

Weekly Nanos Party Power Index Tracking

Nanos Weekly Tracking, ending October 4, 2013
(released October 9, 2013)



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Weekly Nanos Party Power Index



Analysis (Released 10/08/2013)

The latest weekly tracking on the Nanos Party Power Index for federal parties completed on October 4, 2013 by Nanos Research suggests that the Liberal brand equity currently tracks stronger than the other parties (59 points) compared to the Conservatives at 52 points, the NDP at 48 points, the Green Party at 33 points, and the Bloc Quebecois at 26 points (Quebec only) respectively. A score above 50 on the diffusion index suggests a net positive draw for a political party.

Party brand equity has shifted the most for the Bloc Quebecois in Quebec, dropping five points over the past two months, likely largely on the focus on the resignation of the BQ MP as a result of the controversy over Quebec's proposed "Charter of Values". The Conservative brand tracks strongest in the Prairies while the Liberal brand is strongest in Ontario and Atlantic Canada. In the province of Quebec, the brand strength of the New Democrats and the Liberals are at equivalent levels with neither party having the upper hand.

Accessible voters for the parties are relatively stable with the exception of the BQ who have seen an erosion in the percentage of the Quebecers who would consider voting BQ.

On the leadership front, Justin Trudeau and Stephen Harper are in a tight race in terms of who Canadians think would make the best Prime Minister.

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 1st and 2nd vote preferences;
- a measure of whether the respondent would consider voting for the party;
- the 1st and 2nd 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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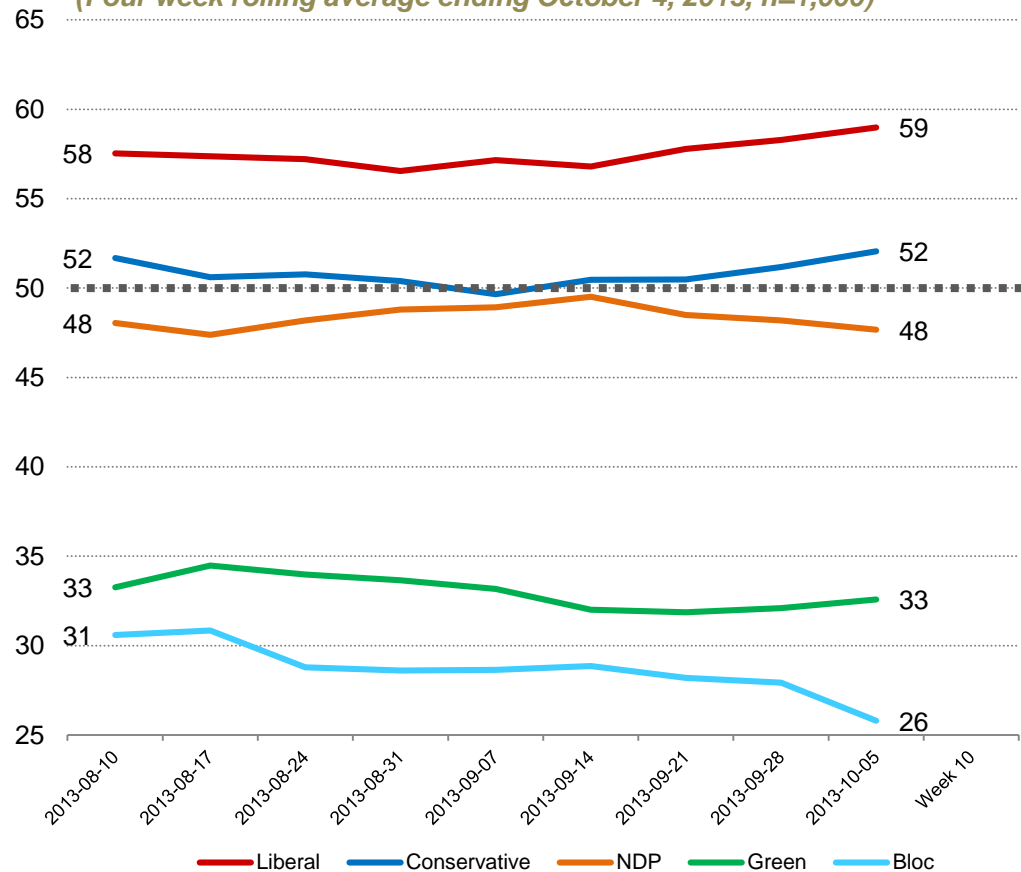
The Nanos Party Power Index Tracking for Canada is based on a composite of the following public opinion measures: the national ballot, which party individuals would consider voting for, the top two choices for Prime Minister, and whether each party leader has good leadership qualities.

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Canada Weekly Index Tracking Scores
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Party Power Index Tracking by Region

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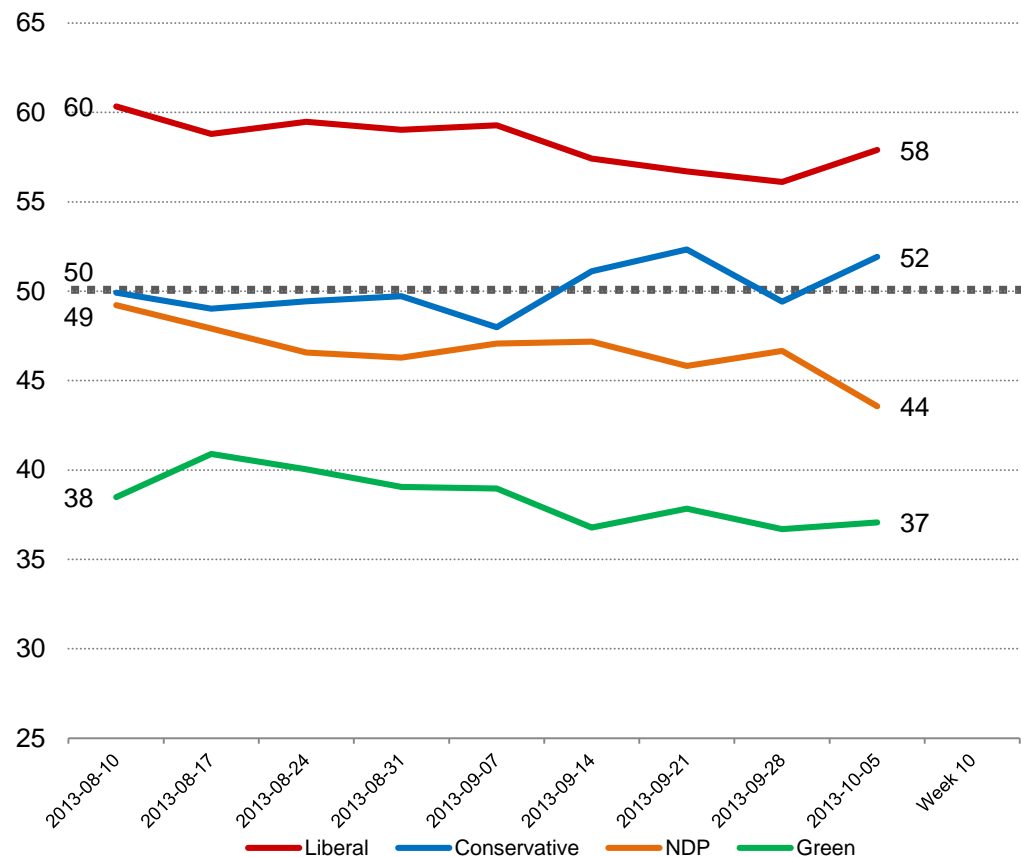
The Nanos Party Power Index Tracking for BC is based on a composite of the following public opinion measures: the national ballot, which party individuals would consider voting for, the top two choices for Prime Minister, and whether each party leader has good leadership qualities. There are wider margins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

