



*Weekly Nanos Party Power Index Tracking  
(period ending February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015)  
released March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015*

# Weekly Nanos Party Power Index



## Liberals score higher than Conservatives on Nanos Index – Tories and Harper at 52 week high (Released 03/04/2015)

Although the Liberals still score marginally higher on the Nanos Party Power Index, the Conservatives have reached their highest score since August 2013 and the gap between the Liberals and the Conservatives is the closest since that period at only two points on the 100 point scale. The weekly tracking suggests a seven week positive trajectory for the Tories although they still score lower than the Liberals. The Tory movement has been largely driven by increasingly positive scores in Ontario and Quebec.

The Nanos Party Power Index methodology is comprised of a basket of political goods that includes ballot preferences, accessible voters, preferred PM views and evaluations of the leaders. It is modeled similar to a standard confidence index. It is a random telephone survey conducted with live agents, reaching out to Canadians through a land- and cell-line dual frame sample.

The latest weekly tracking on the Index has the Liberals at 56 points out of a possible 100 points, followed by the Conservatives at 54 points, the NDP at 48 points, the Green Party at 31 points and the BQ at 27 points (QC only).

Harper has hit a new 12 month high on the preferred Prime Minister measure, while Trudeau and Mulcair are near their 12 month average. Asked who they would prefer as PM, Harper was at 34 per cent, followed by Trudeau at 31 per cent, Mulcair at 17 per cent, May at four per cent and 13 per cent were unsure.

Asked a series of independent questions as to whether they would consider or not consider voting for each of the federal parties, 52 per cent of Canadians would consider voting Liberal while 43 per cent would consider voting Conservative, 43 per cent would consider voting NDP and 24 per cent would consider voting for the Greens.

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## Data Summary

	This Week	Last Week	4 Weeks Ago	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago (Feb 2014)	12 Month High	12 Month Low	12 Month Average
Canada Party Power Index								
Liberal	56.4	56.8	57.8	55.8	57.5	60.7	54.8	56.9
Conservative	54.0	53.4	52.8	53.1	48.8	54.0	48.4	51.3
NDP	48.3	48.4	49.5	49.5	50.0	52.2	47.4	49.3
Green	30.5	30.2	31.5	31.2	32.6	35.2	30.1	32.1
Bloc	26.6	26.9	26.5	28.1	28.3	29.0	22.9	26.7
Party Consider								
Liberal	51.8%	52.6%	55.2%	56.3%	51.5%	59.7%	48.8%	54.2%
Conservative	42.8%	43.4%	44.7%	43.2%	36.6%	44.7%	36.1%	41.0%
NDP	42.6%	43.6%	45.2%	43.4%	43.0%	47.1%	37.9%	43.5%
Bloc	33.9%	36.7%	31.1%	33.9%	32.4%	36.7%	22.4%	30.3%
Green	24.0%	25.5%	29.7%	25.6%	26.6%	33.1%	22.7%	27.5%
Preferred Prime Minister								
Harper	33.7%	32.7%	31.2%	33.2%	25.2%	33.7%	25.2%	29.9%
Trudeau	30.6%	31.4%	31.4%	29.0%	32.2%	35.8%	26.3%	30.8%
Mulcair	17.0%	16.2%	17.2%	20.3%	19.0%	20.4%	13.7%	17.9%
May	4.1%	4.0%	3.4%	3.1%	4.8%	6.7%	3.0%	4.9%
Beaulieu	1.7%	1.4%	1.0%	0.9%	1.9%	2.8%	0.5%	1.4%
Unsure	12.9%	14.2%	15.8%	13.6%	16.9%	18.1%	11.7%	14.8%

# 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.

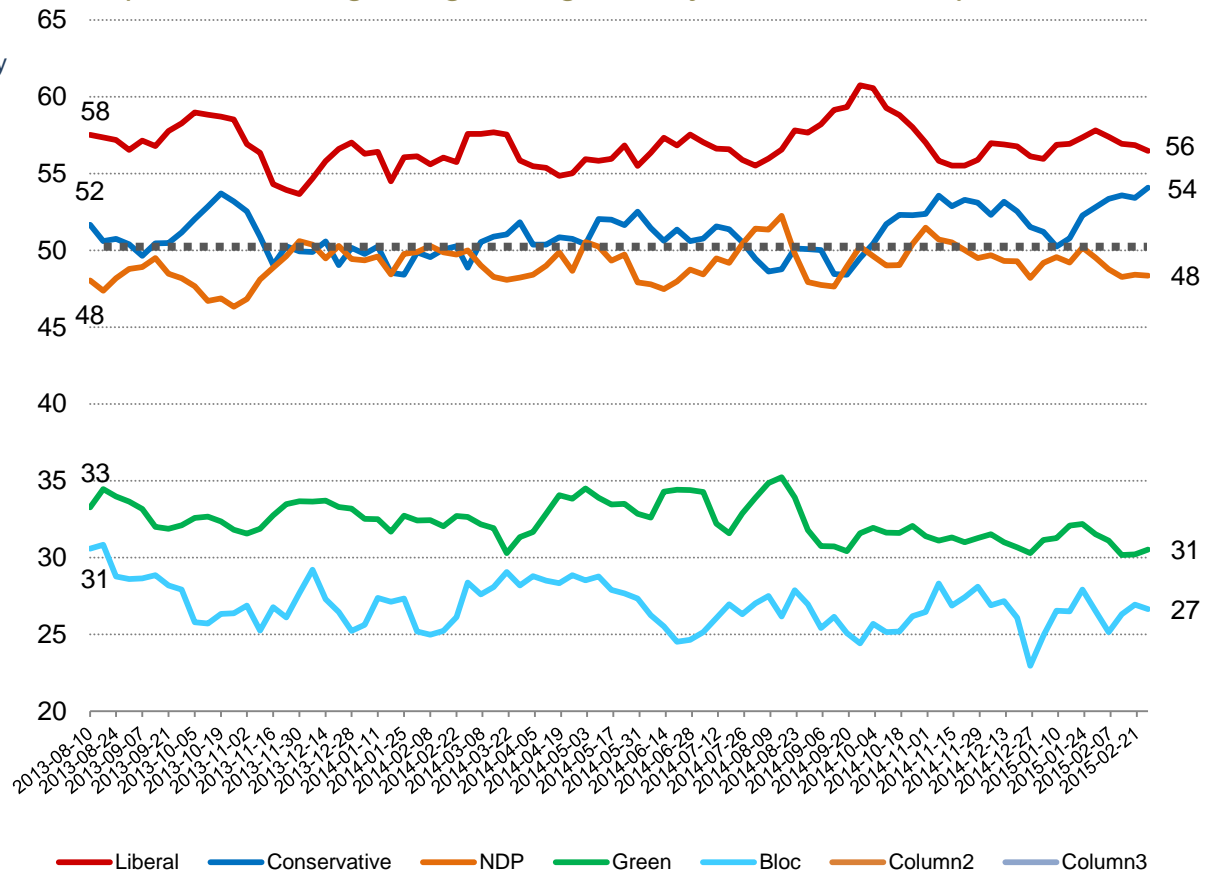
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**Canada Weekly Index Tracking Scores**  
(Four week rolling average ending February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015, n=1,000)







## *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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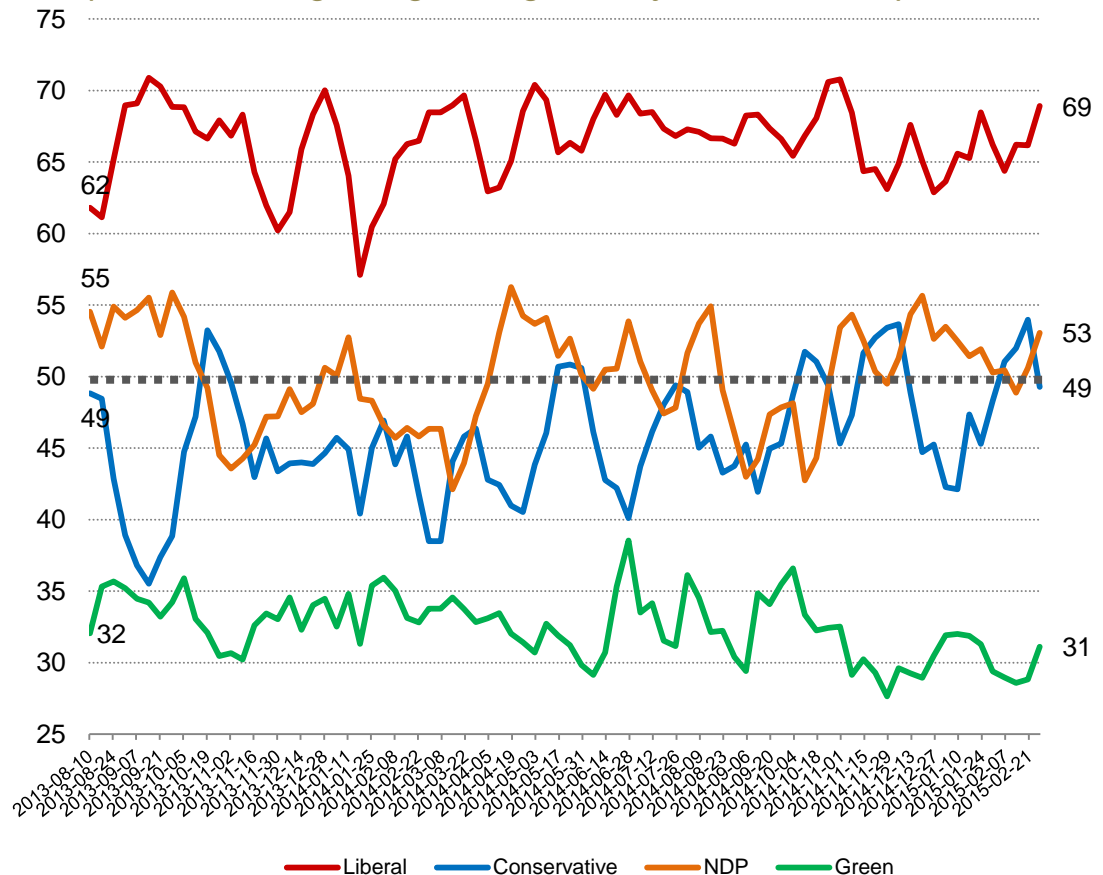
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## Atlantic Weekly Index Tracking Scores

