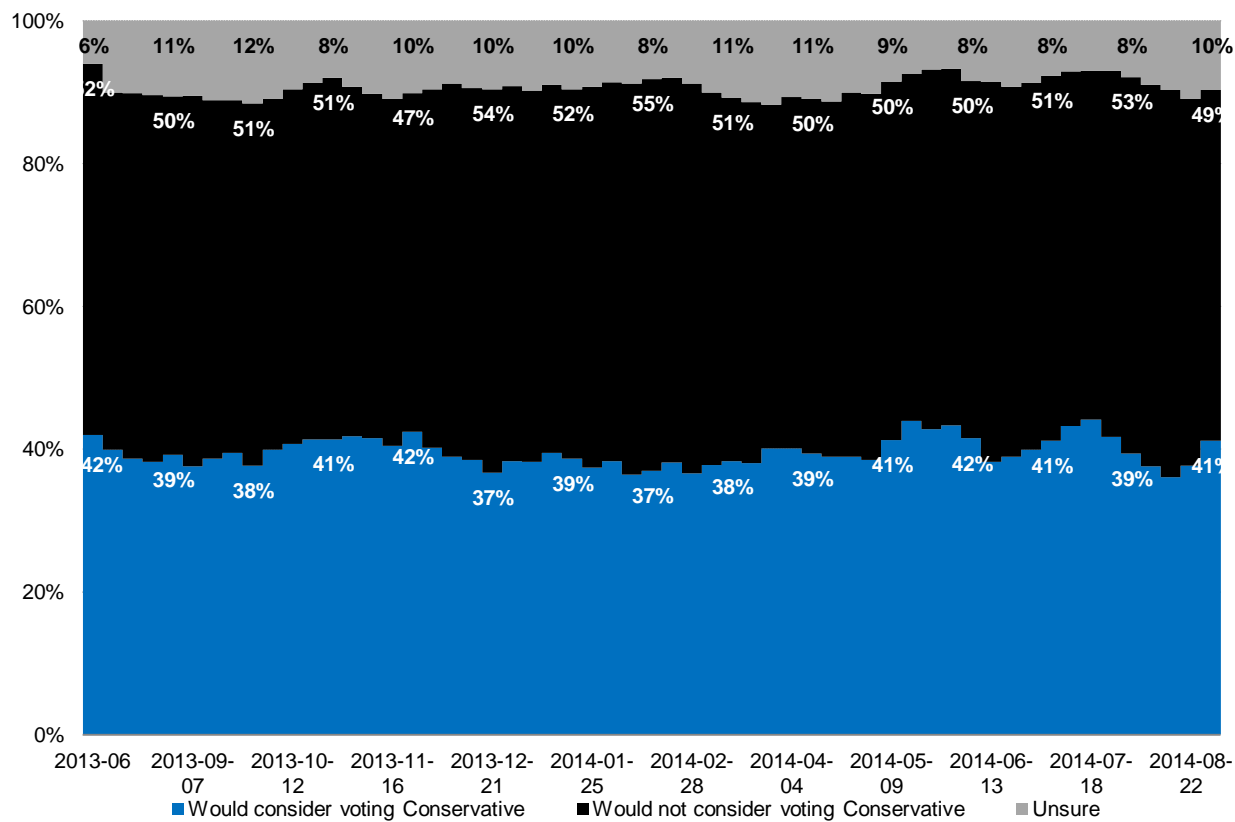
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# Consider NDP