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British Columbia Weekly Index Tracking Scores (Four week rolling average ending October 4, 2013, n=152)



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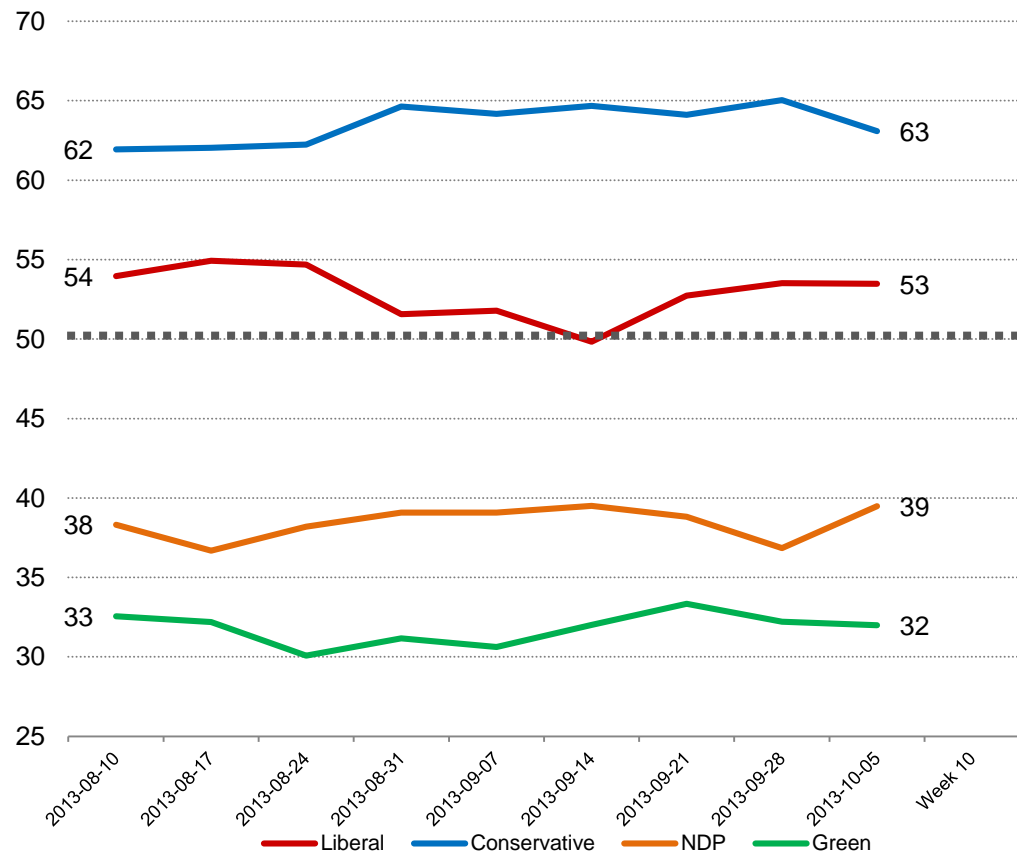
The Nanos Party Power Index Tracking for the Prairies is based on a composite of the following public opinion measures: the national ballot, which party individuals would consider voting for, the top two choices for Prime Minister, and whether each party leader has good leadership qualities. There are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

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Prairies Weekly Index Tracking Scores (Four week rolling average ending October 4, 2013, n=200)



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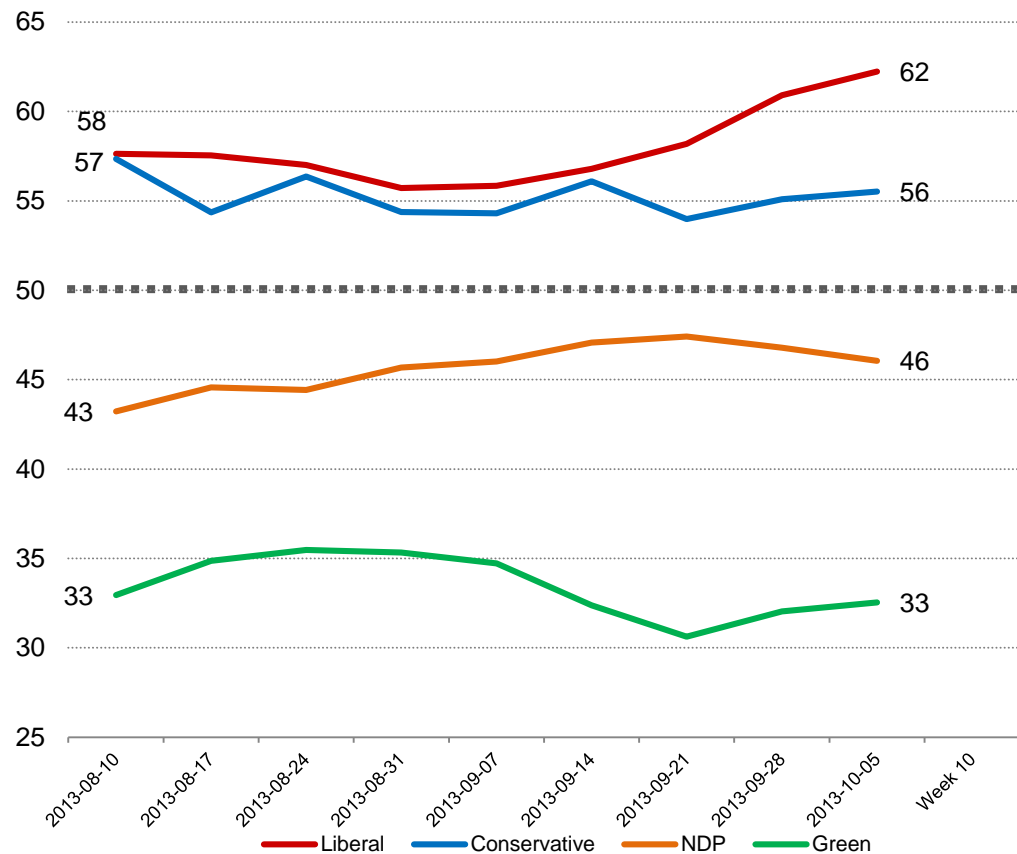
The Nanos Party Power Index Tracking for Ontario is based on a composite of the following public opinion measures: the national ballot, which party individuals would consider voting for, the top two choices for Prime Minister, and whether each party leader has good leadership qualities. There are wider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

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Ontario Weekly Index Tracking Scores (Four week rolling average ending October 4, 2013, n=300)