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# Party Power Index



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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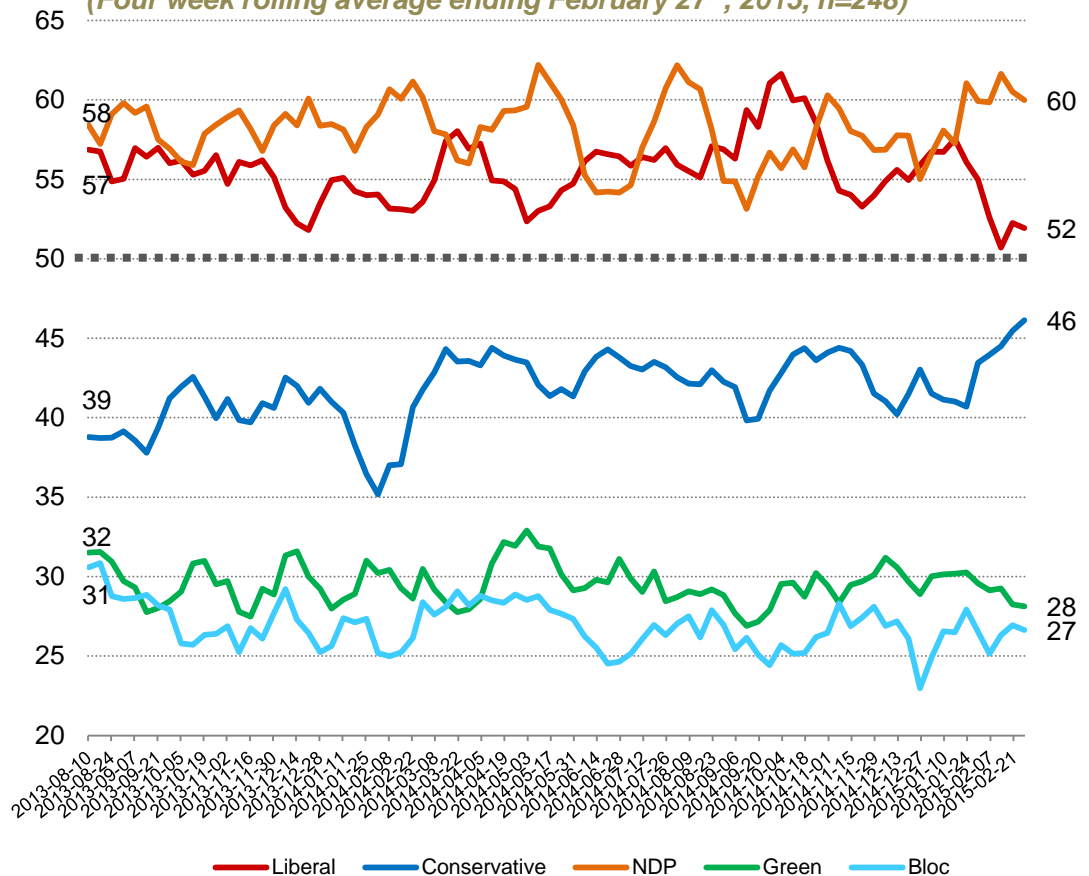
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## Quebec Weekly Index Tracking Scores

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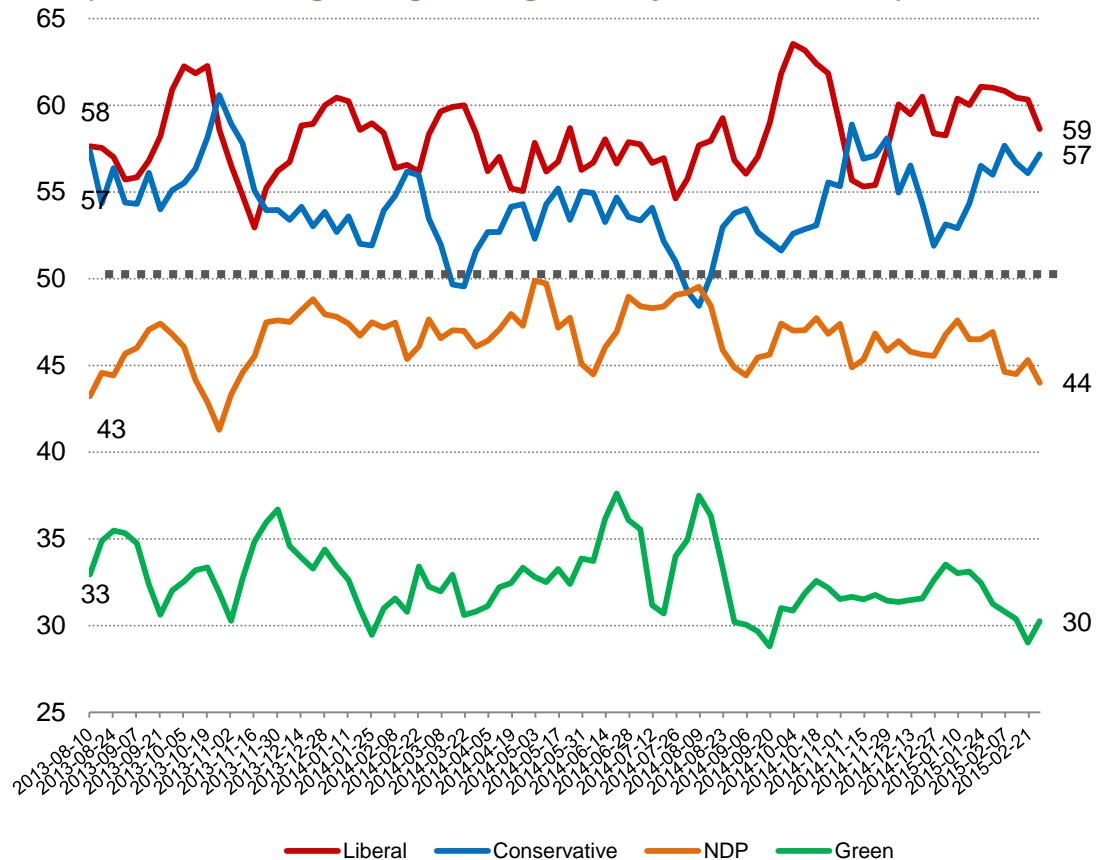
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The Nanos Party Power Index Tracking for Ontario is based on a composite of the following public opinion measures: the national ballot, which party individuals would consider voting for, the top two choices for Prime Minister, and whether each party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

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**Ontario Weekly Index Tracking Scores**  
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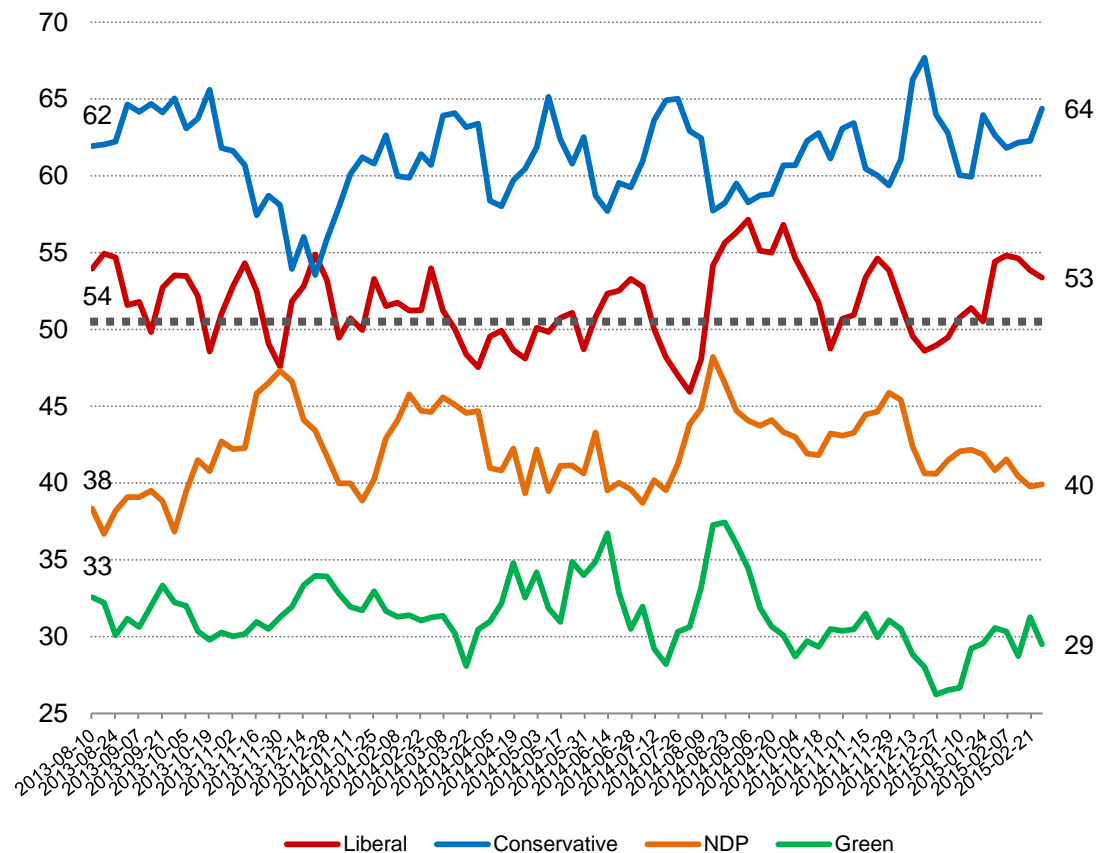
# Party Power Index



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 February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015, n=200)*



# Party Power Index



The Nanos Party Power Index Tracking for BC 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.

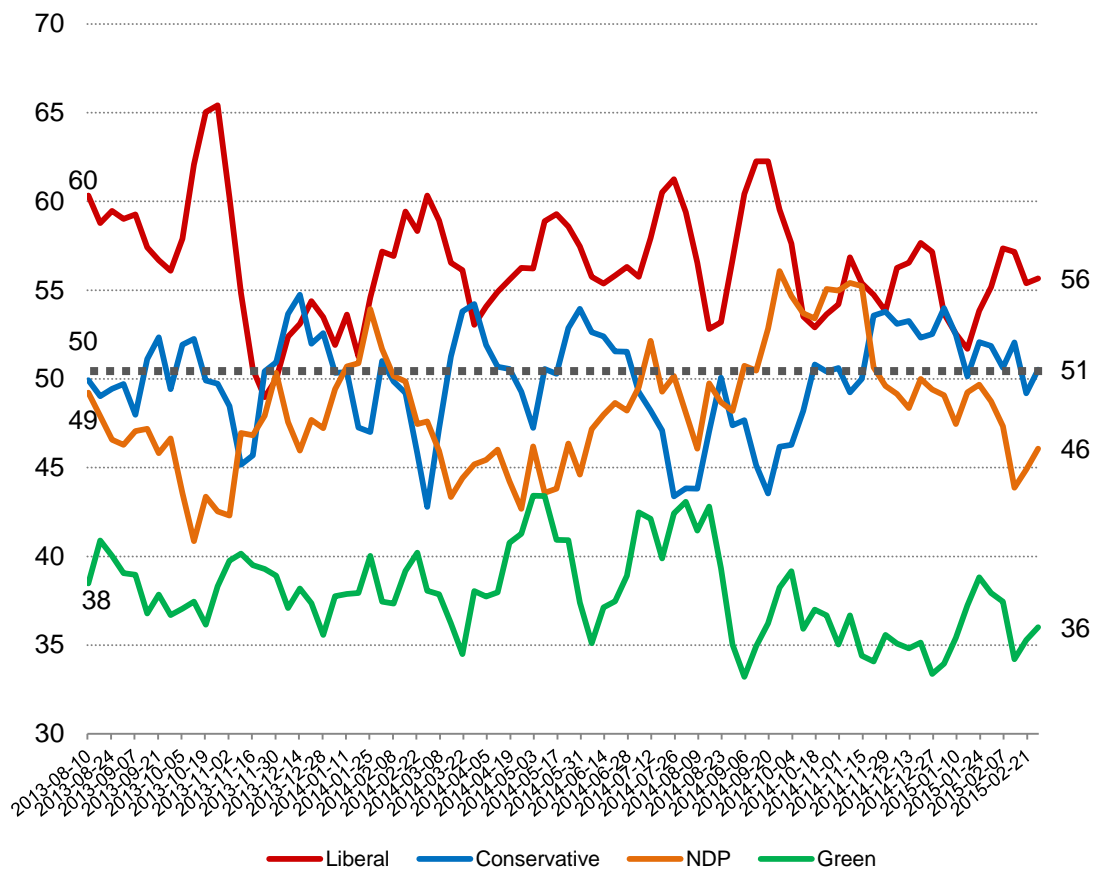
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## *British Columbia Weekly Index Tracking Scores (Four week rolling average ending February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015, n=152)*







