# Liberals comfortably ahead but show downward trajectory on all measures in Nanos tracking

Nanos Weekly Tracking, ending January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (released January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - 6 am Eastern)







#### At a glance

**Ballot** – The Trudeau Liberals enjoy a 13 point advantage over the Conservatives but are trending downward. Ballot support stands at 41.4 per cent for the Liberals, 28.4 per cent for the Conservatives, 16.2 per cent for the NDP, 6.1 per cent for the Greens and 6.1 per cent for the BQ.

Accessible Voters – Asked a series of independent questions for each federal party, 56.3 per cent of Canadians would consider voting Liberal (a new 12 month low) while 44.5 per cent would consider voting Conservative, 40.6 per cent would consider voting NDP, and 34.8 per cent would consider voting Green.

**Preferred Prime Minister** – Asked their preferences for Prime Minister, Trudeau is the choice of 46.7 per cent (a new 12 month low), Ambrose is the choice of 18.8 per cent, Mulcair 11.1 per cent, May 5.1 per cent and 17.5 per cent of Canadians were unsure.

**Qualities of a Good Political Leader** – Almost two of three Canadians (64.8%) believe Trudeau has the qualities of a good political leader (a new 12 month low) while 48.8 per cent thought similarly of Mulcair. More than one in three Canadians (37.6%) think Ambrose has the qualities of a good political leader and 36.0 per cent think May has the qualities of a good political leader.

**Nanos Party Power Index** – The Liberals scored 61.9 out of a possible 100 points on the Nanos Index (a new 12 month low) while the Conservatives scored 47.8 points, the NDP 46.4 points, the Greens 34.0 points and the BQ 24.5 points (QC only).

Visit the live <u>Nanos data portal</u> where you can dynamically chart ballot, preferred PM and Nanos Index numbers by region, gender and age. The methodology for the weekly tracking is posted <u>here</u>. PDFs of the polling reports are on the Nanos website.

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# **Party Power Index**

Ballot

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Category order based on number of seats in the House of Commons

**Nanos Tracking Data Summary** 

	This week Last we	Oct 18 (Election ek Call)	4 Weeks Ago	3 Months Ago (Oct 15/16)	1 Year Ago	12 Month High	12 Month Low	
Liberal	41.4% 43.0%	39.1%	43.6%	46.3%	43.1%	47.7%	40.7%	
Conservative	28.4% 28.5%	30.5%	27.4%	26.2%	25.6%	29.6%	24.2%	
NDP	16.2% 16.2%	19.7%	16.7%	15.4%	21.1%	21.2%	13.3%	
Bloc	6.1% 5.2%	5.5%	4.9%	4.3%	3.3%	6.1%	3.0%	
Green	6.1% 5.4%	4.6%	5.6%	6.2%	5.5%	6.8%	4.0%	

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	Preferred Prime Minister	This week	Last week	Oct 18 2015	4 Weeks Ago	3 Months Ago (Oct 15/16)	1 Year Ago	12 Month High	12 Month Low	
rch.com	Trudeau	46.7%	49.3%	35.5%	52.4%	52.2%	53.5%	56.3%	46.7%	
	Ambrose	18.8%	18.1%	29.1%	16.4%	14.6%	13.7%	18.8%	13.7%	
er of	Mulcair	11.1%	10.0%	18.9%	7.4%	8.4%	10.6%	13.0%	7.4%	
	Fortin	0.8%	0.5%	1.8%	1.1%	0.7%	1.0%	1.8%	0.2%	
	Мау	5.1%	4.0%	5.2%	4.9%	5.4%	4.5%	6.1%	3.3%	
	Unsure	17.5%	18.0%	9.6%	17.9%	18.7%	16.8%	19.9%	14.0%	

Canada Party Power Index	This week	Last week	Oct 18 2015	4 Weeks Ago	3 Months Ago (Oct 15/16)	1 Year Ago	12 Month High	12 Month Low
Liberal	61.9	63.2	58.1	64.3	66.3	67.0	68.0	61.9
Conservative	47.8	47.5	49.3	46.7	44.7	43.8	47.8	43.8
NDP	46.4	45.9	49.8	45.2	44.6	49.6	49.6	43.8
Bloc	24.5	24.2	31.5	25.5	25.1	23.2	27.5	22.1
Green	34.0	33.1	30.4	33.1	34.1	32.8	35.2	32.2
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#### **Nanos Tracking Data Summary**