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[RANDOMIZE] NDP

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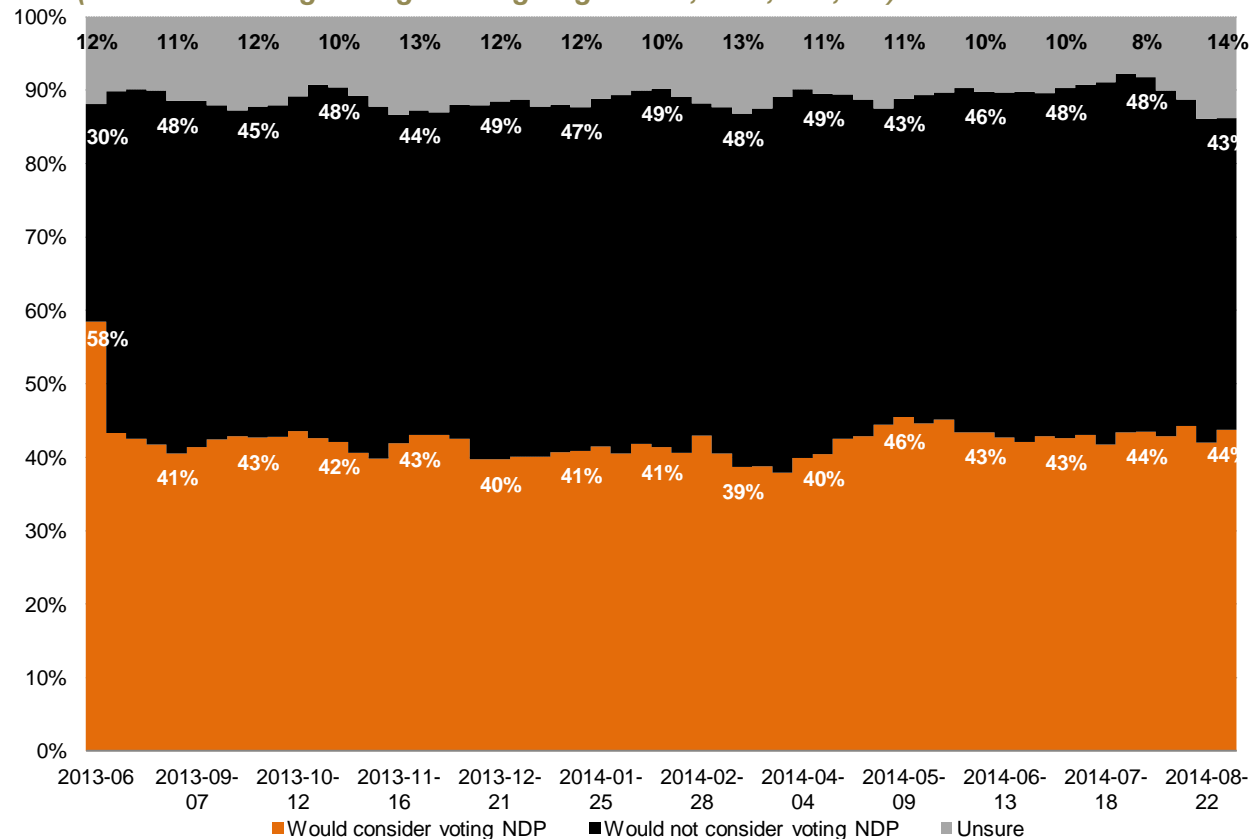
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# Consider Liberal



**Question:** For each of the following federal political parties, please tell me if you would consider or not consider voting for it.  
[RANDOMIZE] Liberal Party

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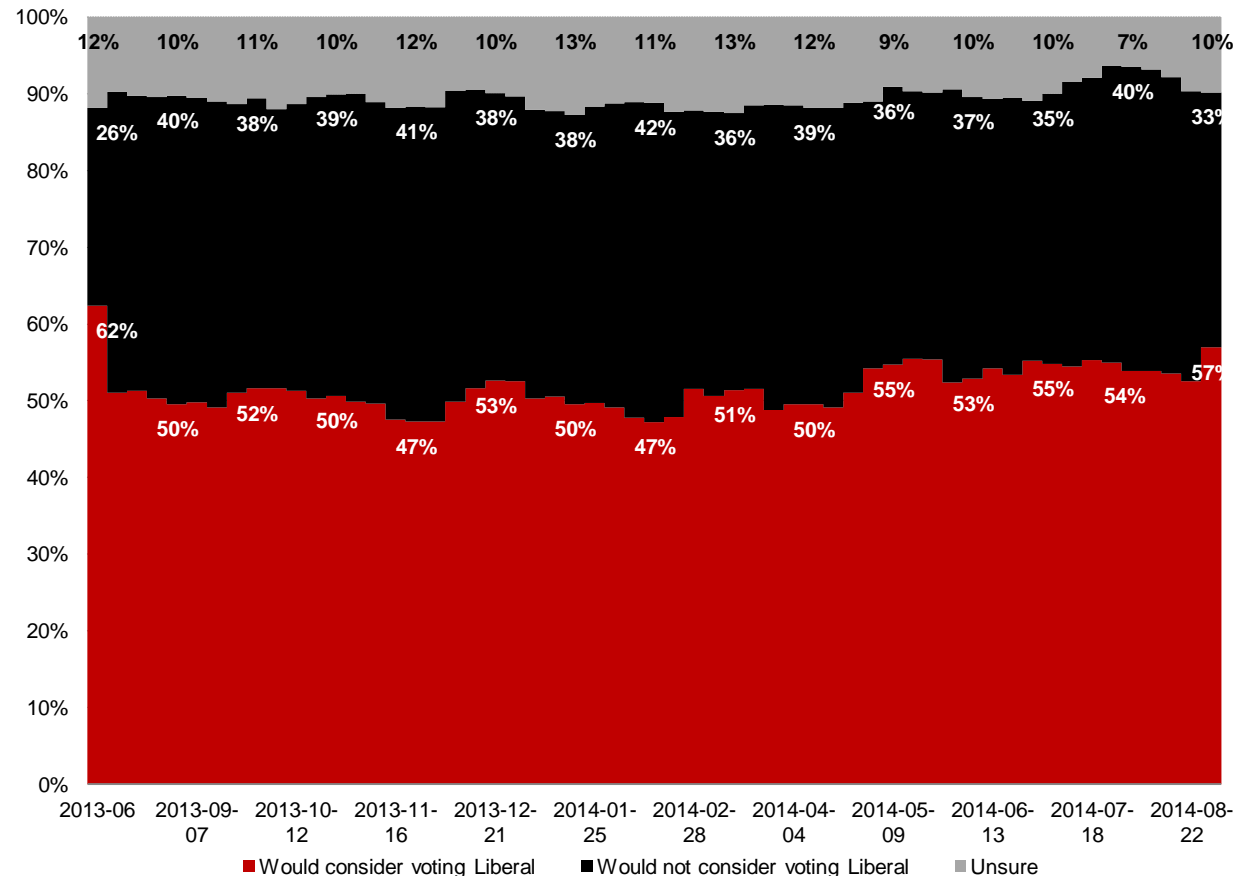
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# Consider Bloc