## *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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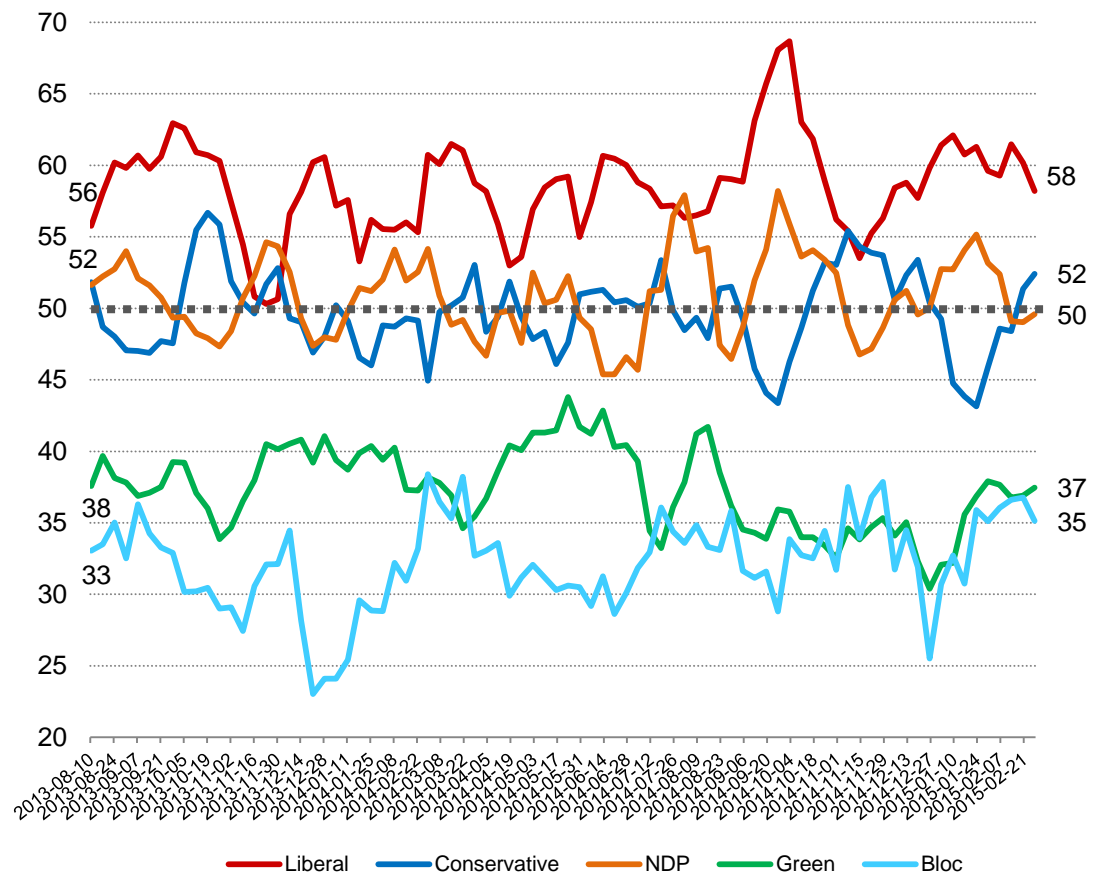
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## 18 to 29 Weekly Index Tracking Scores

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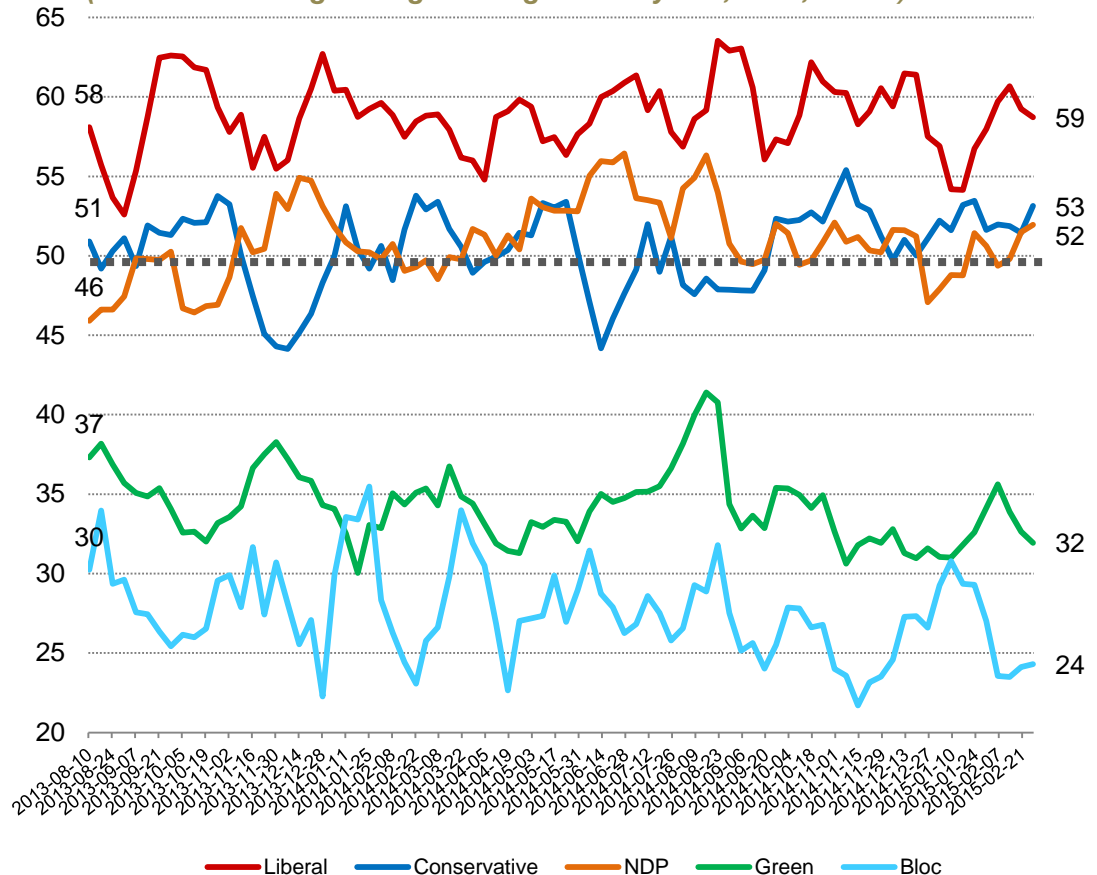
# Party Power Index



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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## 30 to 39 Weekly Index Tracking Scores (Four week rolling average ending February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015, n=169)





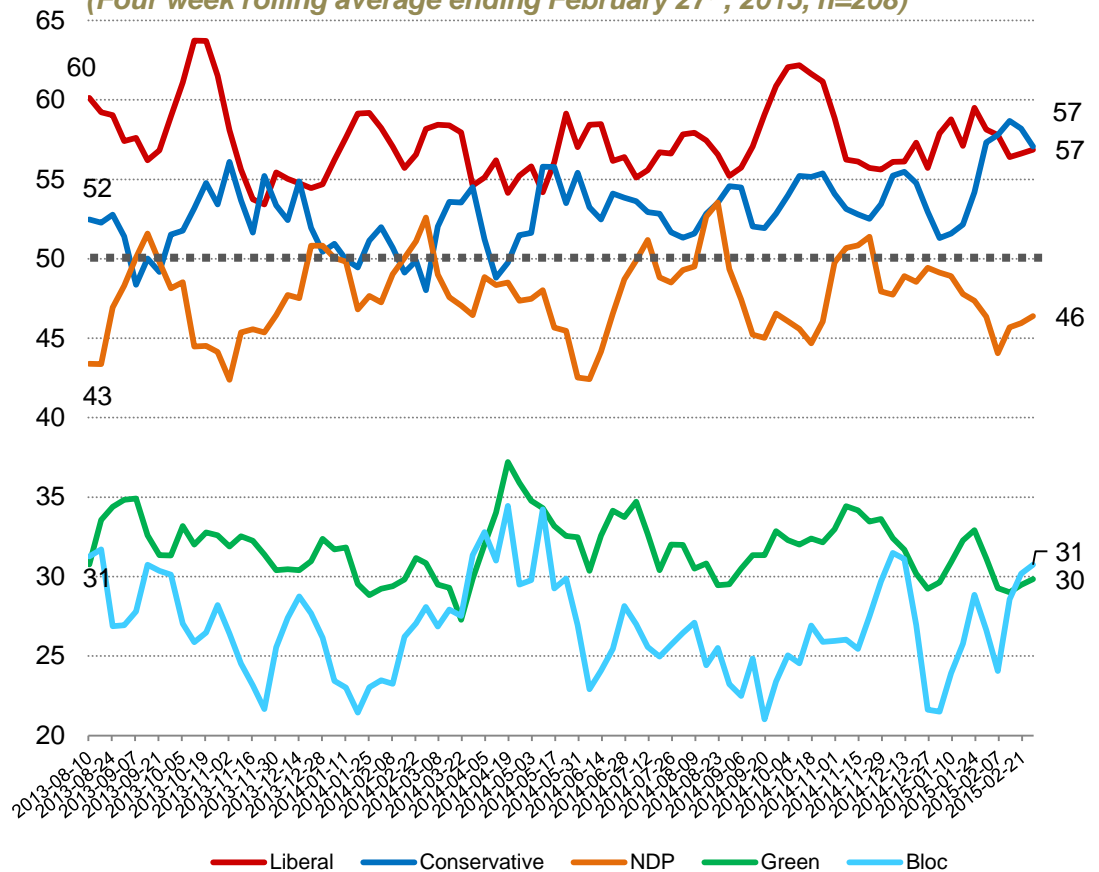
# Party Power Index



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**  
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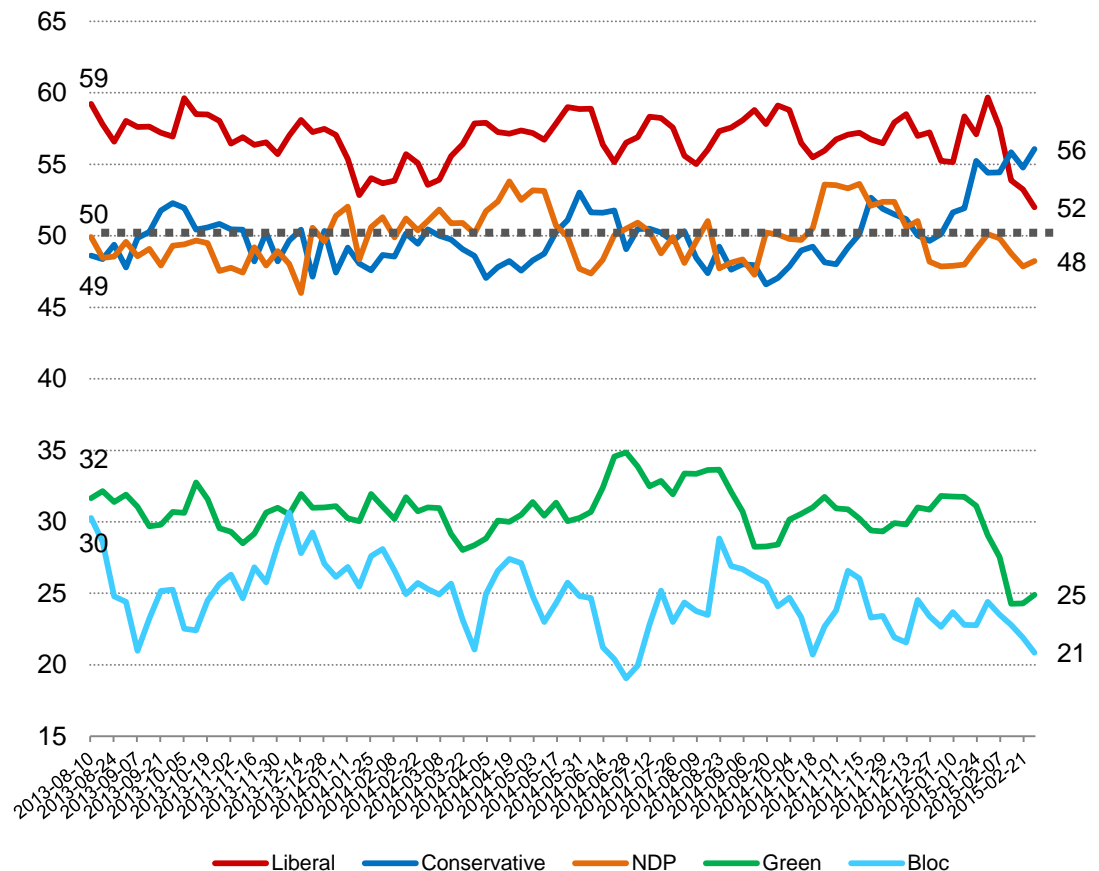
# Party Power Index