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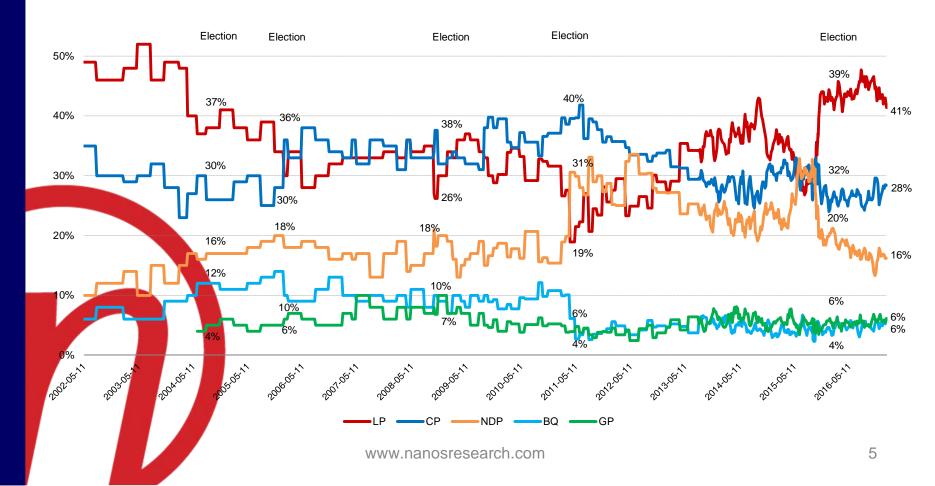
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Party Consider	This week	Last week	Oct 18 2015	4 Weeks Ago	Ago (Oct 15/16)	1 Year Ago	12 Month High	12 Month Low	
Liberal	56.3%	59.5%	54.7%	61.2%	63.3%	63.3%	66.6%	56.3%	
Conservative	44.5%	44.2%	39.3%	43.7%	40.2%	41.0%	45.4%	35.2%	
NDP	40.6%	41.4%	40.4%	43.3%	38.7%	42.5%	45.3%	37.4%	
Bloc	34.8%	28.9%	30.4%	32.1%	27.9%	25.1%	39.2%	23.7%	
Green	29.0%	30.1%	22.7%	32.5%	29.9%	31.2%	35.6%	27.7%	

Has Qualities of Leader	f a Good Political	This week	Last week	Oct 18 2015	4 Weeks Ago	3 Months Ago (Oct 15/16)	1 Year Ago	12 Month High	12 Month Low
Т	rudeau	64.8%	65.9%	61.3%	68.6%	70.2%	71.6%	73.9%	64.8%
A	mbrose	37.6%	35.5%	51.8%	34.8%	30.9%	28.7%	38.1%	28.7%
N	lulcair	48.8%	49.3%	57.2%	51.0%	48.2%	56.9%	56.9%	45.6%
F	ortin	17.0%	14.7%	51.2%	17.0%	15.5%	11.8%	21.4%	10.4%
N	<i>l</i> ay	36.0%	35.2%	36.4%	37.0%	37.8%	35.3%	41.8%	34.3%

## **National Ballot**

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

Weekly Tracking – First Ranked Choice – Long Term Trend (Four week rolling average ending January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017, n=867



#### **Federal Party Accessible Voters**

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#### **Consider Liberal**

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Question: For each of the following federal

consider or not consider voting for it.

National – Weekly Tracking (Ending January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017, n=1,000)

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[RANDOMIZE] Liberal Party

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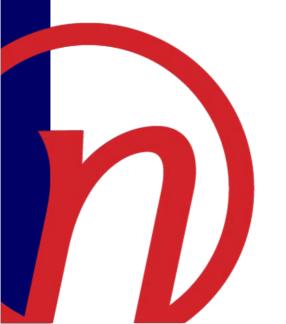
#### **Consider Conservative**



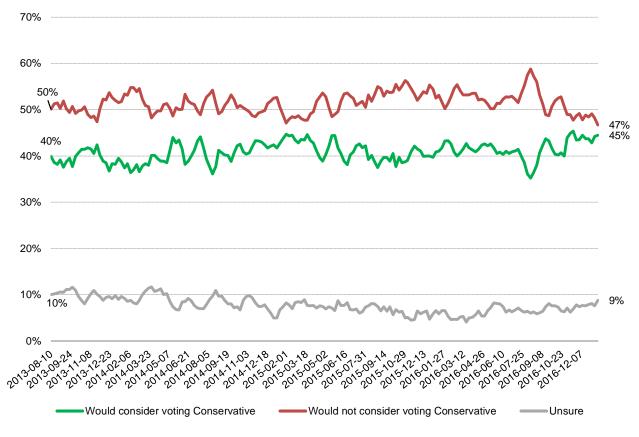
**Question:** For each of the following federal political parties, please tell me if you would consider or not consider voting for it. [RANDOMIZE] Conservative Party

