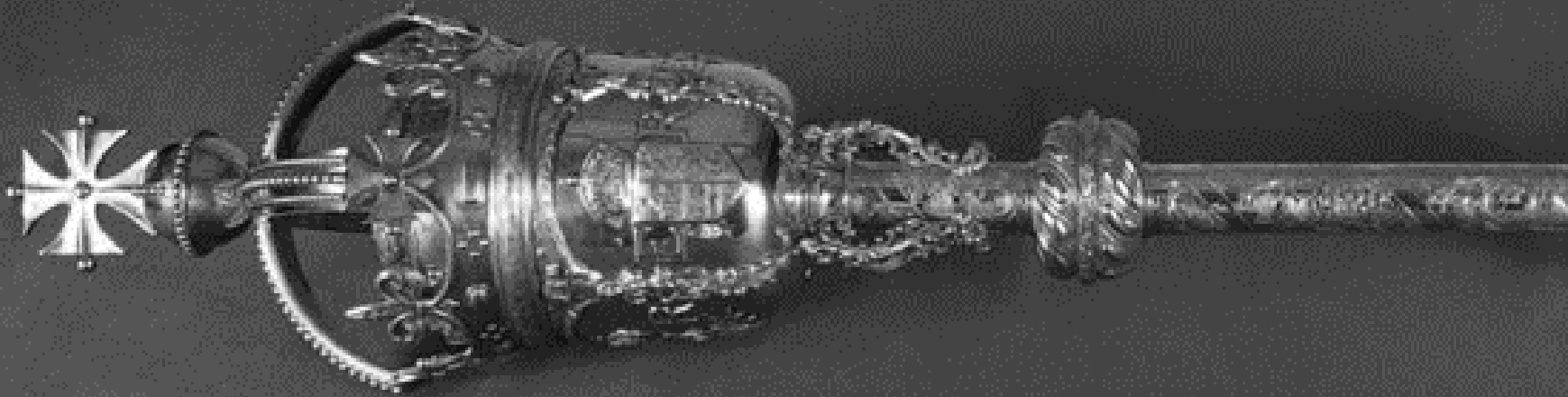# Trudeau advantage as preferred Prime Minister unshaken in Nanos tracking

Nanos Weekly Tracking ending February 12th, 2016 (released February 16th, - 6 am Eastern)

At a glance

- **Preferred Prime Minister** – The latest Nanos tracking on who Canadians would prefer as Prime Minister suggests that 51.4% of Canadians preferred Trudeau, while 15.1% preferred Ambrose, 10.7% preferred Mulcair, 4.4% preferred May and 17.3% were unsure.

- **Qualities of a Good Political Leader** – Asked a series of independent questions for each of the federal party leaders, 70.1% of Canadians thought Trudeau had the qualities of a good political leader, 52.8% thought Mulcair had the qualities of a good political leader, 39.0% thought similarly of May and 33.0% thought Ambrose had the qualities of a good political leader.

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Nanos Leadership Tracking Data Summary

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A national dual-frame (land+cell) random telephone survey is conducted weekly by Nanos Research using live agents.

The weekly tracking figures are based on a four-week rolling sample comprised of 1,000 interviews. To update the tracking a new week of 250 interviews is added and the oldest week dropped. The margin of error for a survey of 1,000 respondents is ±3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