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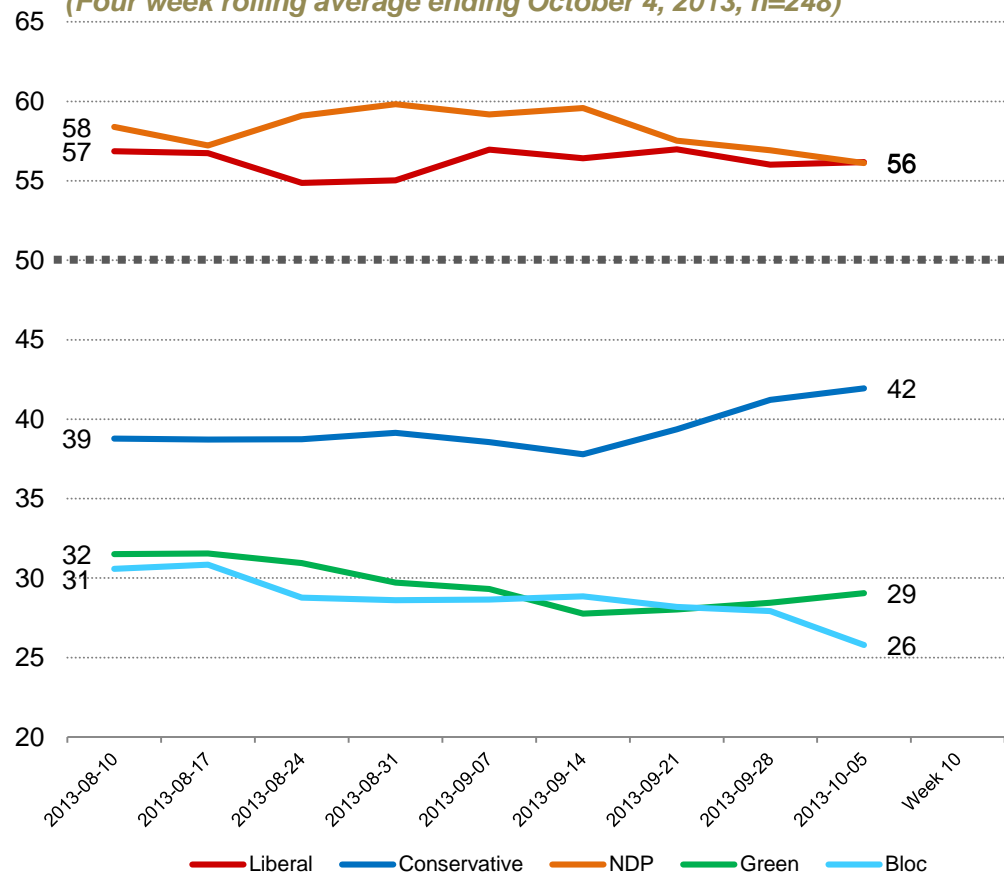
The Nanos Party Power Index Tracking for Quebec is based on a composite of the following public opinion measures: the national ballot, which party individuals would consider voting for, the top two choices for Prime Minister, and whether each party leader has good leadership qualities. There are wider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

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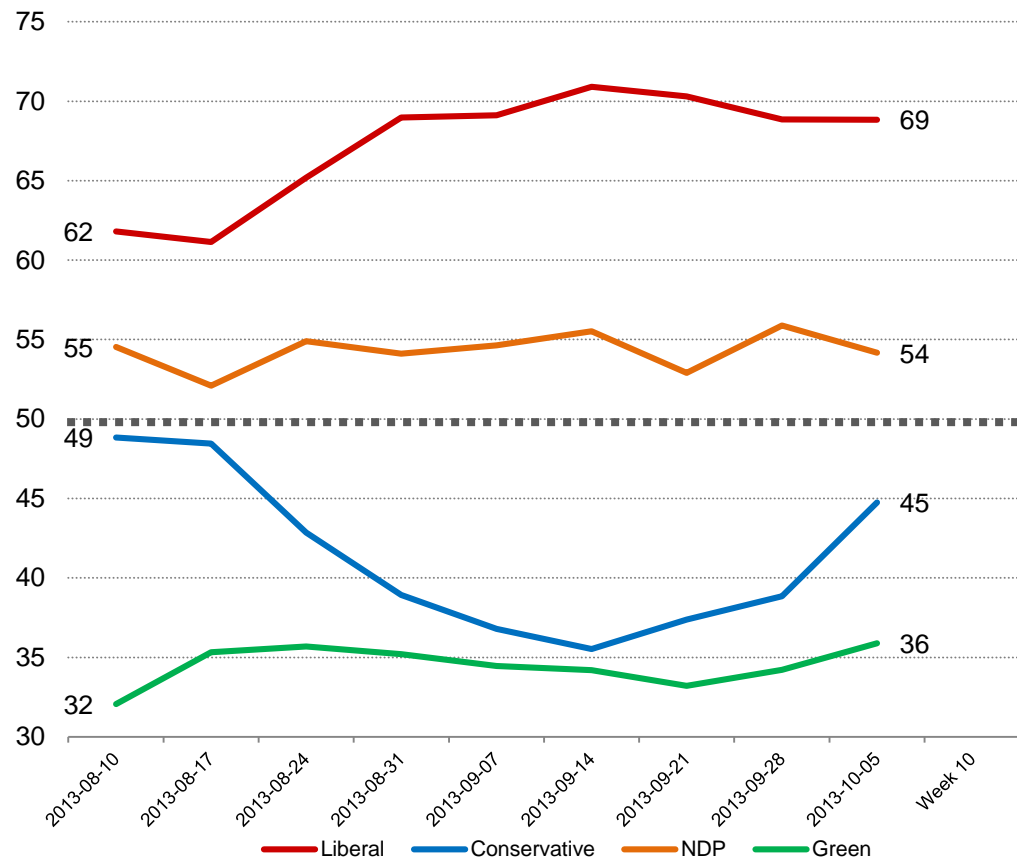
The Nanos Party Power Index Tracking for the Atlantic is based on a composite of the following public opinion measures: the national ballot, which party individuals would consider voting for, the top two choices for Prime Minister, and whether each party leader has good leadership qualities. There are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

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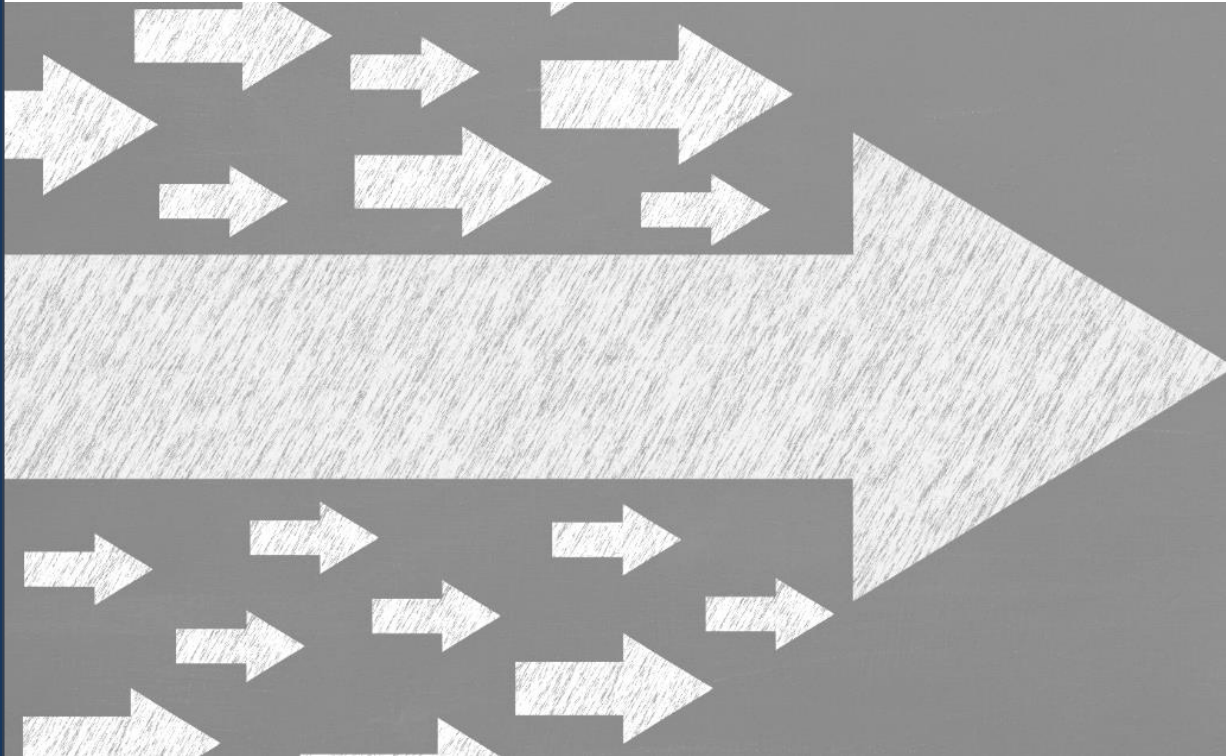
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Atlantic Weekly Index Tracking Scores (Four week rolling average ending October 4, 2013, n=100)