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#### **Consider NDP**

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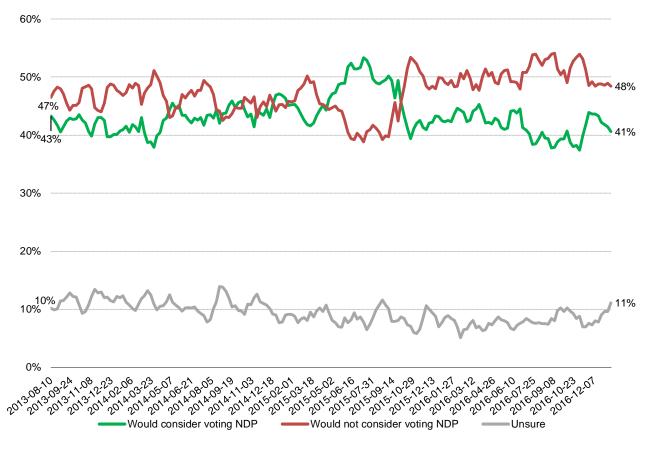


**Question:** For each of the following federal political parties, please tell me if you would consider or not consider voting for it. [RANDOMIZE] NDP

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#### **Consider Bloc**

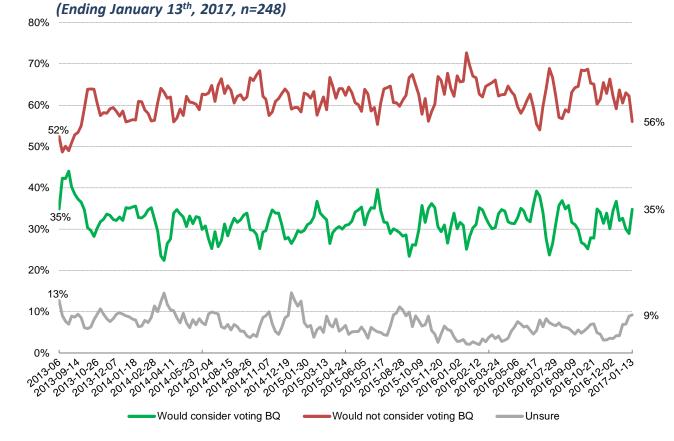
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**Question:** For each of the following federal political parties, please tell me if you would consider or not consider voting for it. [RANDOMIZE] Bloc Québécois

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#### **Consider Green**

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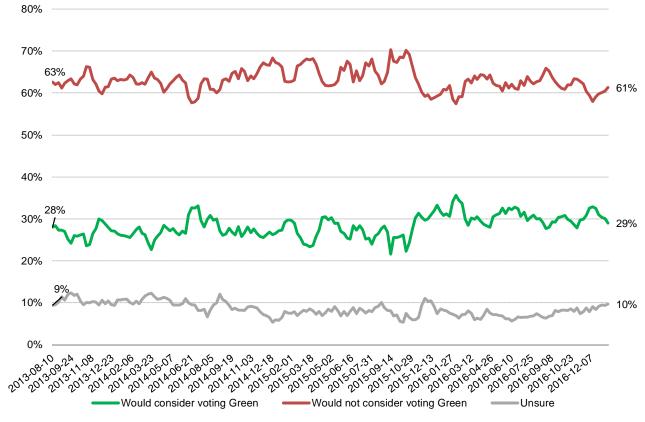
**Question:** For each of the following federal political parties, please tell me if you would consider or not consider voting for it. [RANDOMIZE] Green Party

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#### **Tracking on the Federal Political Leaders**

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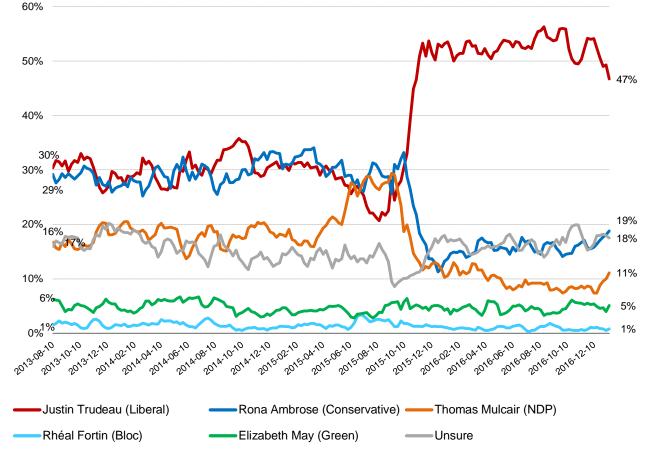