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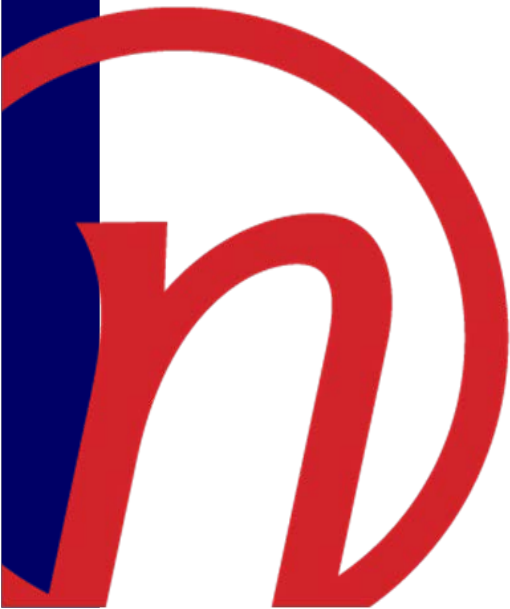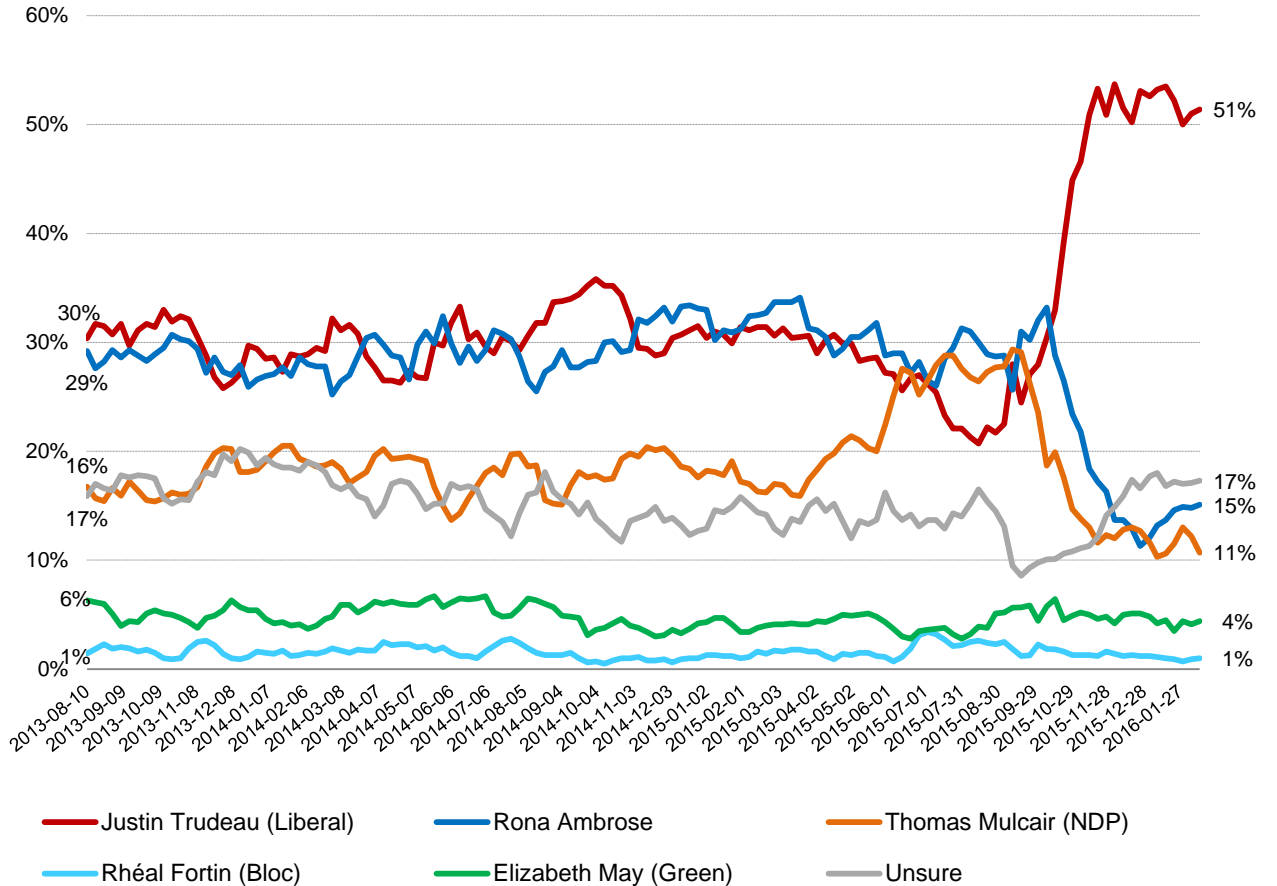(613) 234-4666 x 237
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Preferred Prime Minister	This week	Last week	Oct 18 (Election Call)	4 Weeks Ago	3 Months Ago (Nov 13)	1 Year Ago	12 Month High	12 Month Low
Trudeau	51.4%	51.0%	35.5%	53.5%	50.9%	31.4%	53.7%	20.7%
Ambrose	15.1%	14.8%	29.1%	13.7%	18.4%	32.5%	34.1%	11.3%
Mulcair	10.7%	12.2%	18.9%	10.5%	13.0%	16.3%	29.8%	10.3%
May	4.4%	4.1%	5.2%	4.5%	5.0%	3.8%	6.4%	2.8%
Fortin	1.0%	0.9%	1.8%	1.0%	1.3%	1.6%	3.4%	0.5%
Unsure	17.3%	17.1%	9.6%	16.8%	11.3%	14.4%	18.5%	8.4%