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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**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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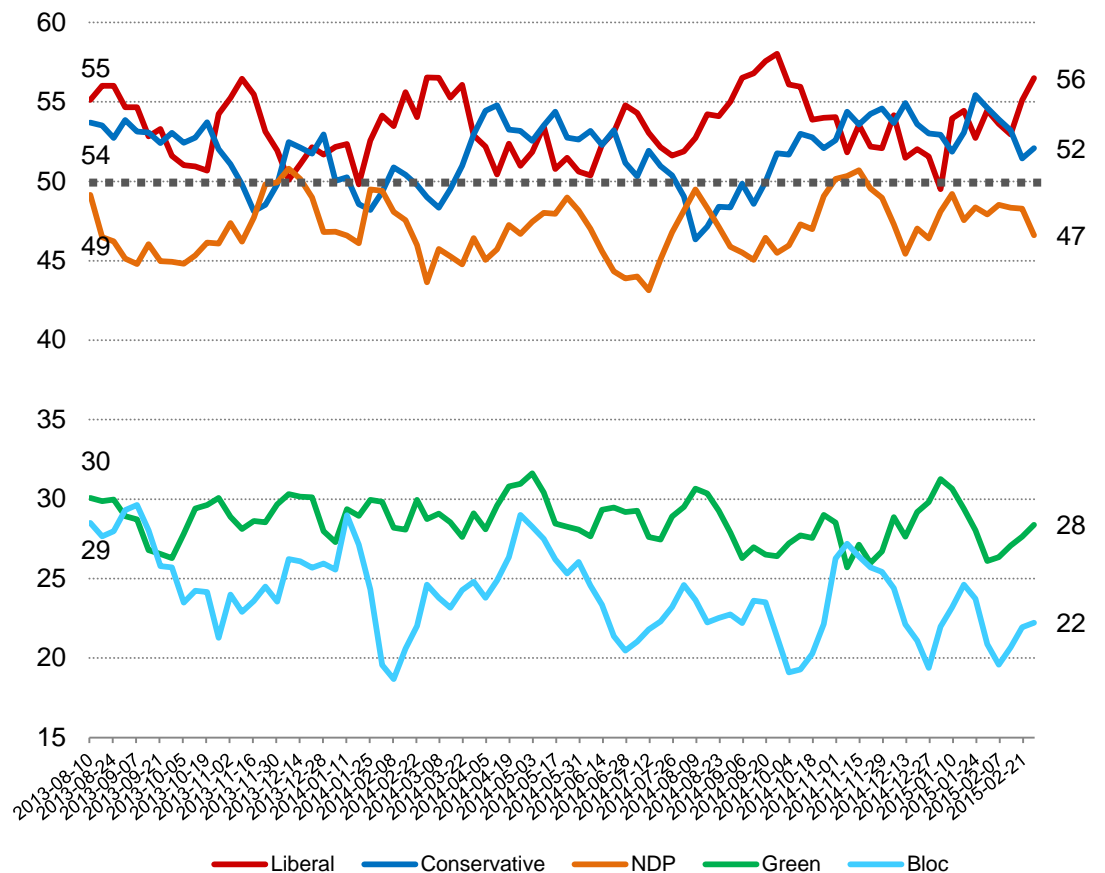
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## 60 plus Weekly Index Tracking Scores

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## *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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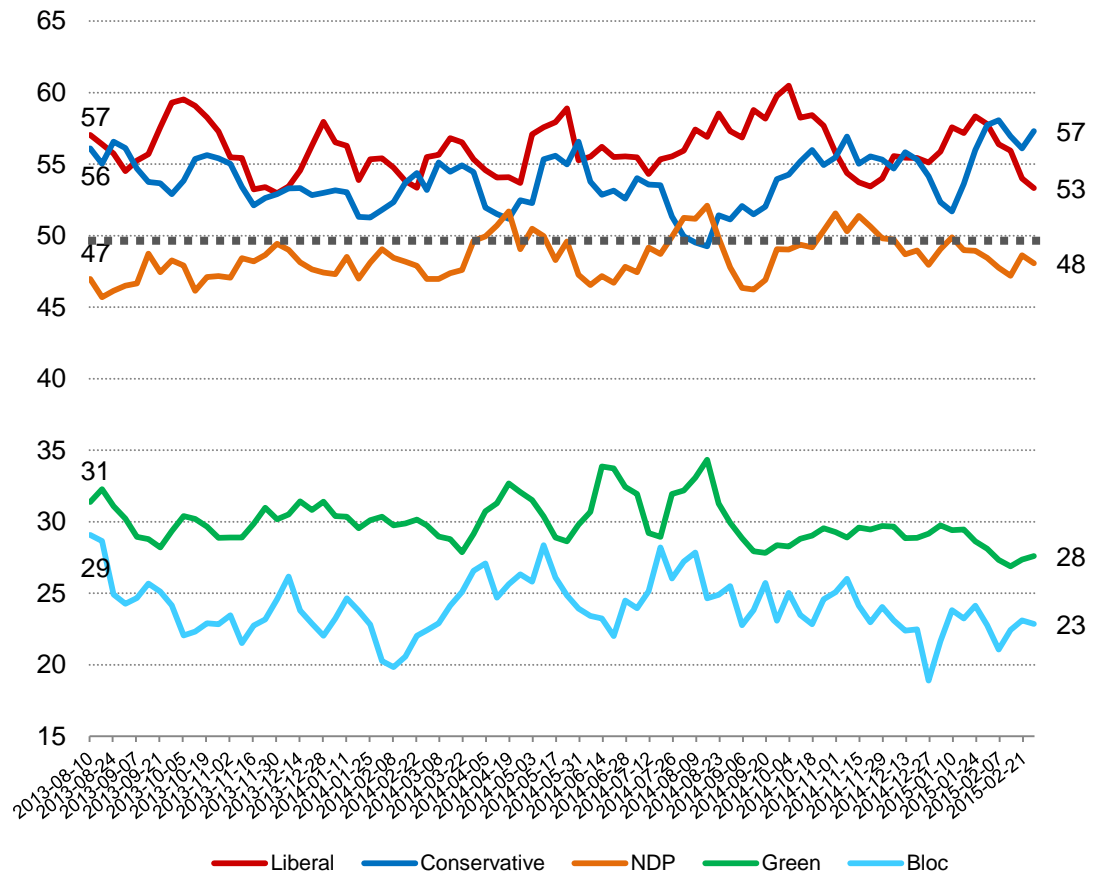
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## Male Weekly Index Tracking Scores

(Four week rolling average ending February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015, n=494)



# 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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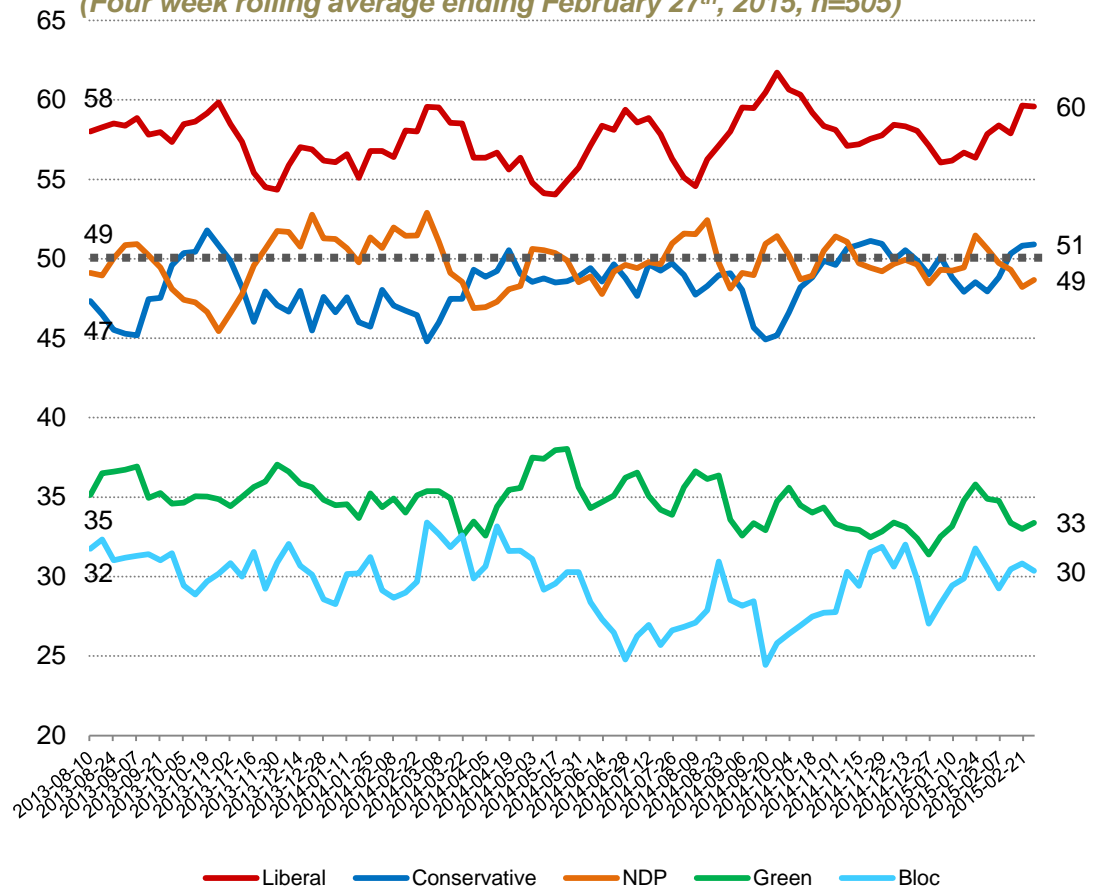
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## Female Weekly Index Tracking Scores

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## *National Political Tracking Numbers*