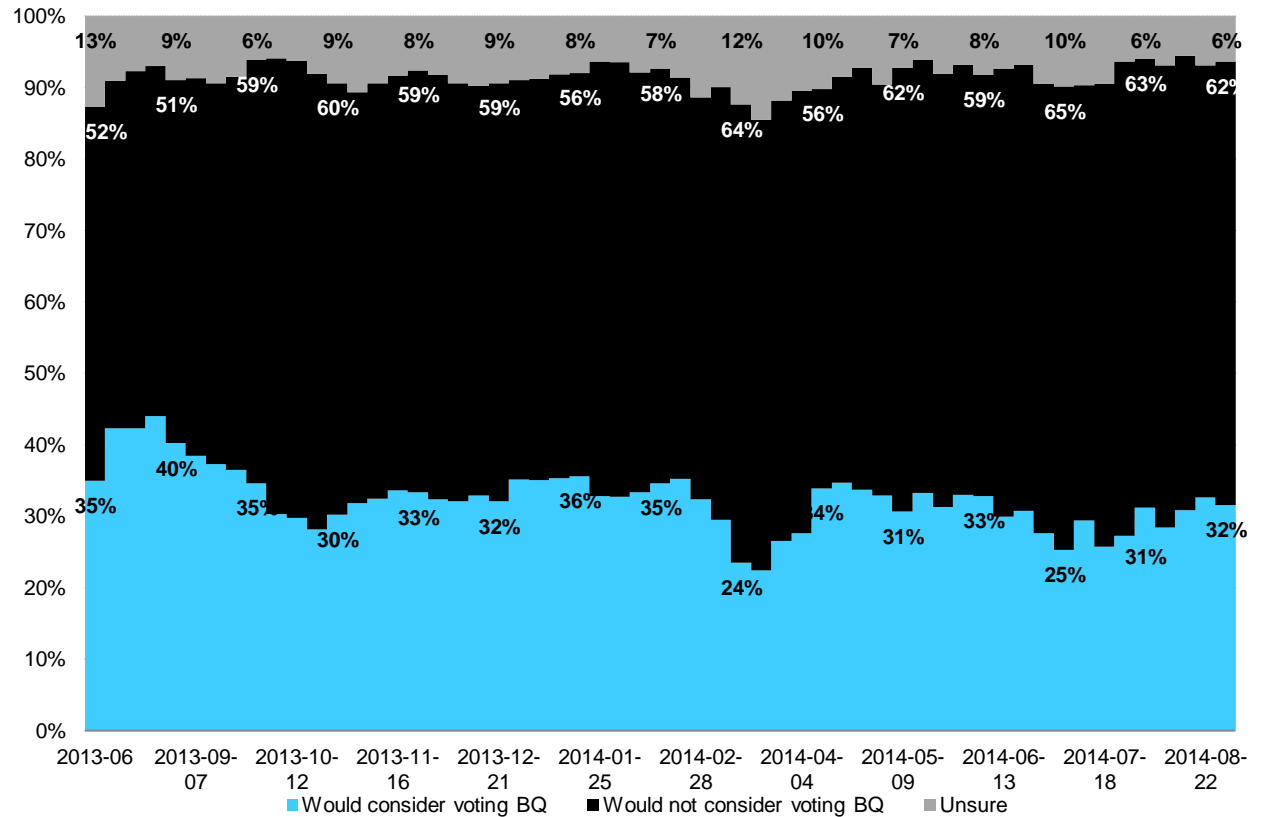
**Question:** For each of the following federal political parties, please tell me if you would consider or not consider voting for it. [RANDOMIZE] Bloc Québécois

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# Consider Green



**Question:** For each of the following federal political parties, please tell me if you would consider or not consider voting for it.  
[RANDOMIZE] Green Party