Party Power Index Tracking by Age

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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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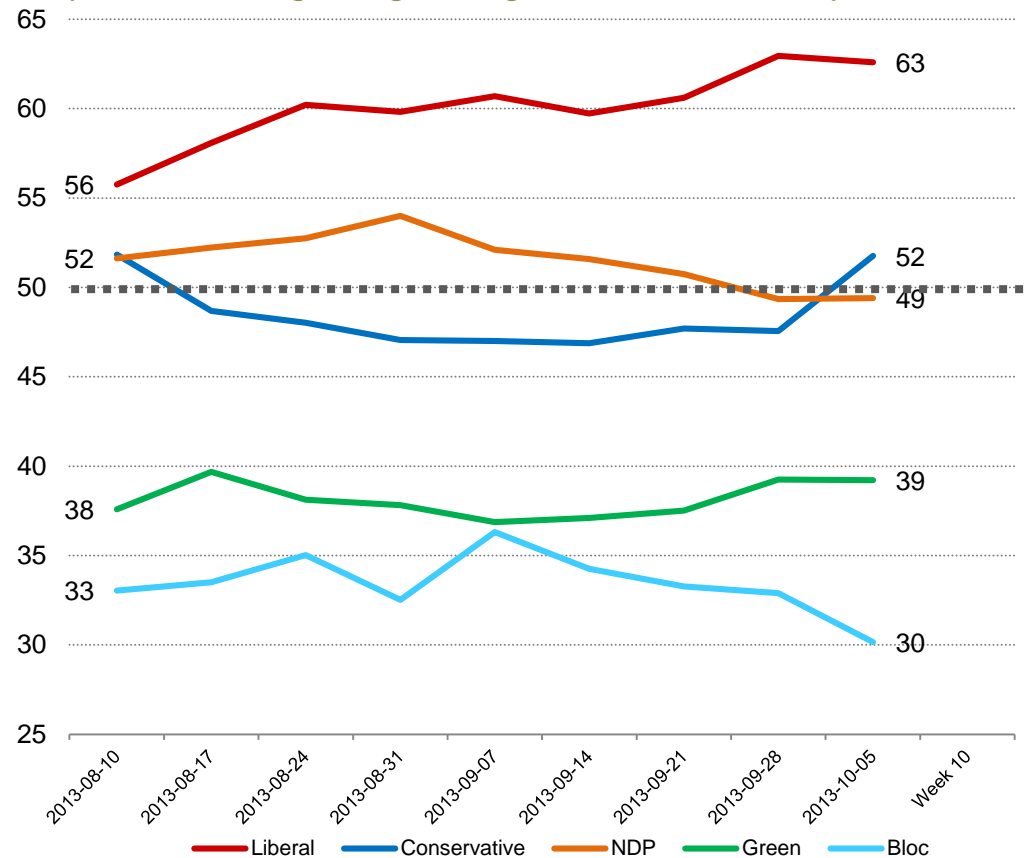
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18 to 29 Weekly Index Tracking Scores (Four week rolling average ending October 4, 2013, n=205)



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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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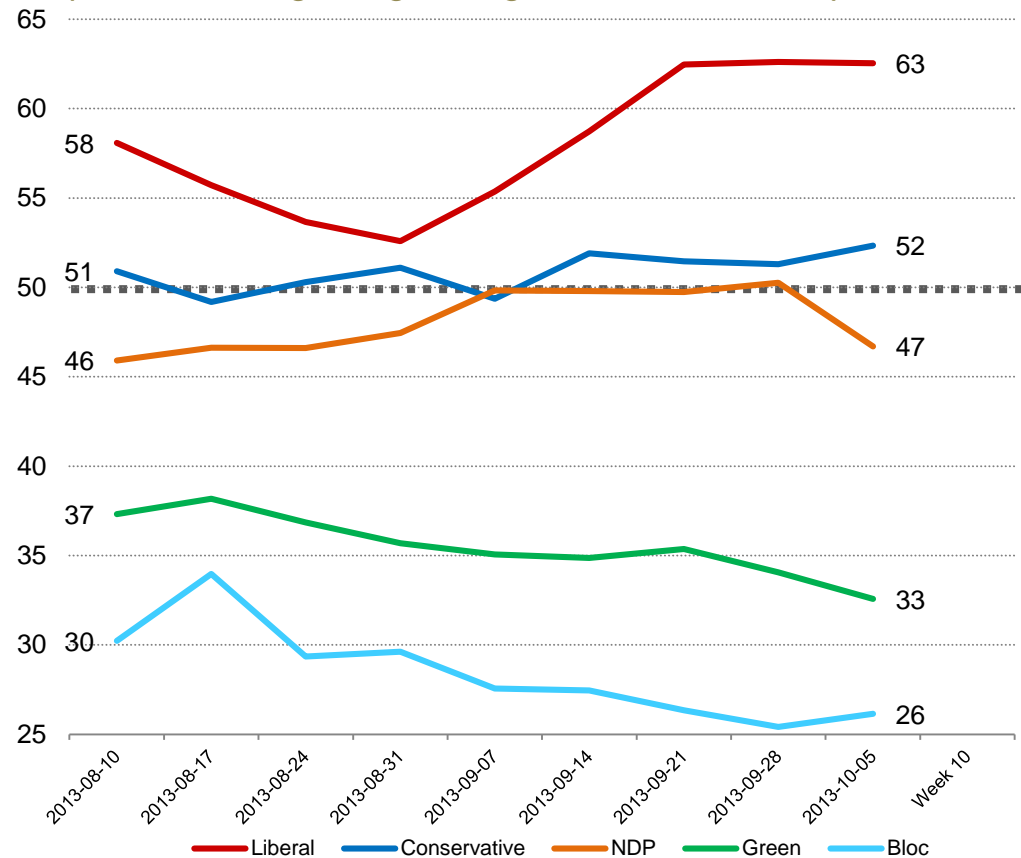
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30 to 39 Weekly Index Tracking Scores (Four week rolling average ending October 4, 2013, n=169)