Has Qualities of a Good Political Leader

	This week	Last week	Oct 18 (Election Call)	4 Weeks Ago	3 Months Ago (Nov 13)	1 Year Ago	12 Month High	12 Month Low
Trudeau	70.1%	69.2%	69.3%	71.6%	73.8%	57.6%	73.8%	44.1%
Mulcair	52.8%	54.1%	53.8%	56.9%	54.4%	58.3%	64.3%	41.8%
Ambrose	33.0%	31.9%	27.1%	28.7%	41.8%	51.2%	59.7%	27.0%
Fortin	14.8%	11.1%	15.4%	11.8%	21.7%	23.2%	55.5%	8.8%
May	39.0%	37.8%	41.8%	35.3%	37.3%	30.2%	43.0%	24.9%

National – Weekly Tracking – Preferred Prime Minister First Ranked Choice (Ending February 12th, 2016, n=1,000)

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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Legend:
- Justin Trudeau (Liberal)
- Rona Ambrose
- Thomas Mulcair (NDP)
- Rhéal Fortin (Bloc)
- Elizabeth May (Green)
- Unsure

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
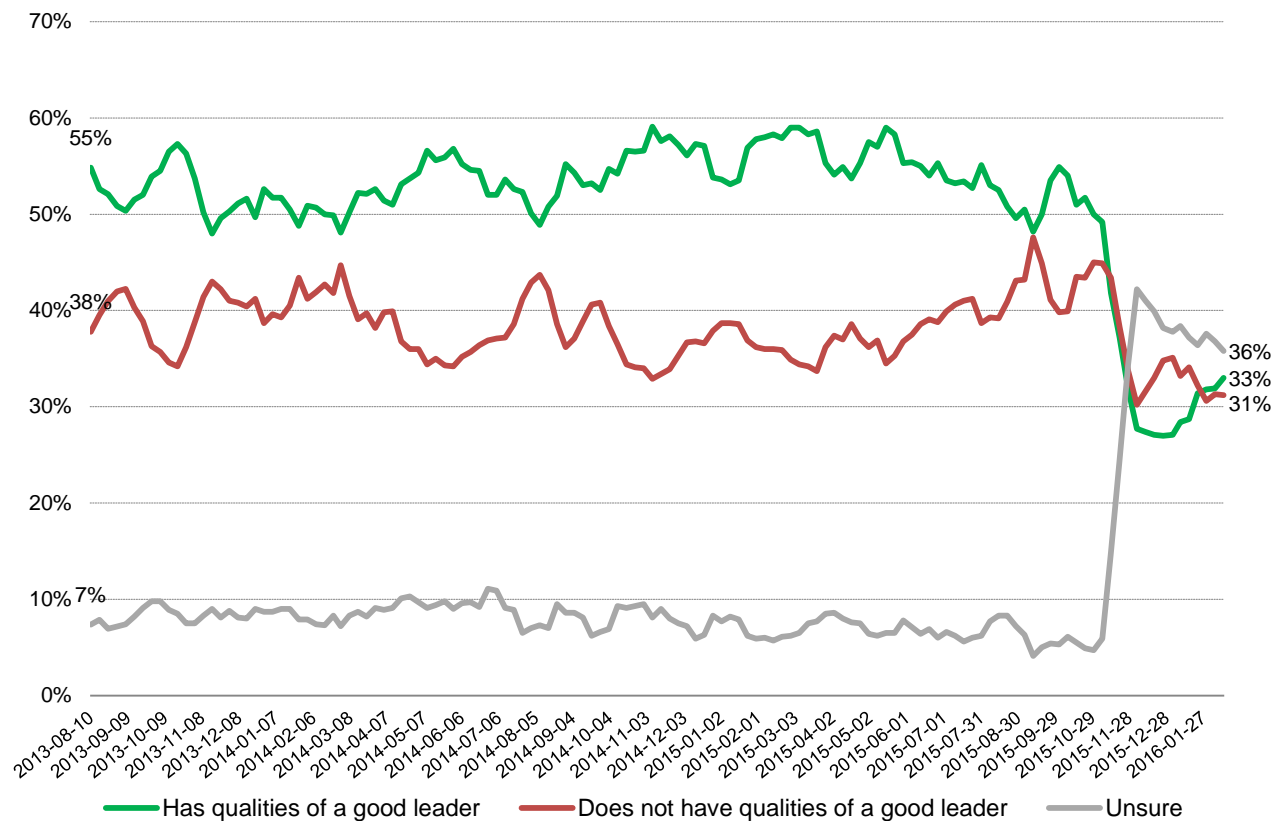
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National – Weekly Tracking – Qualities of a Good Political Leader
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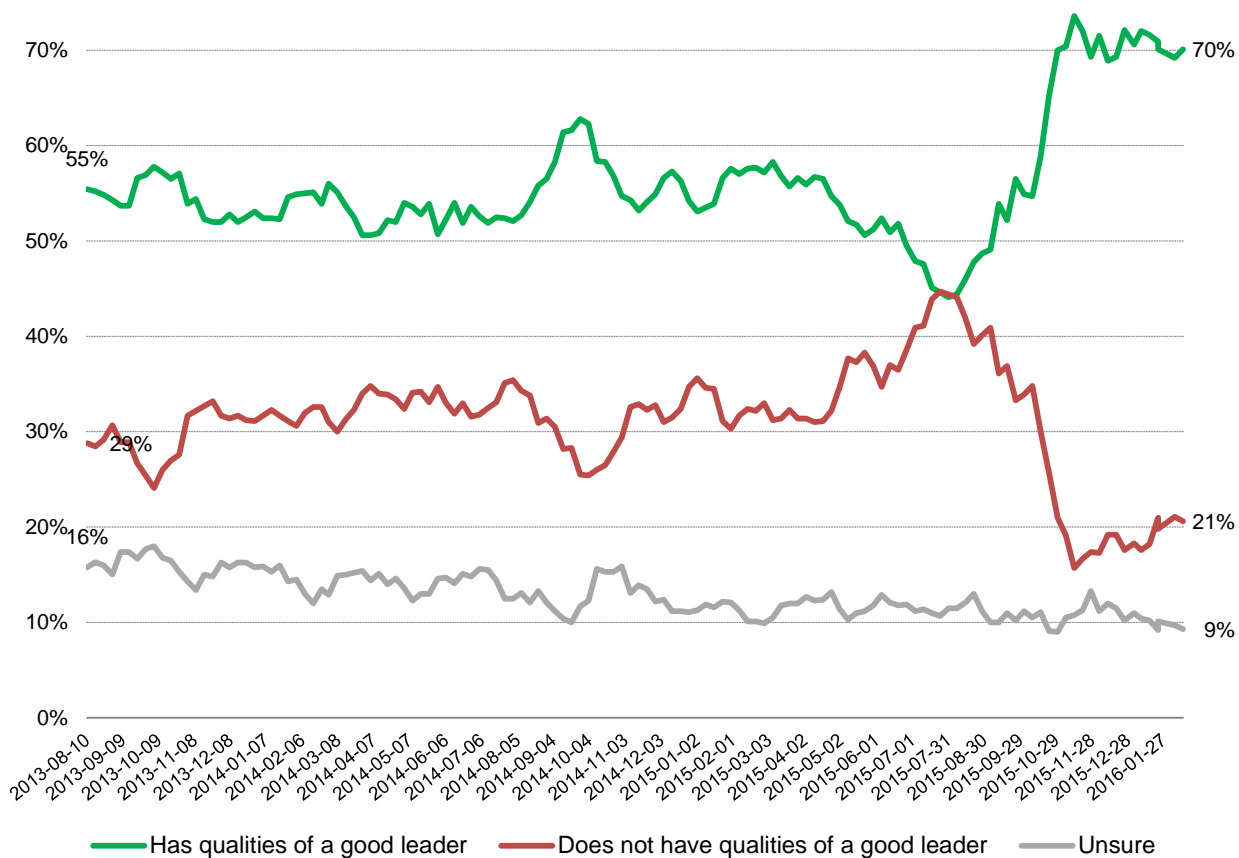
Ambrose

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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] Rona Ambrose