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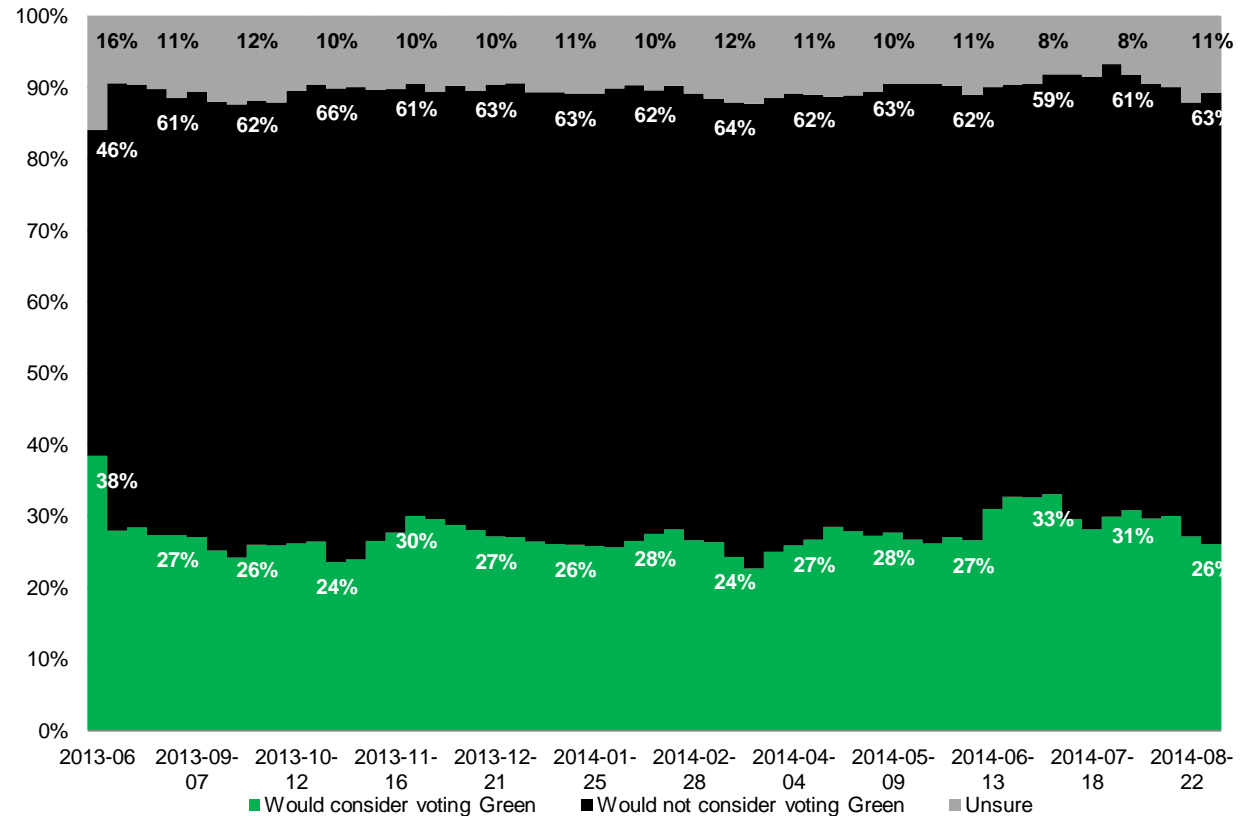
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## *National Leadership Tracking*

# Prime Minister



**Question:** Of the current federal political party leaders, could you please rank your top two current local preferences for Prime Minister? [ROTATE PARTY LEADERS]