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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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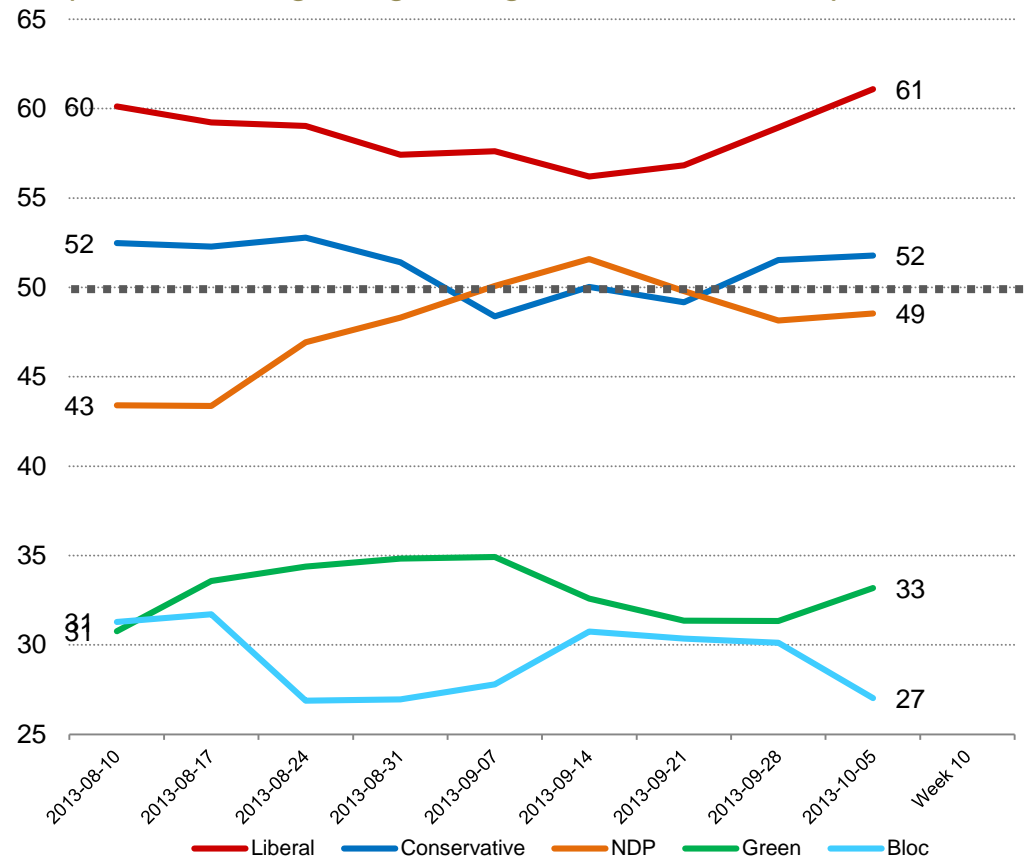
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40 to 49 Weekly Index Tracking Scores (Four week rolling average ending October 4, 2013, n=208)



Party Power Index



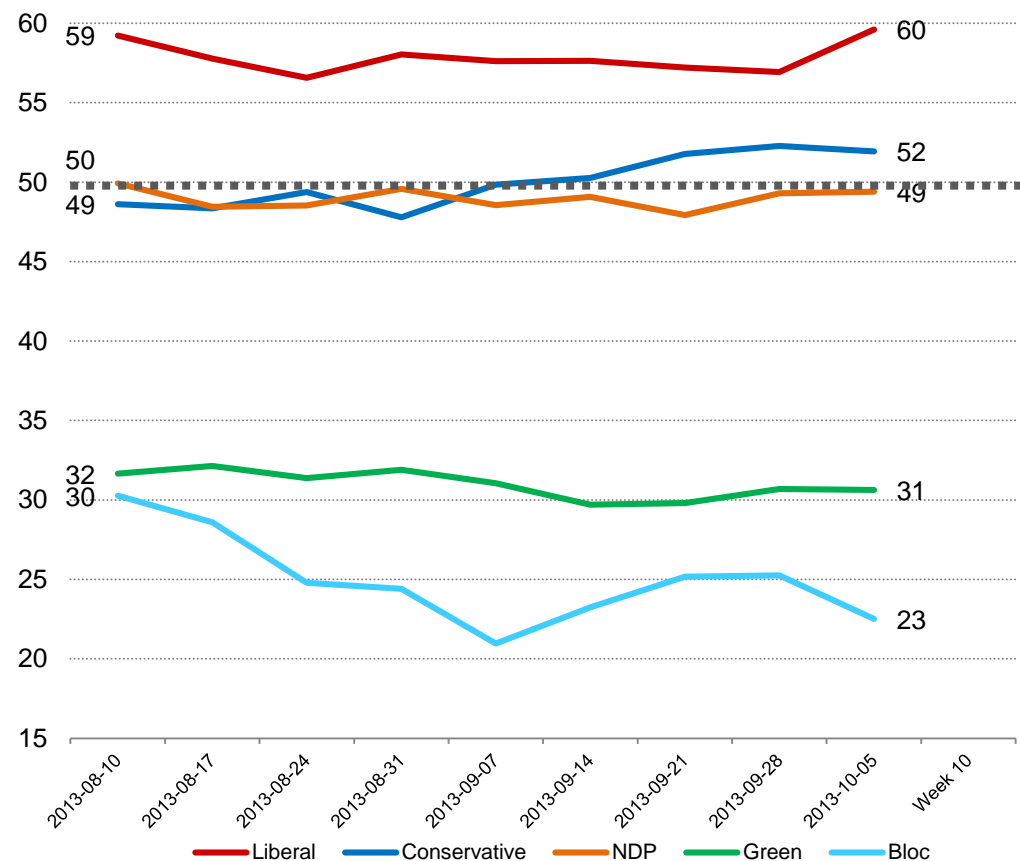
The Nanos Party Power Index Tracking for the 50 to 59 age group is based on a composite of the following public opinion measures: the national ballot, which party individuals would consider voting for, the top two choices for Prime Minister, and whether each party leader has good leadership qualities.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