National – Weekly Tracking – Preferred Prime Minister First Ranked Choice (Ending January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017, n=1,000)

**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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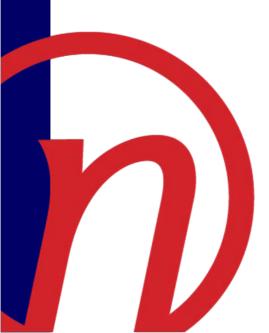
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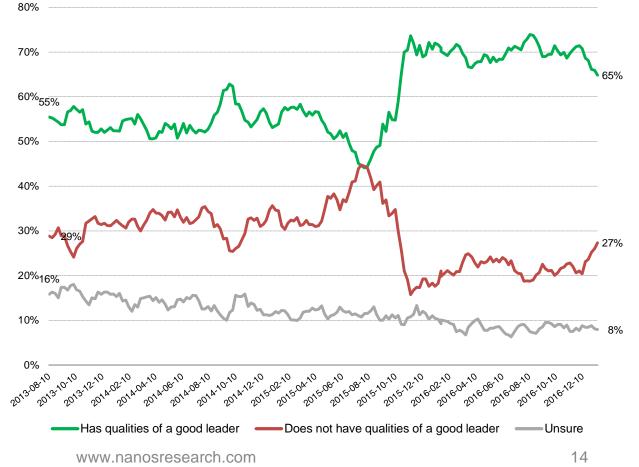
National – Weekly Tracking – Qualities of a Good Political Leader (Ending January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017, n=1,000)

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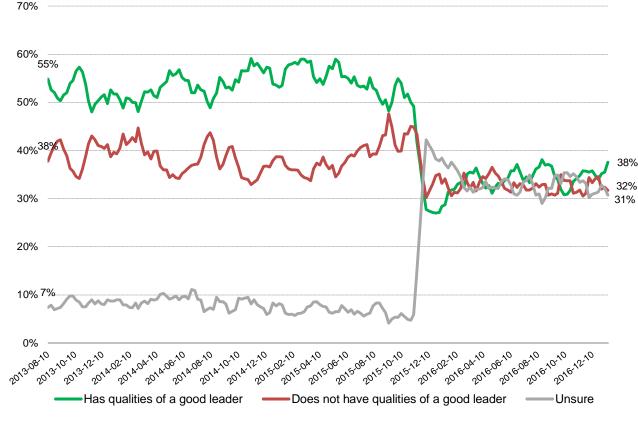
**Question:** For each of the following federal political party leaders, do you think they have or do not have the qualities to be a good political leader? [RANDOMIZE] Rona Ambrose

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#### National – Weekly Tracking– Qualities of a Good Political Leader (Ending January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017, n=1,000)



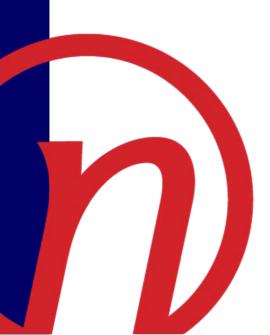
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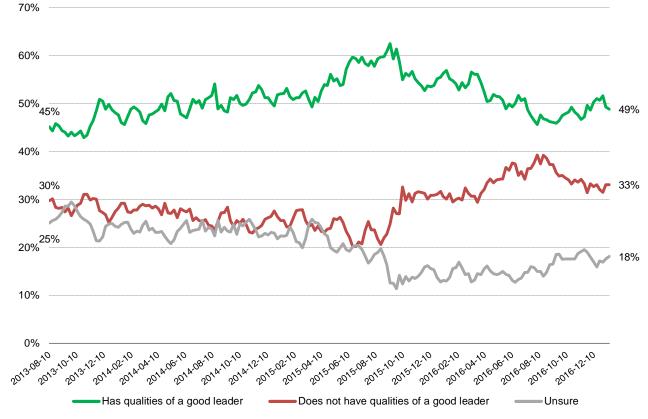
**Question:** For each of the following federal political party leaders, do you think they have or do not have the qualities to be a good political leader? [RANDOMIZE] Thomas Mulcair

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#### National – Weekly Tracking– Qualities of a Good Political Leader (Ending January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017, n=1,000)



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Quebec only – Weekly Tracking – Qualities of a Good Political Leader (Ending January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017, n=248)