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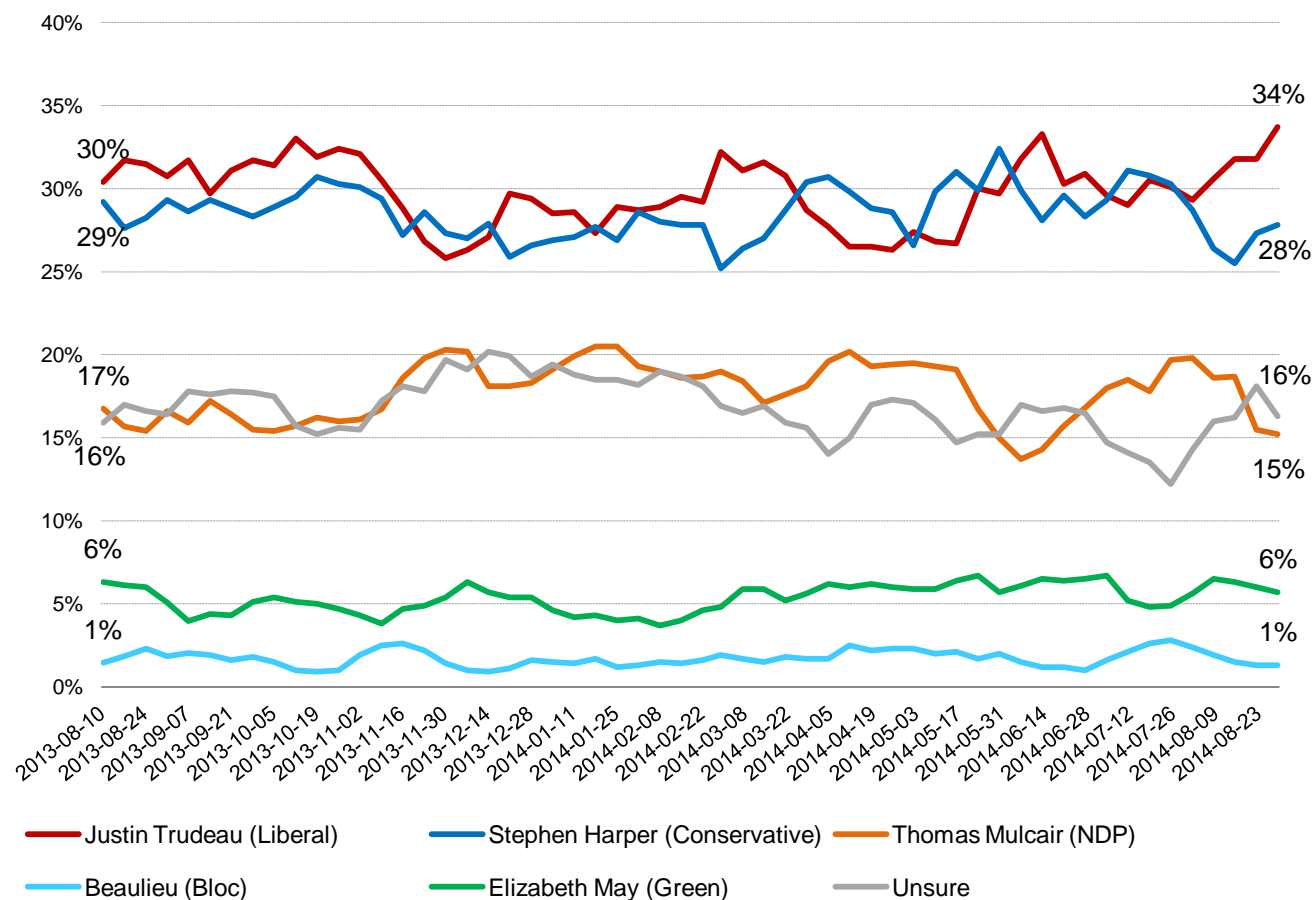
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# Harper



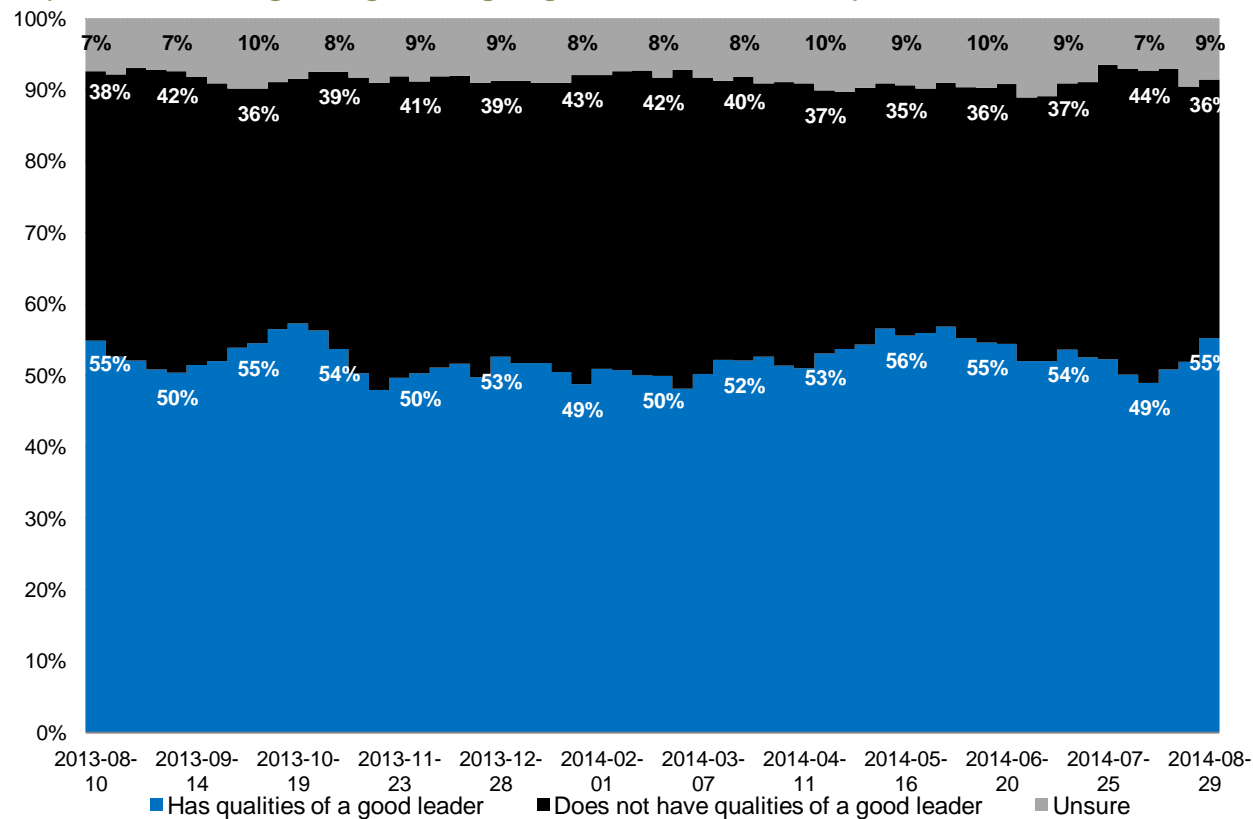
**Question:** For each of the following federal political party leaders, do you think they have or do not have the qualities to be a good political leader? [RANDOMIZE] Stephen Harper