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50 to 59 Weekly Index Tracking Scores
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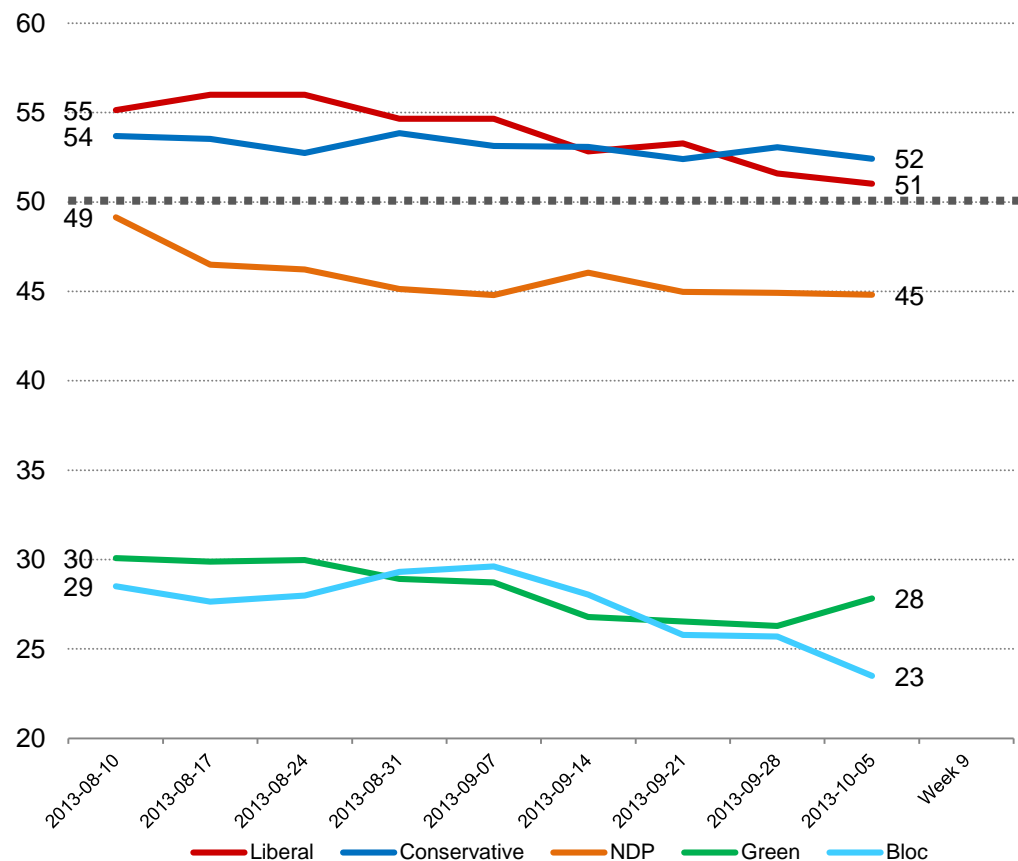
The Nanos Party Power Index Tracking for the 60 plus age group is based on a composite of the following public opinion measures: the national ballot, which party individuals would consider voting for, the top two choices for Prime Minister, and whether each party leader has good leadership qualities. There are wider margins of accuracy for age subsamples.

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60 plus Weekly Index Tracking Scores (Four week rolling average ending October 4, 2013, n=239)



Party Power Index Tracking by Gender

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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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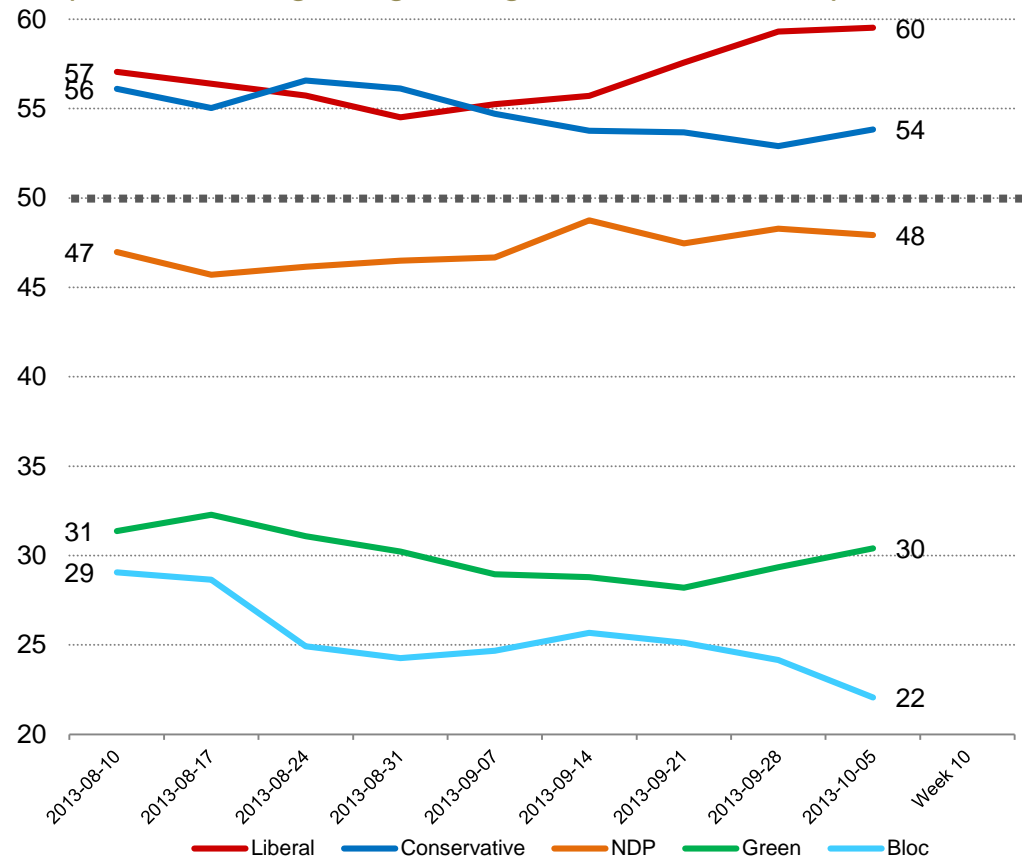
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Male Weekly Index Tracking Scores

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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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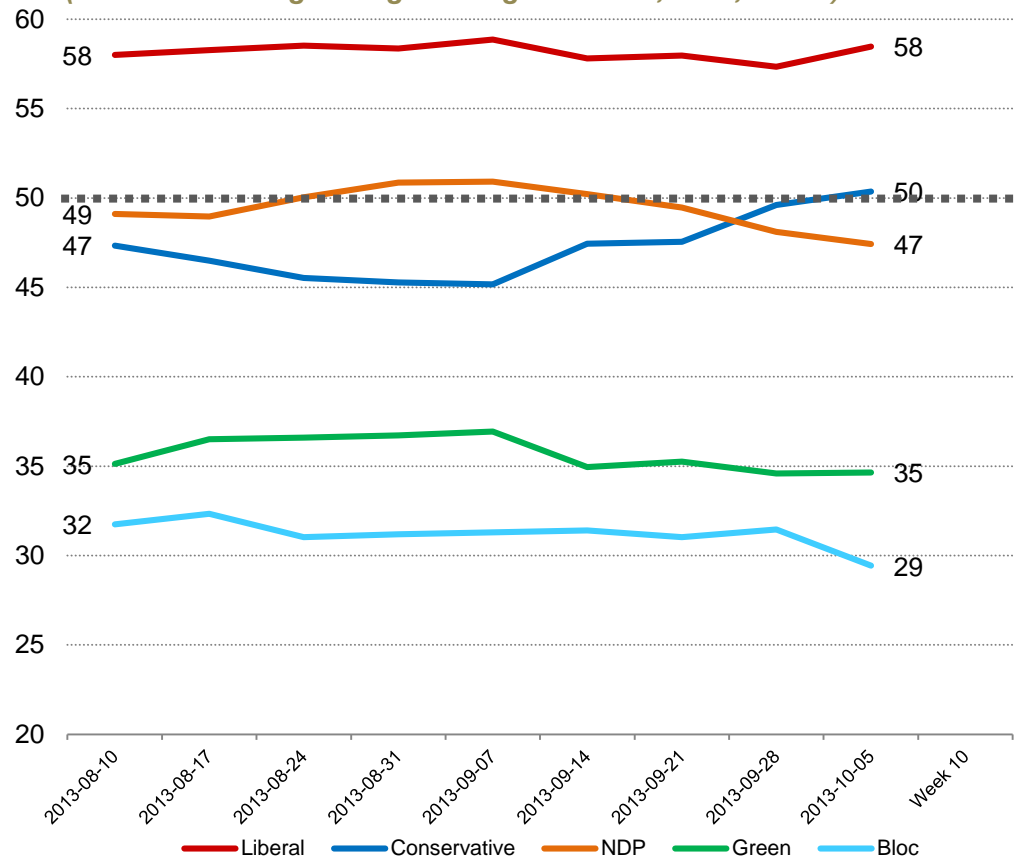
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Female Weekly Index Tracking Scores
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Federal Party Accessible Voters