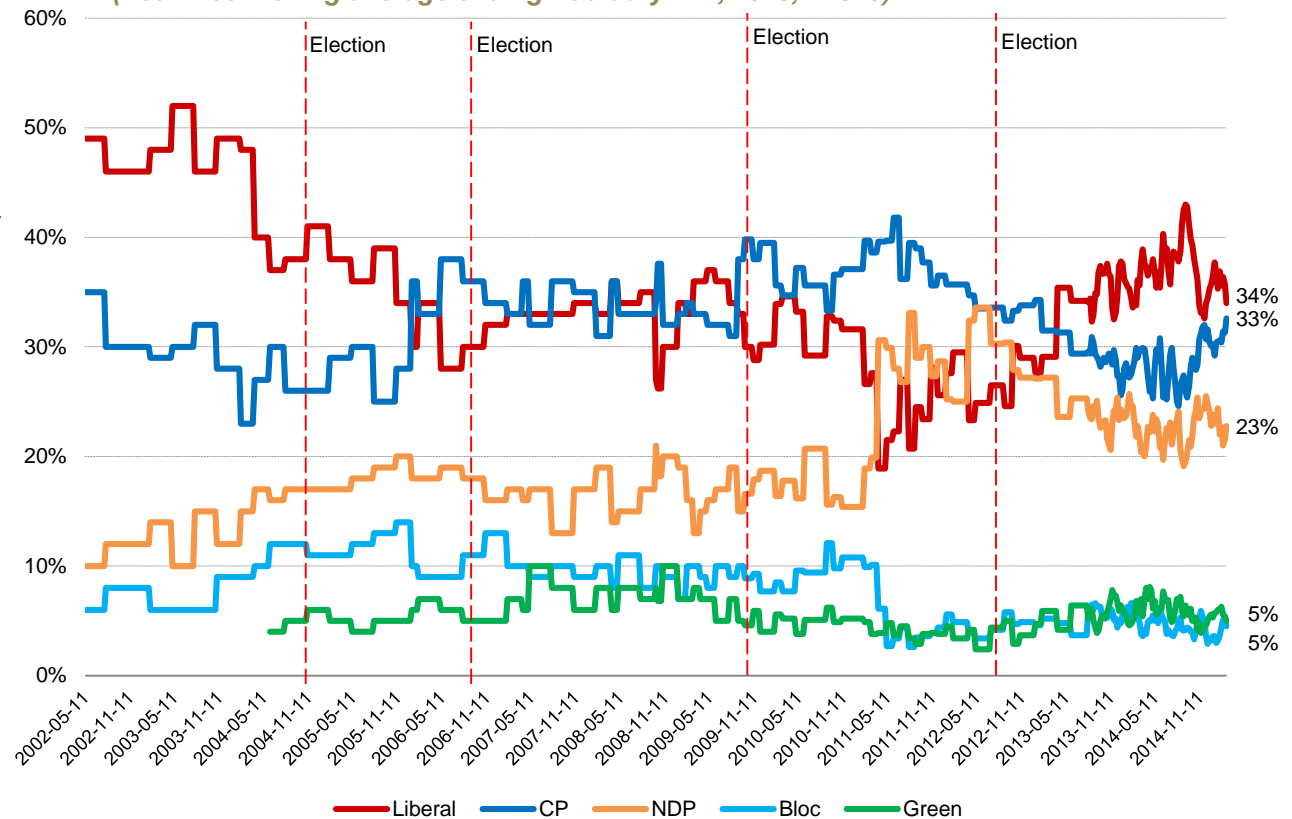
# National Ballot



**Question:** For those parties you would consider voting for federally, could you please rank your top two current local preferences?

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**Weekly Tracking – First Ranked Choice**  
(Four week rolling average ending February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015, n=840)





## *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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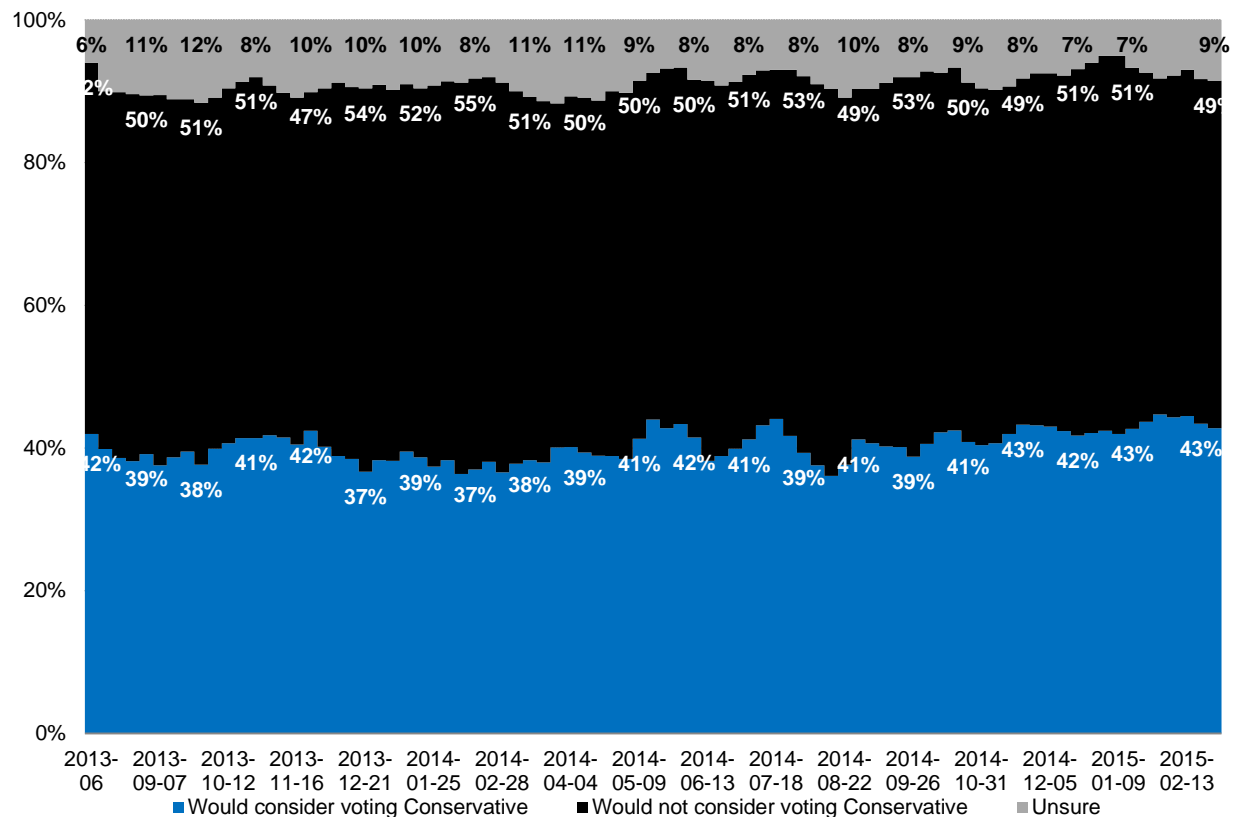
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## National – Weekly Tracking

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# Consider NDP

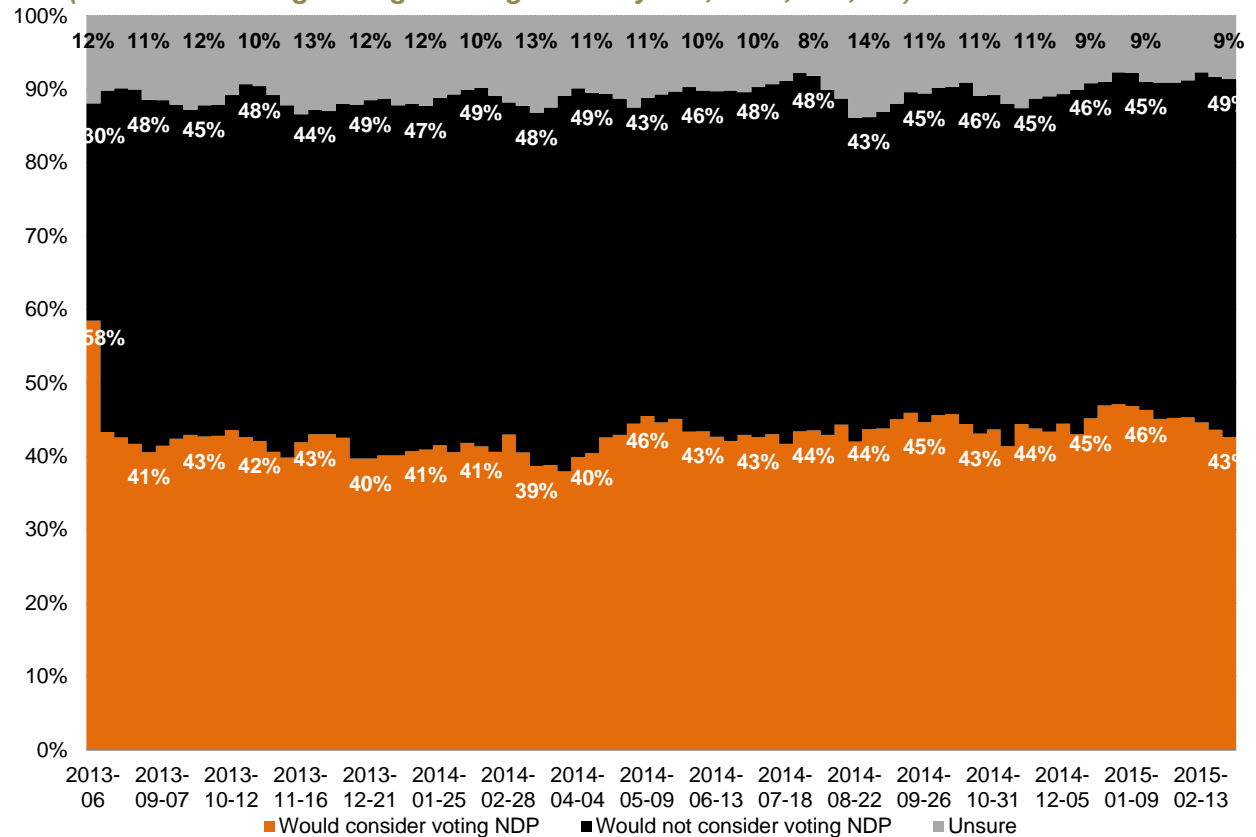


**Question:** For each of the following federal political parties, please tell me if you would consider or not consider voting for it.  
[RANDOMIZE] NDP