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# Mulcair



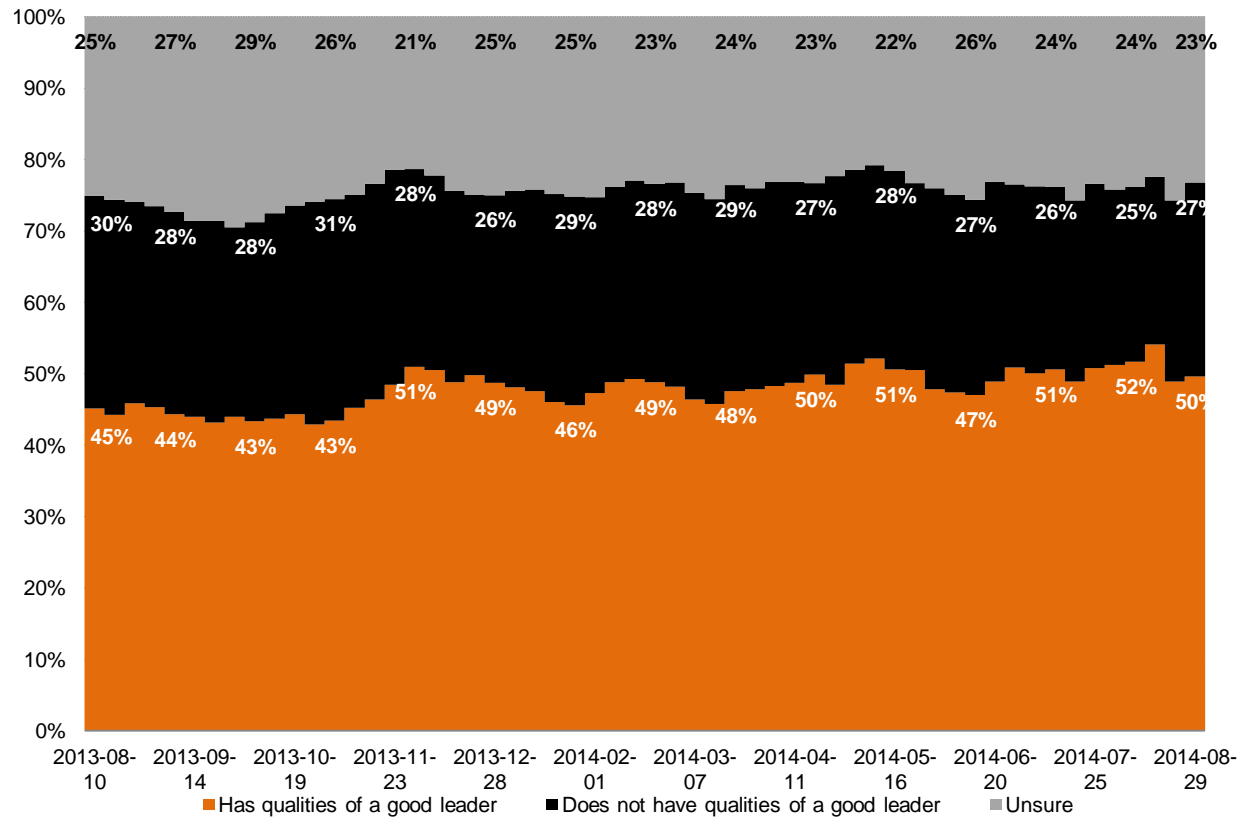
**Question:** For each of the following federal political party leaders, do you think they have or do not have the qualities to be a good political leader? [RANDOMIZE] Thomas Mulcair

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# Trudeau



**Question:** For each of the following federal political party leaders, do you think they have or do not have the qualities to be a good political leader? [RANDOMIZE] Justin Trudeau