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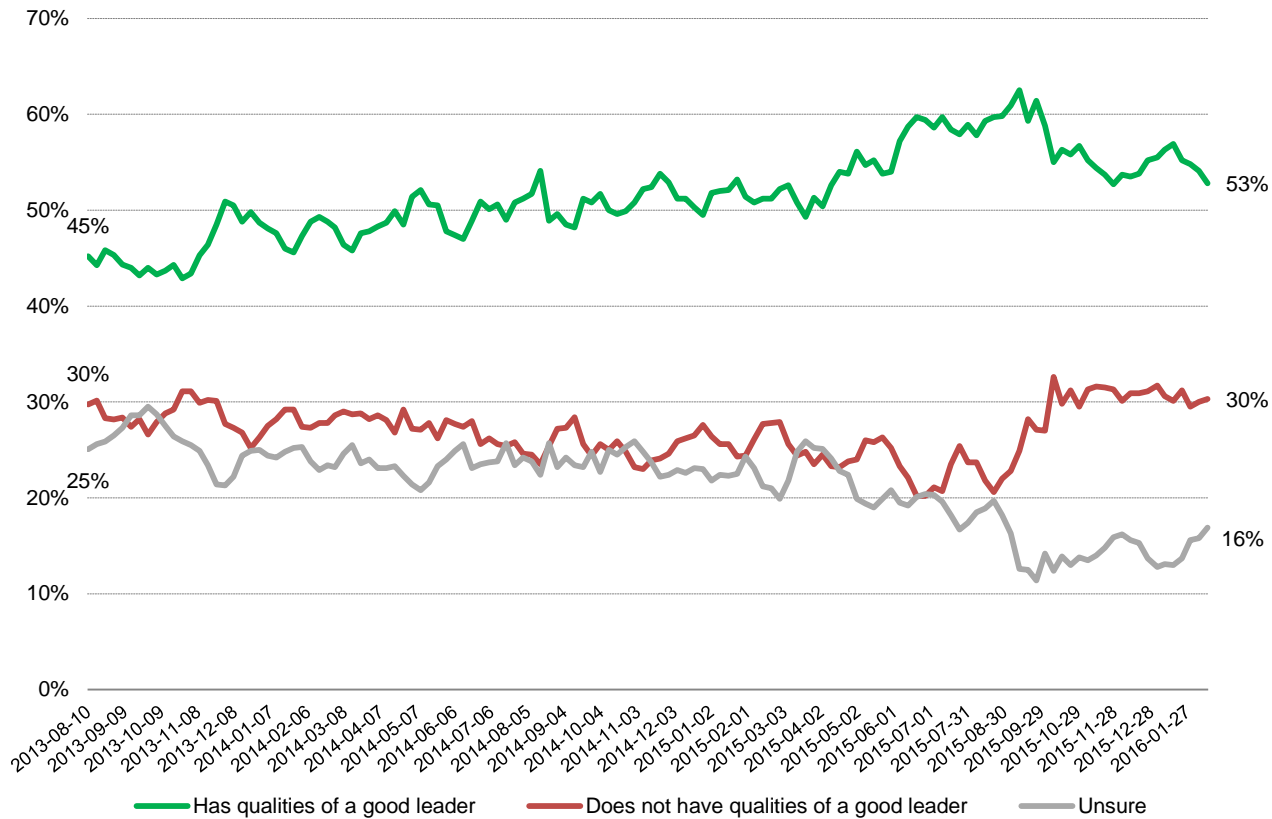 Washington DC: (202) 697-9924
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Legend: Has qualities of a good leader — Does not have qualities of a good leader — Unsure

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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Has qualities of a good leader Does not have qualities of a good leader Unsure