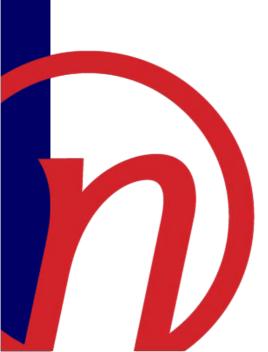
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**Question:** For each of the following federal political party leaders, do you think they have or do not have the qualities to be a good political leader? [RANDOMIZE] Rhéal Fortin

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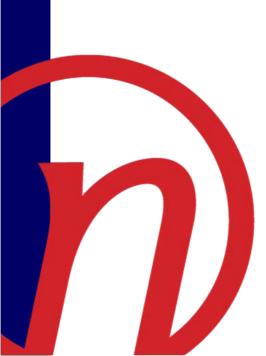
National – Weekly Tracking – Qualities of a Good Political Leader (Ending January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017, n=1,000)

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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] Elizabeth May

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#### **Nanos Party Power Index**

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# **Party Power Index**

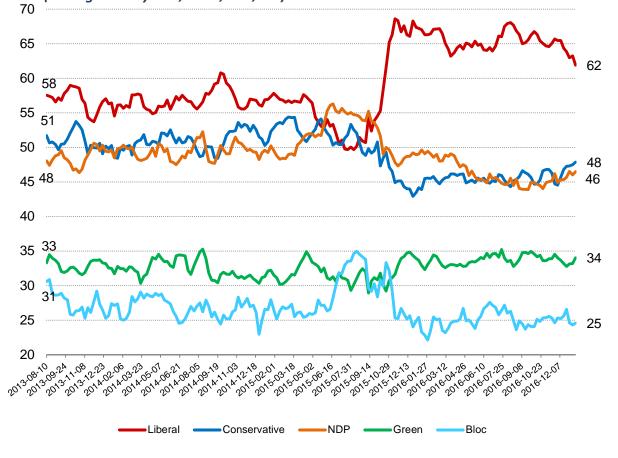
The Nanos Party Power Index Tracking for Canada is based on a composite of the following public opinion measures: the national ballot, which party individuals would consider voting for, the top two choices for Prime Minister, and whether each party leader has good leadership qualities.

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Canada Weekly Index Tracking Scores (Ending January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017, n=1,000)



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### Methodology

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The Weekly Nanos 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.

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.

#### **Technical Note**

Element	Description	Element	Description				
Organization who commissioned the research	Nanos Research	Weighting of	The results were weighted by age and gender using the latest Census information (2011) and the sample is geographically stratified to				
	1,000 randomly selected individuals; four week-rolling average of 250 interviews per week. The interviews	Data	ensure a distribution across all regions of Canada. See tables for full weighting disclosure				
Sample Size	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.	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.				
Margin of Error	±3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.	Excluded Demographics	Individuals younger than 18 years old; individuals without land or cell lines could not participate.				
Mode of Survey	Tracking; RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) random telephone survey.		By age and gender using the latest Census information (2011) and the sample is geographically stratified to be representative of				
Sampling Method Base	The sample included both land- and cell-lines RDD (Random Digit Dialed) across Canada.	Stratification	Canada. Smaller areas such as Atlantic Canada were marginally oversampled to allow for a minimum regional sample.				
Demographics (Contured)	Atlantic Canada, Quebec, Ontario, Prairies, British Columbia; Men and Women; 18 years and older.	Estimated Response Rate	Nine percent, consistent with industry norms.				
Demographics (Captured)	Six digit postal code was used to validate geography.	Question Order	Question order in the preceding report was asked in the following order – party consideration, unprompted vote preferences,				
Demographics (Other)	Age, gender, education, income		preferred Prime Minister and qualities of a good political leader.				
Fieldwork/Validation	Live interviews with live supervision to validate work as per the MRIA Code of Conduct	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.				
Number of Calls	Maximum of five call backs.	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.				
Time of Calls	Local time 5:00-9:00 pm, on weekends 12:00- 9:00 pm.	Survey Company	Nanos Research				
Field Dates	December 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2016 to January 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2017		Contact Nanos Research for more information or with any concerns				
Language of Survey	The survey was conducted in both English and French.	Contact	or questions. <u>http://www.nanosresearch.com</u> Telephone:(613) 234-4666 ext. 237 Email: nnanos@nanosresearch.com.				

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2015 Federal Election	NANOS Sunday, October 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	<b>ELECTION</b> Results Monday, October 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	Variance
Liberal	39.1%	39.5%	0.4
G	30.5%	31.9%	1.4
*NDP	19.7%	19.7%	0
<b>BLOC</b> Québécois	5.5%	4.7%	0.8
	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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015.