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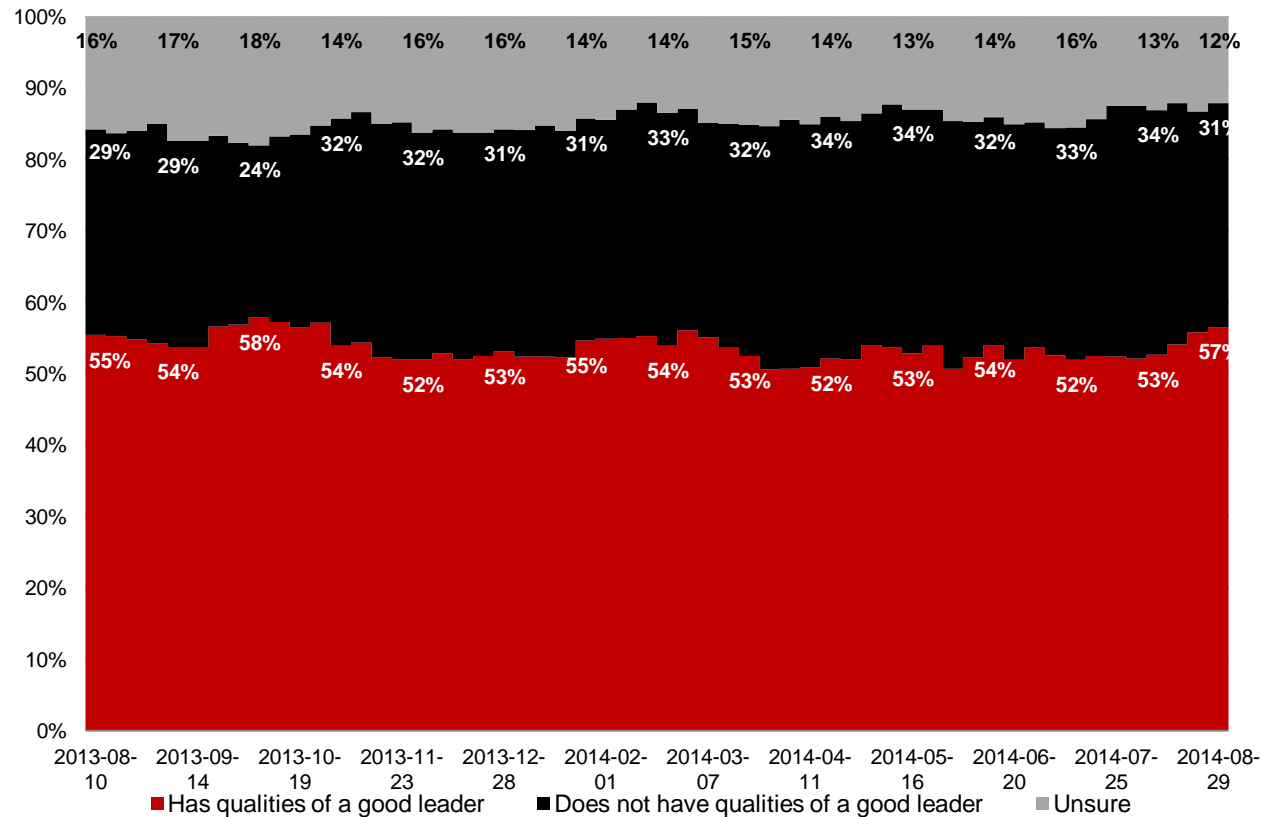
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# Beaulieu



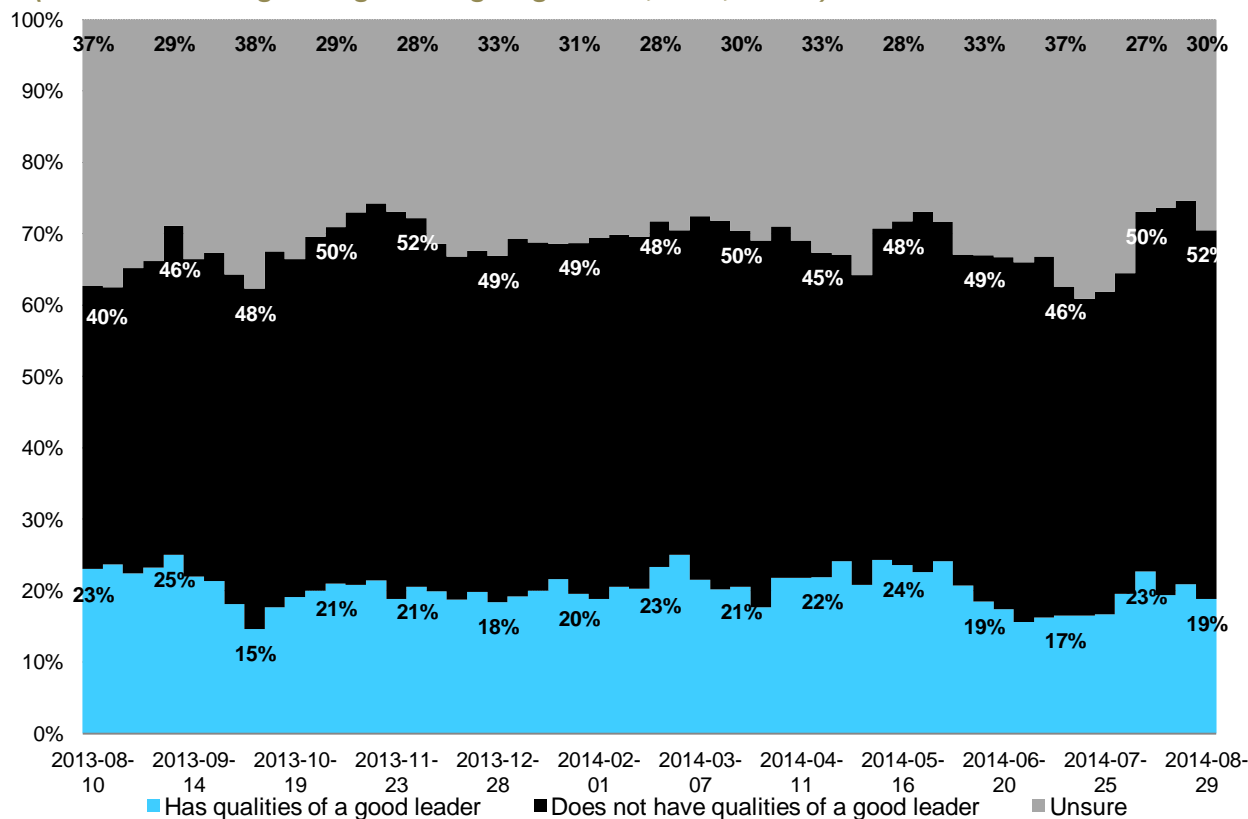
**Question:** For each of the following federal political party leaders, do you think they have or do not have the qualities to be a good political leader? [RANDOMIZE] Mario Beaulieu