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# Consider Liberal

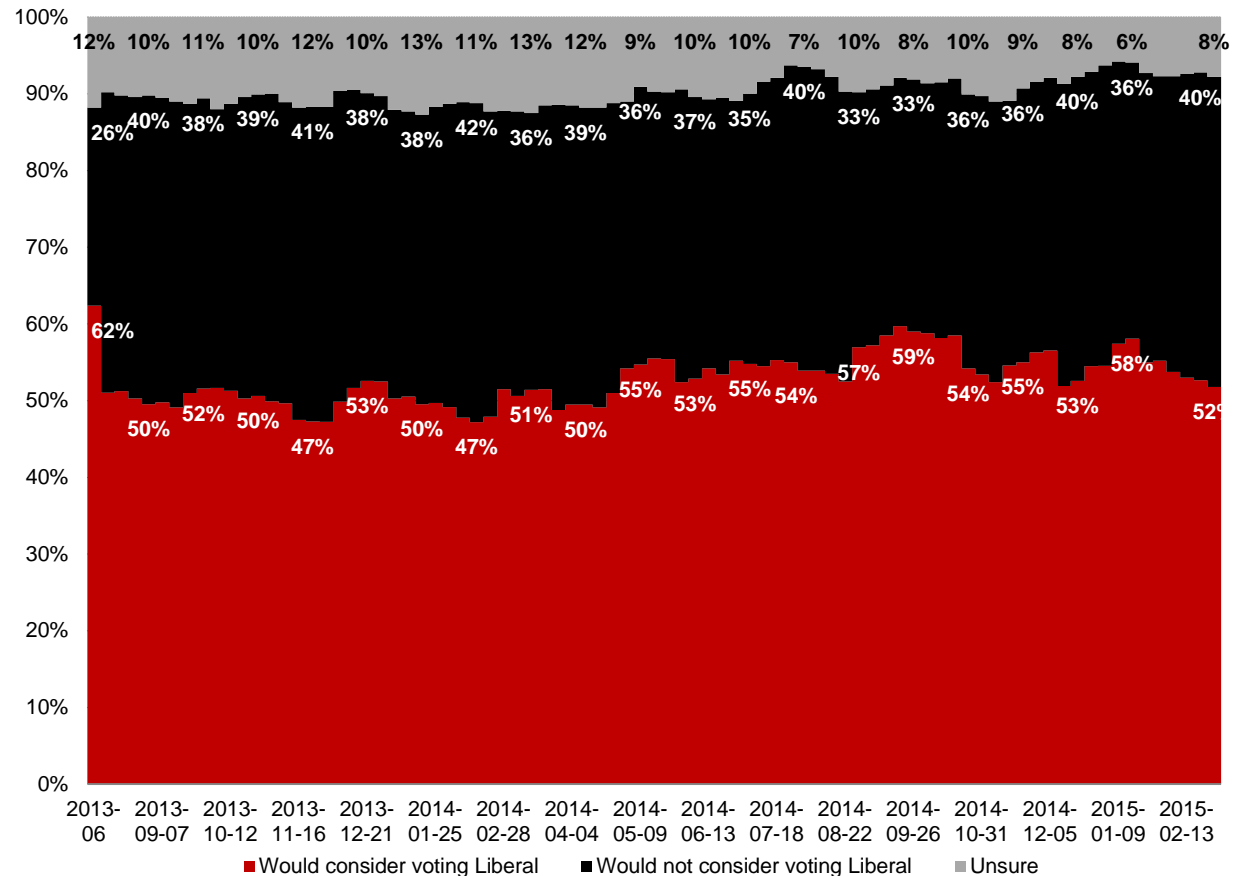


**Question:** For each of the following federal political parties, please tell me if you would consider or not consider voting for it.  
[RANDOMIZE] Liberal Party

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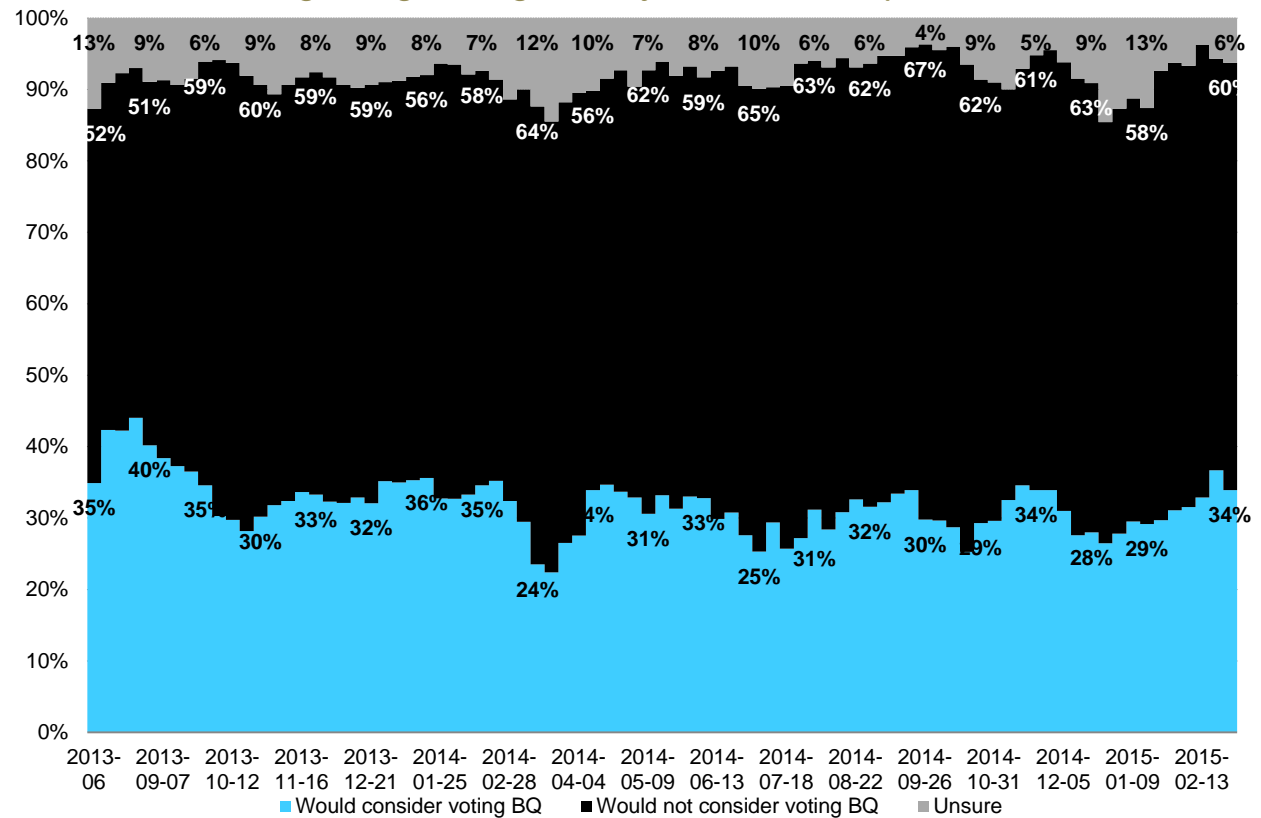
# Consider Bloc



**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

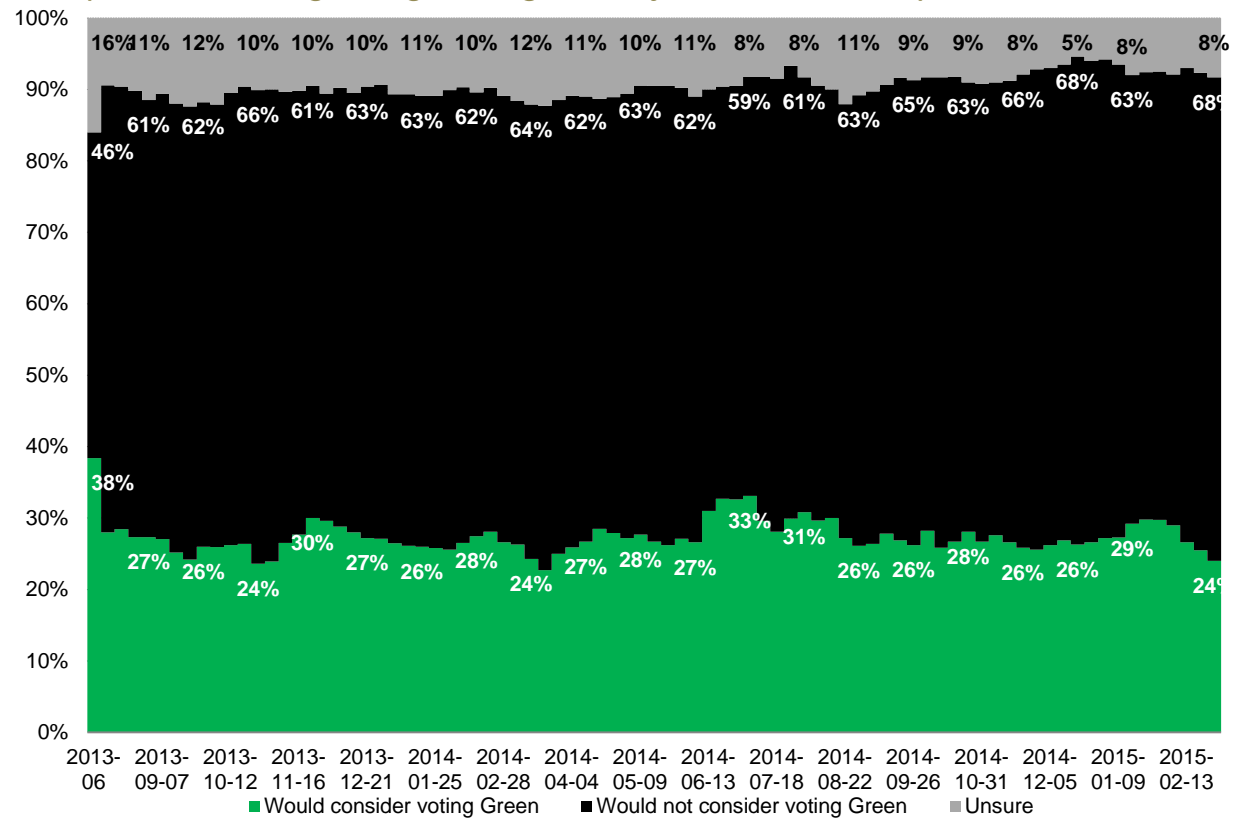


**Question:** For each of the following federal political parties, please tell me if you would consider or not consider voting for it.  
[RANDOMIZE] Green Party

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## *National Leadership Tracking*