Fortin

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] Rhéal Fortin
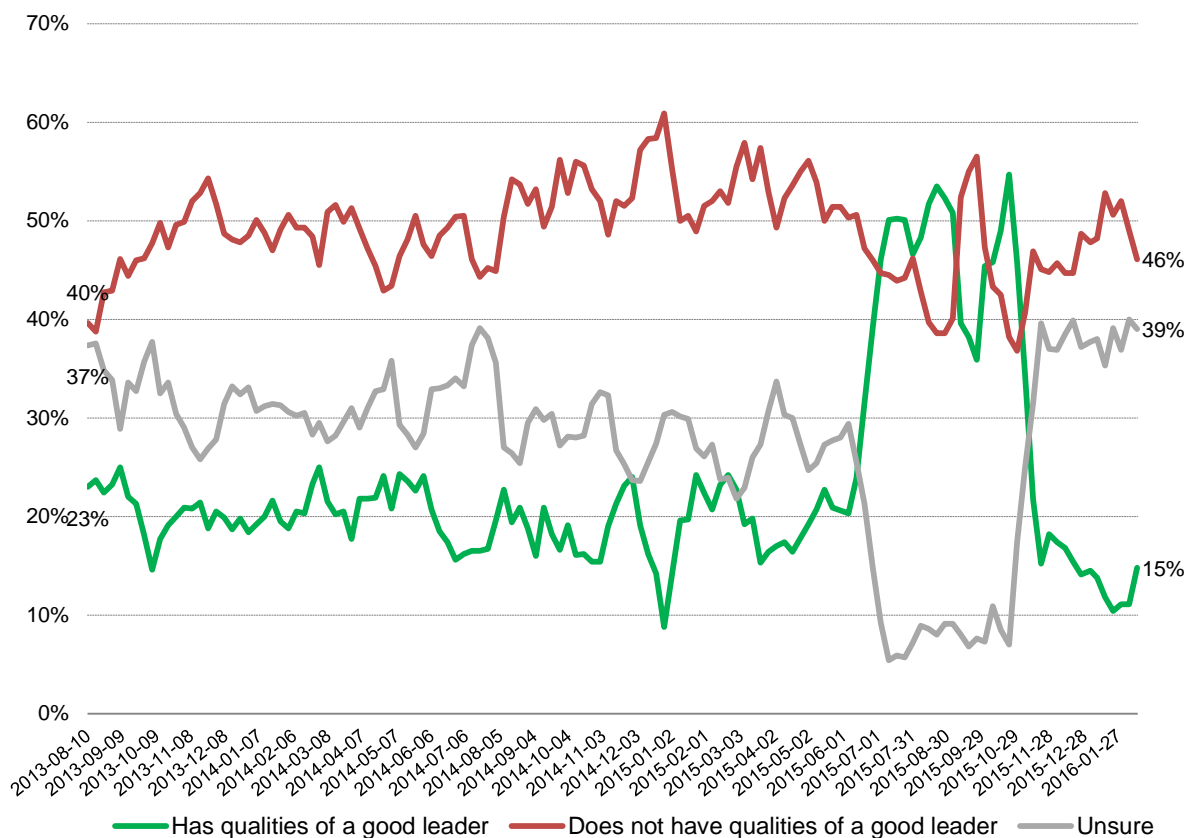
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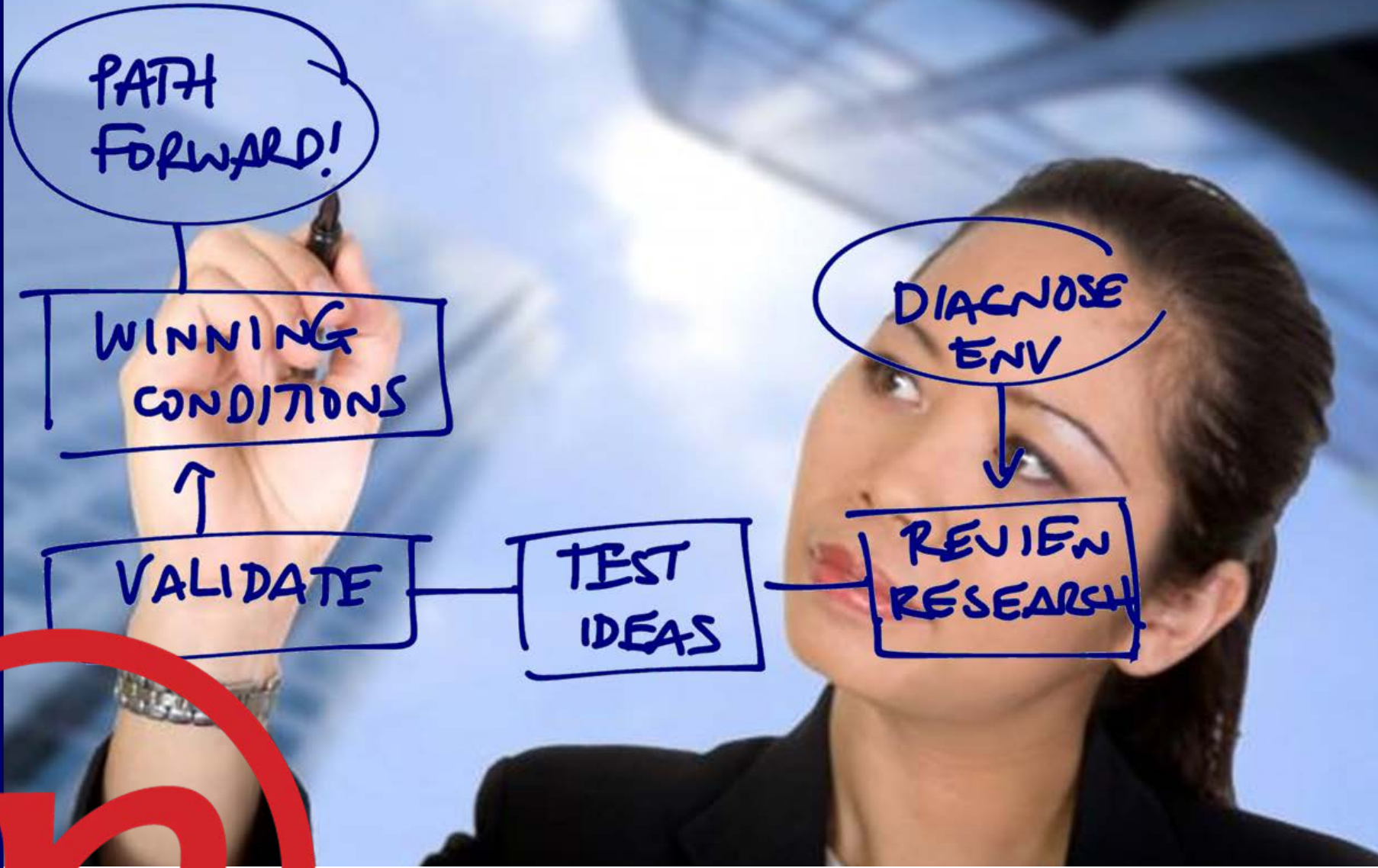　　　nnanos@nanosresearch.com