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National Ballot



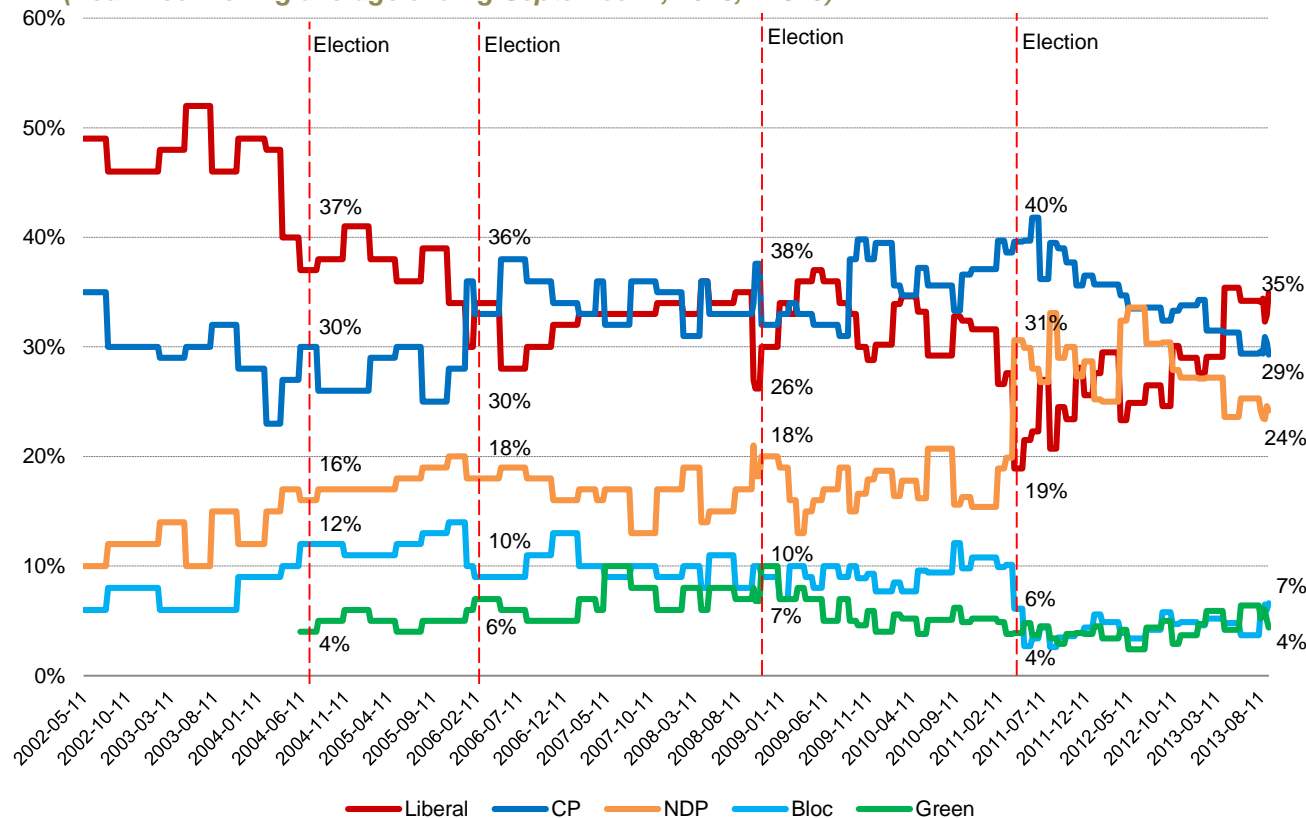
Question: For those parties you would consider voting for federally, could you please rank your top two current local preferences?

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Weekly Tracking – First Ranked Choice (Four week rolling average ending September 7, 2013, n=815)



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National Issue



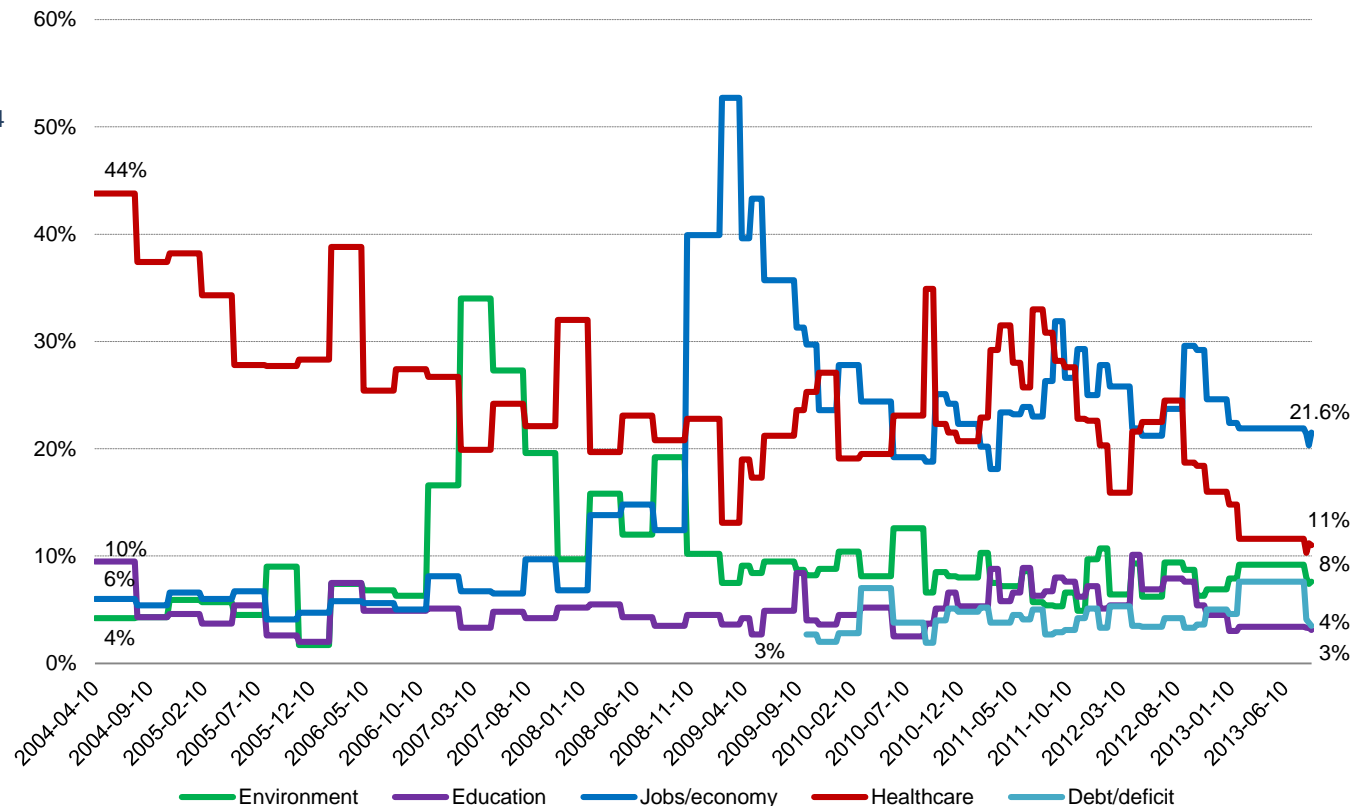
Question: What is your most important NATIONAL issue of concern?