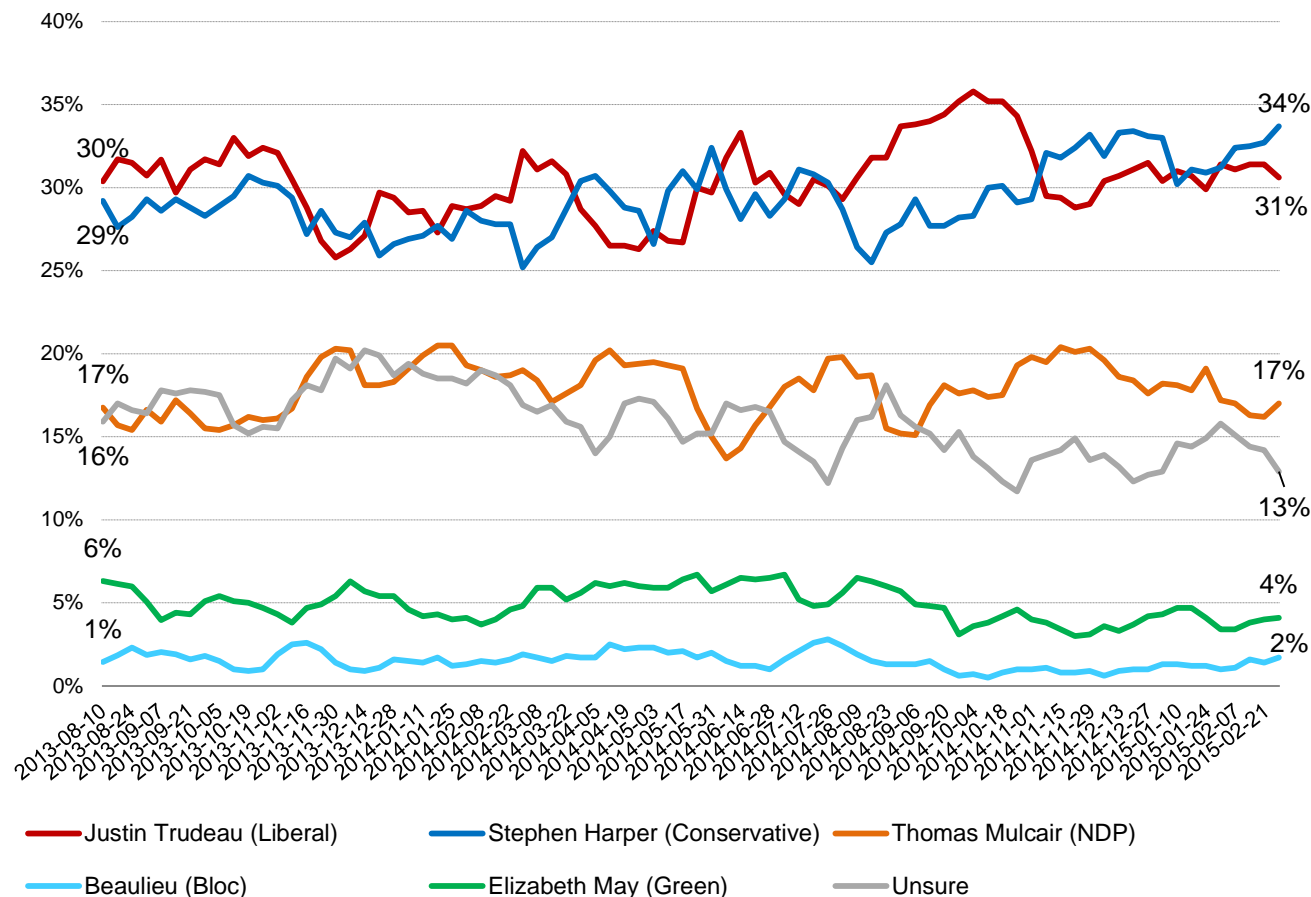
# Prime Minister



**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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## National – Weekly Tracking – First Ranked Choice (Four week rolling average ending February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015, n=1,000)



# 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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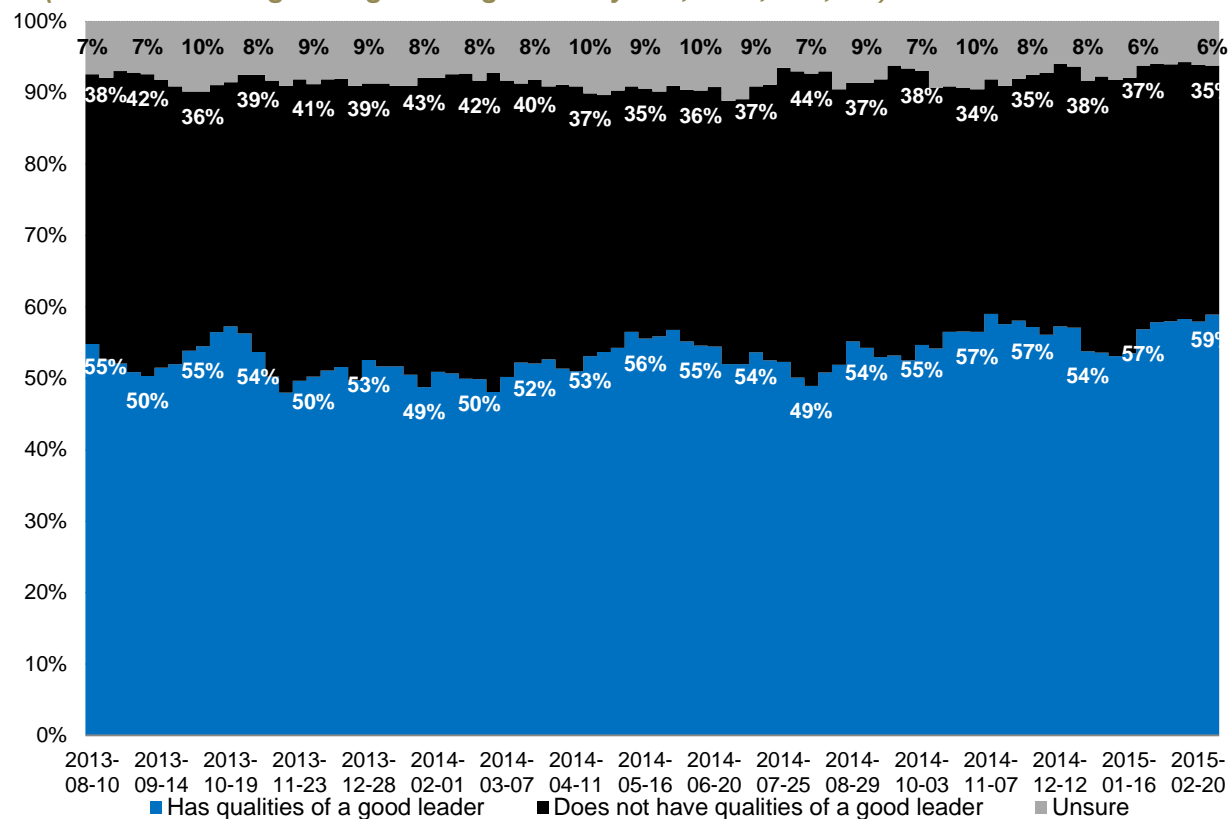
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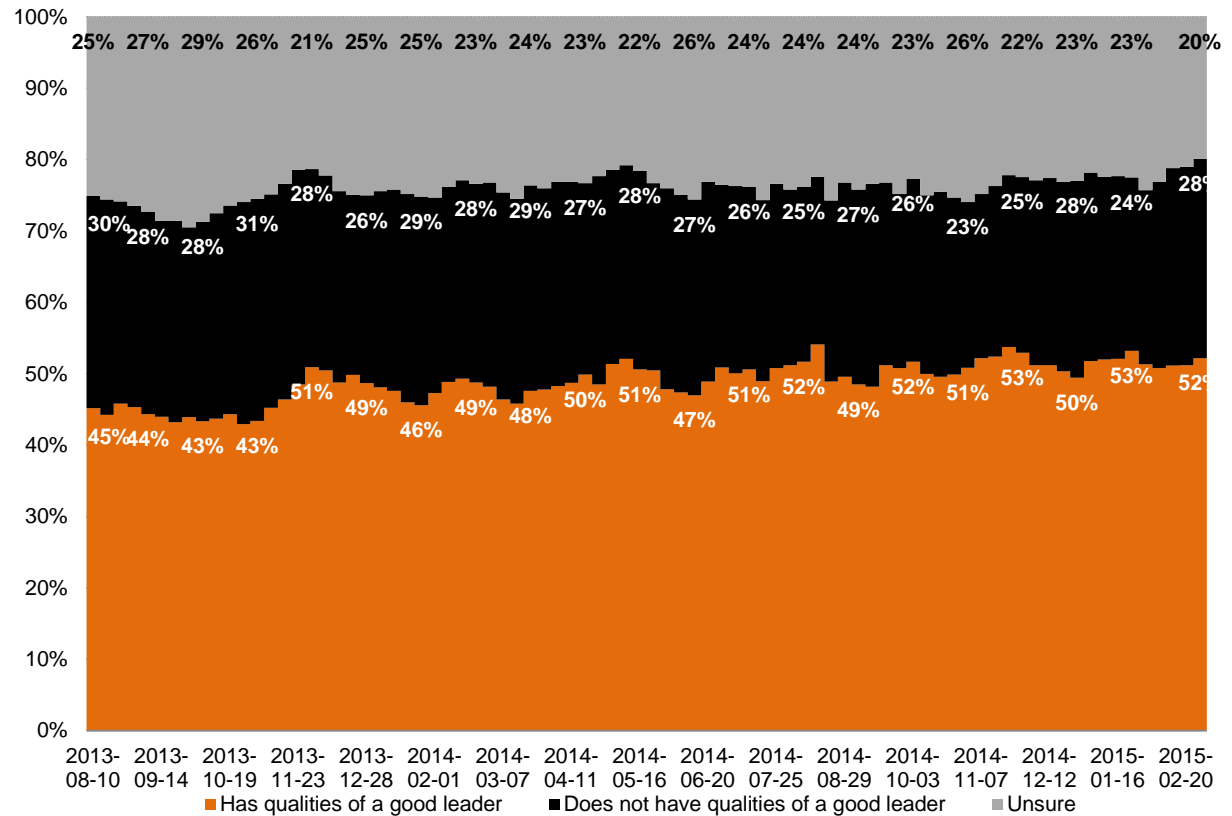
# Mulcair