Quebec only – Weekly Tracking – Qualities of a Good Political Leader (Ending February 12th, 2016, n=248)

Legend: Has qualities of a good leader — Does not have qualities of a good leader — Unsure

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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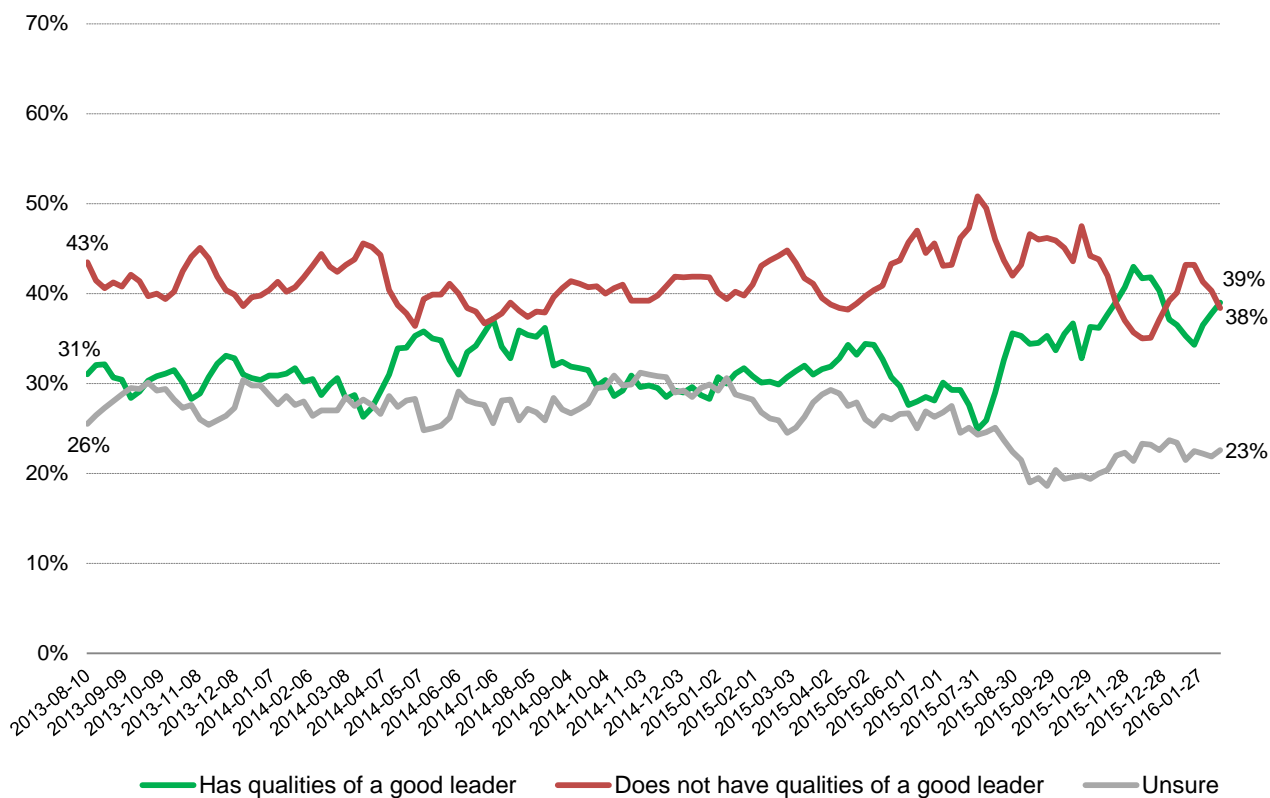
Methodology