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# May



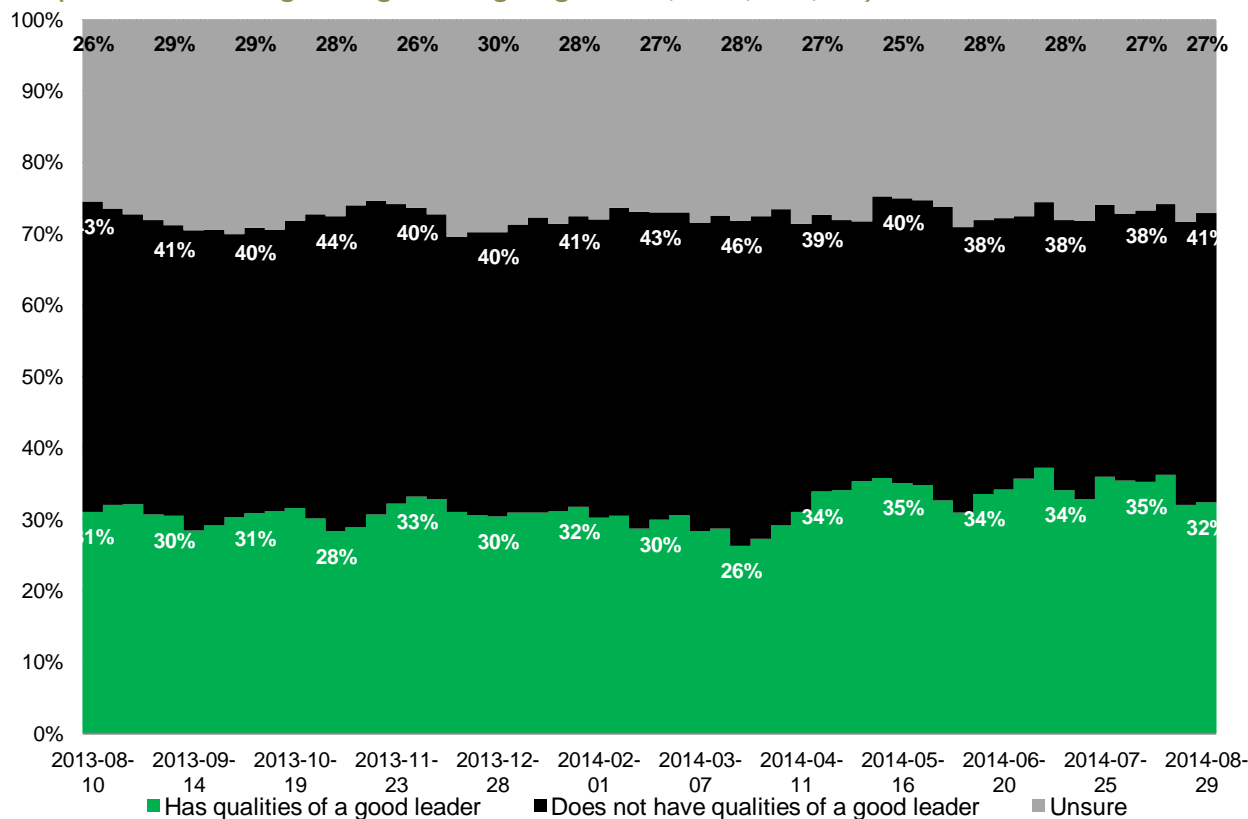
**Question:** For each of the following federal political party leaders, do you think they have or do not have the qualities to be a good political leader? [RANDOMIZE] Elizabeth May

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## *Methodology*

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A random telephone survey of 1,000 Canadians is accurate 3.1 percentage points, plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.

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