**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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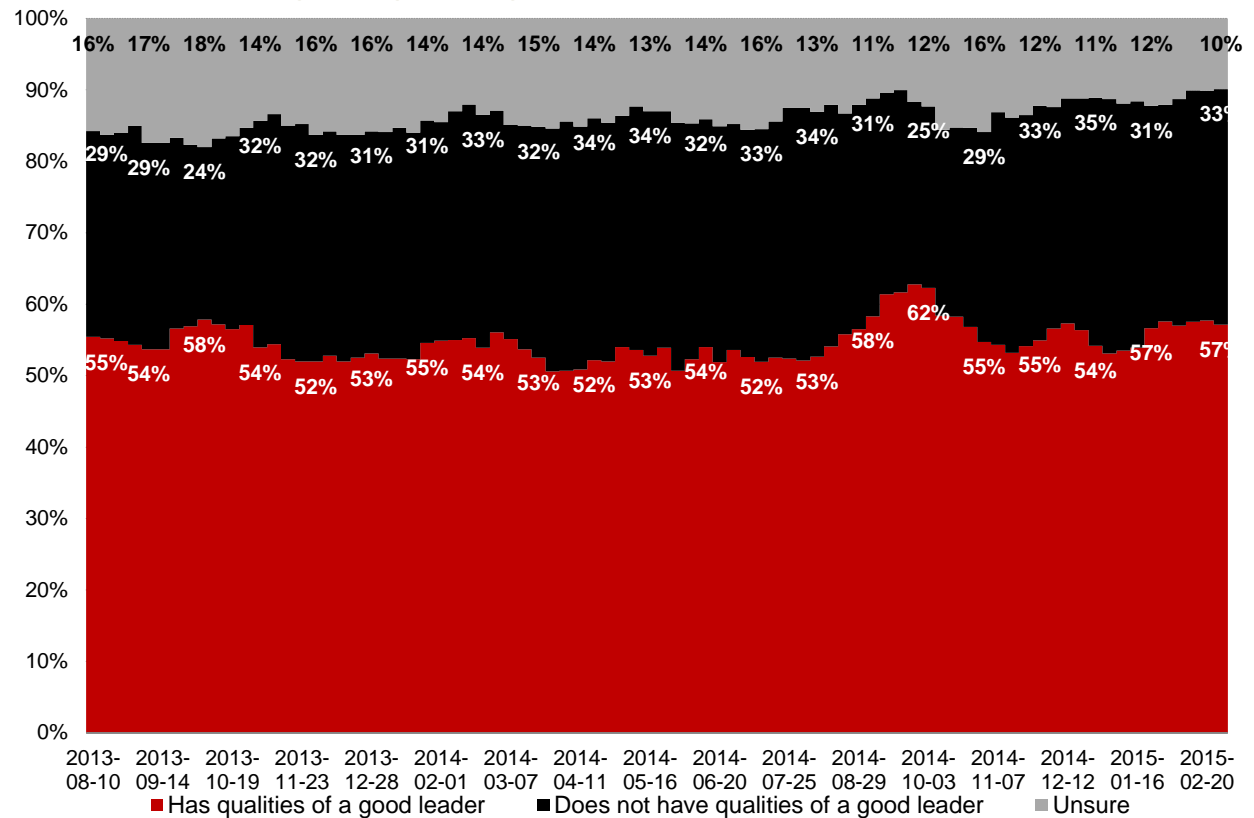
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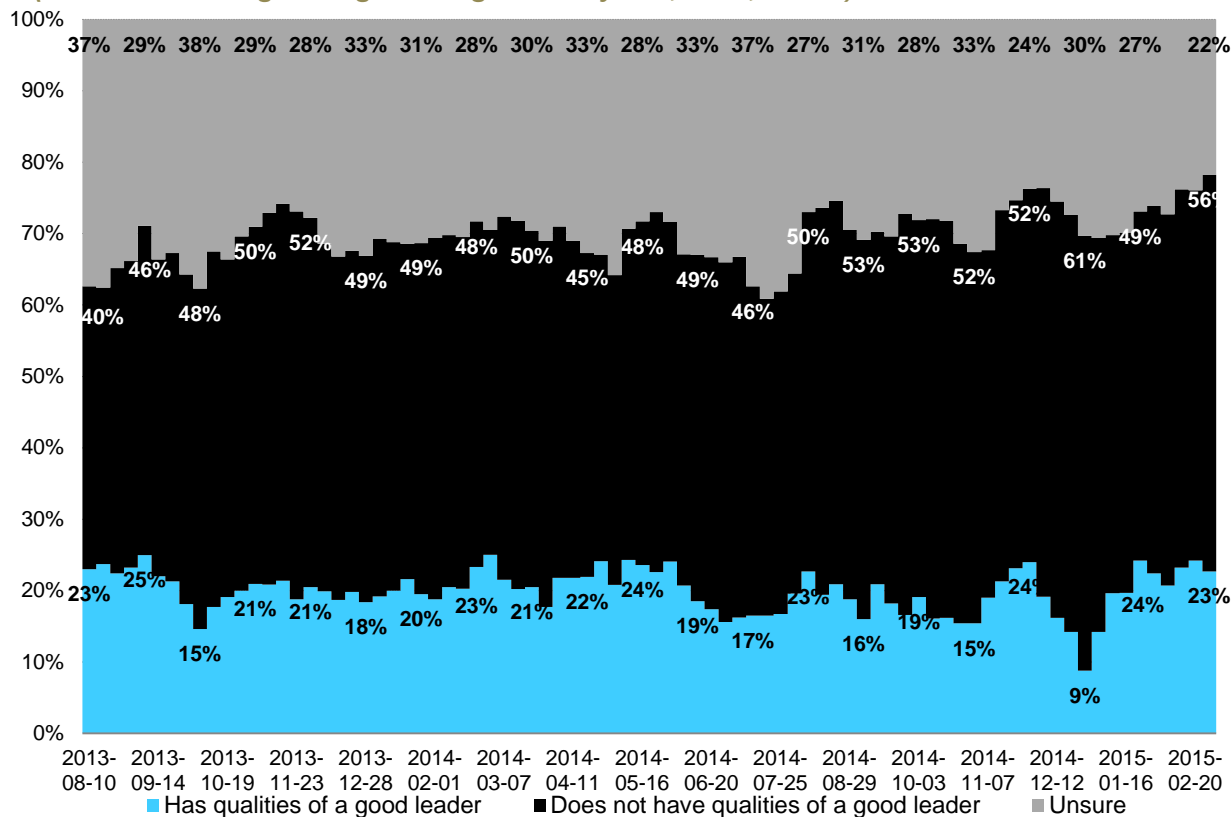
# Beaulieu



**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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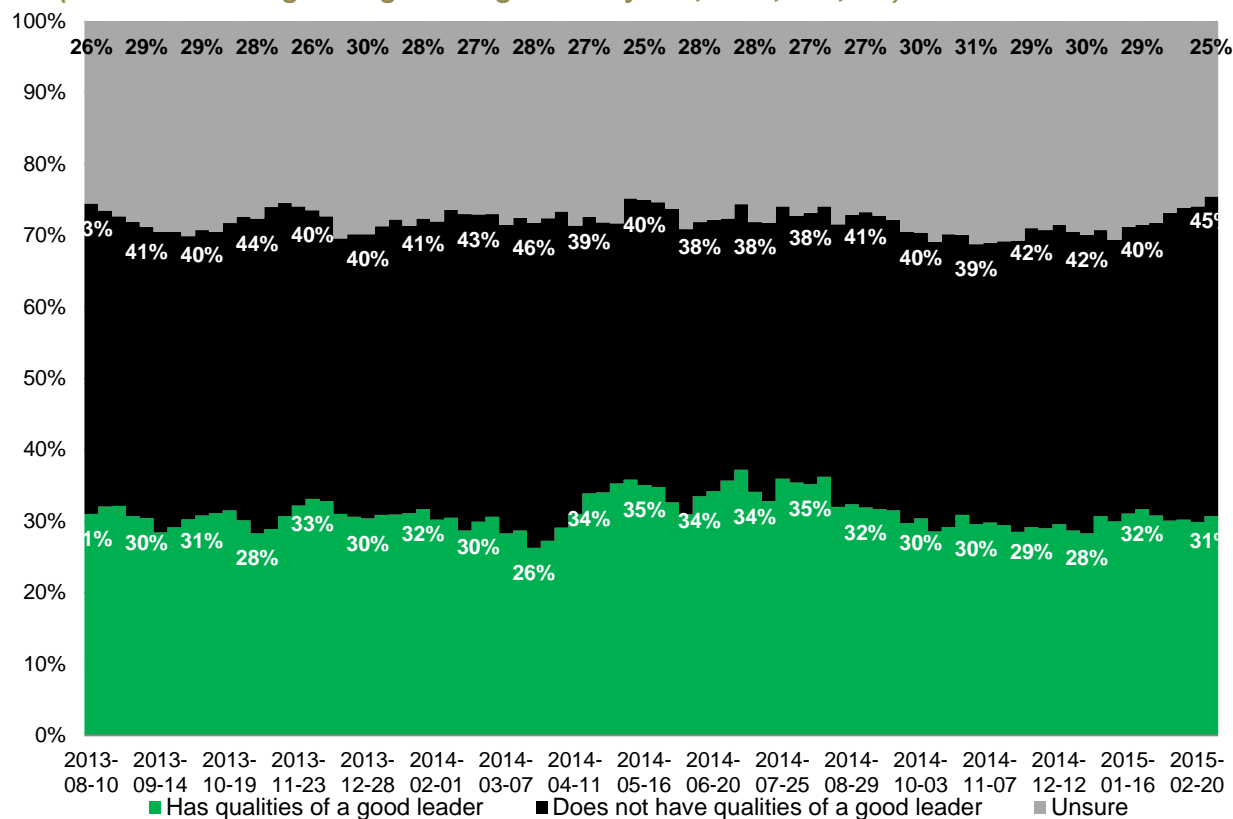
# May

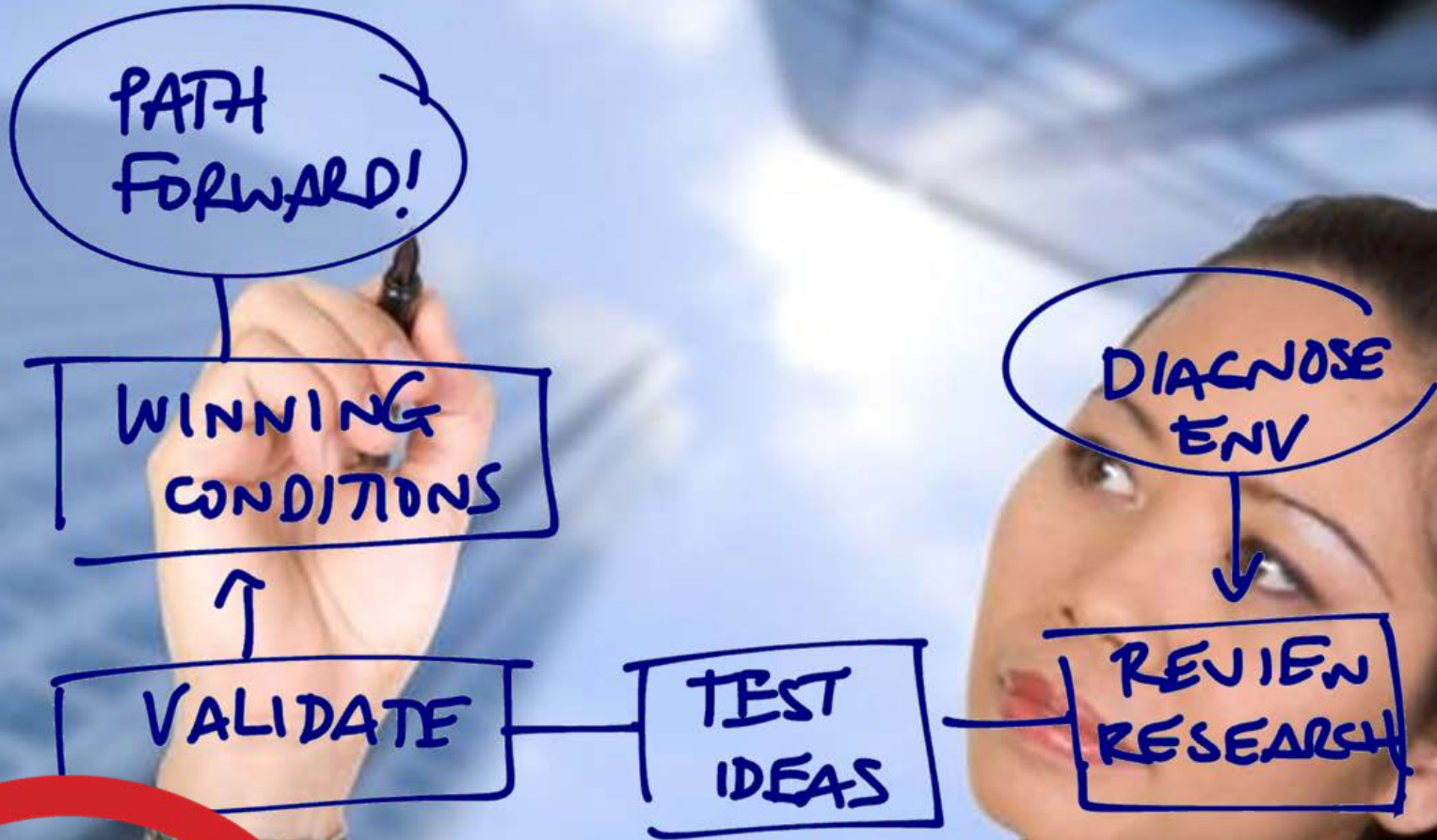


**Question:** For each of the following federal political party leaders, do you think they have or do not have the qualities to be a good political leader? [RANDOMIZE] Elizabeth May

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## *Methodology*

## *Survey Methodology*

The Weekly Nanos Party Power Index Tracking is produced by the Nanos Research Corporation, headquartered in Canada, which operates in Canada and the United States. The data is based on random telephone interviews with 1,000 Canadians (land- and cell-lines), using a four week rolling average of 250 respondents each week, 18 years of age and over. The random sample of 1,000 respondents may be weighted by age and gender using the latest census information for Canada. The interviews are compiled into a four week rolling average of 1,000 interviews, where each week the oldest group of 250 interviews is dropped and a new group of 250 interviews is added. 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.

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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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