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 a dual frame (land + cell-lines) random telephone interviews with 1,000 Canadians 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.

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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Technical Note

Element	Description
Organization who commissioned the research	Nanos Research
Sample Size	1,000 randomly selected individuals; four week-rolling average of 250 interviews per week. The interviews are compiled into a four week rolling average of 1,000 interviews, where each day the oldest group of 250 interviews is dropped and a new group of 250 interviews is added.
Margin of Error	±3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.
Mode of Survey	Tracking; RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) random telephone survey.
Sampling Method Base	The sample included both land- and cell-lines RDD (Random Digit Dialed) across Canada.
Demographics (Captured)	Atlantic Canada, Quebec, Ontario, Prairies, British Columbia; Men and Women; 18 years and older. Six digit postal code was used to validate geography.
Demographics (Other)	Age, gender, education, income
Fieldwork/Validation	Live interviews with live supervision to validate work as per the MRIA Code of Conduct
Number of Calls	Maximum of five call backs.
Time of Calls	Local time 5:00-9:00 pm, on weekends 12:00- 9:00 pm.
Field Dates	January 17th, to February 12th, 2016
Language of Survey	The survey was conducted in both English and French.

Element	Description
Weighting of Data	The results were weighted by age and gender using the latest Census information (2011) and the sample is geographically stratified to ensure a distribution across all regions of Canada. See tables for full weighting disclosure
Screening	Screening ensured potential respondents did not work in the market research industry, in the advertising industry, in the media or a political party prior to administering the survey to ensure the integrity of the data.
Excluded Demographics	Individuals younger than 18 years old; individuals without land or cell lines could not participate.
Stratification	By age and gender using the latest Census information (2011) and the sample is geographically stratified to be representative of Canada. Smaller areas such as Atlantic Canada were marginally oversampled to allow for a minimum regional sample.
Estimated Response Rate	Nine percent, consistent with industry norms.
Question Order	Question order in the preceding report reflects the order in which they appeared in the original questionnaire.
Question Content	This was part of a weekly tracking survey. The preceding module included questions about national issues of concern and ballot preferences and economic confidence.
Question Wording	The wording of questions is as presented in the report with a randomization of the political leaders for the question involving leader qualities.
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2015 Federal Election	NANOS Sunday, October 18th, 2015	ELECTION Results Monday, October 19th, 2015	Variance
Liberal	39.1%	39.5%	0.4
Conservative	30.5%	31.9%	1.4
NDP	19.7%	19.7%	0
BLOC Québécois	5.5%	4.7%	0.8
green PARTY OF CANADA	4.6%	3.4%	1.2
Other	0.5%	0.5%	0
Numbers of interviews (aggregate)	722		
Margin of error	±3.7		

Election results from Elections Canada as of 10:30am EST on October 20th, 2015.