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Weekly Tracking (Four week rolling average ending August 24th, 2013, n=1,000)

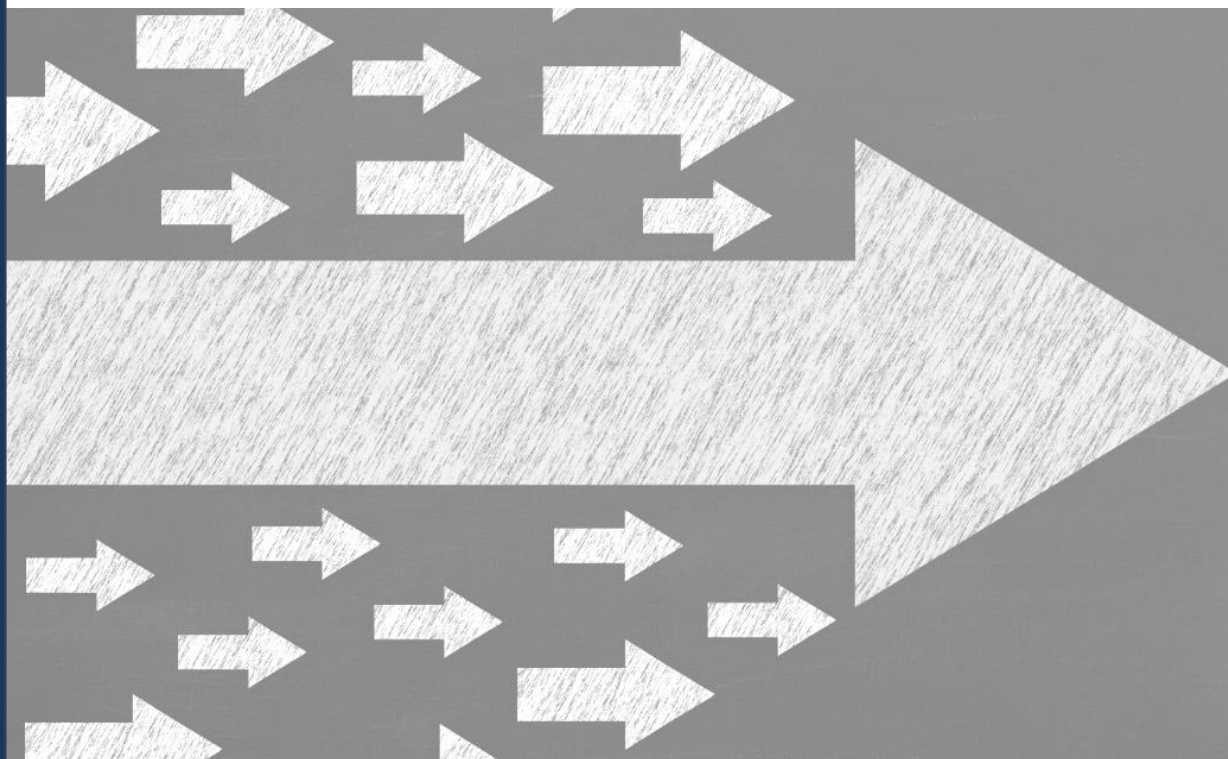


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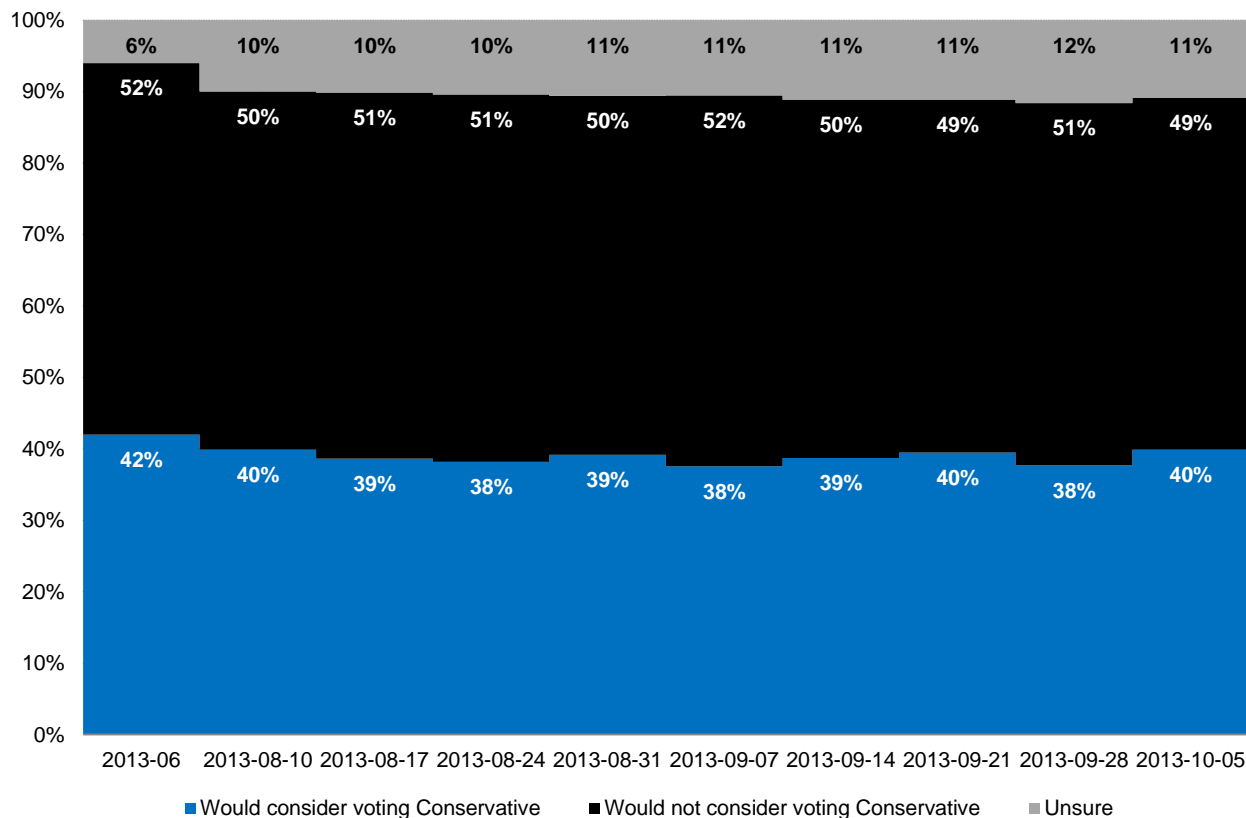
Question: For each of the following federal political parties, please tell me if you would consider or not consider voting for it.
[RANDOMIZE] Conservative Party

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Consider NDP



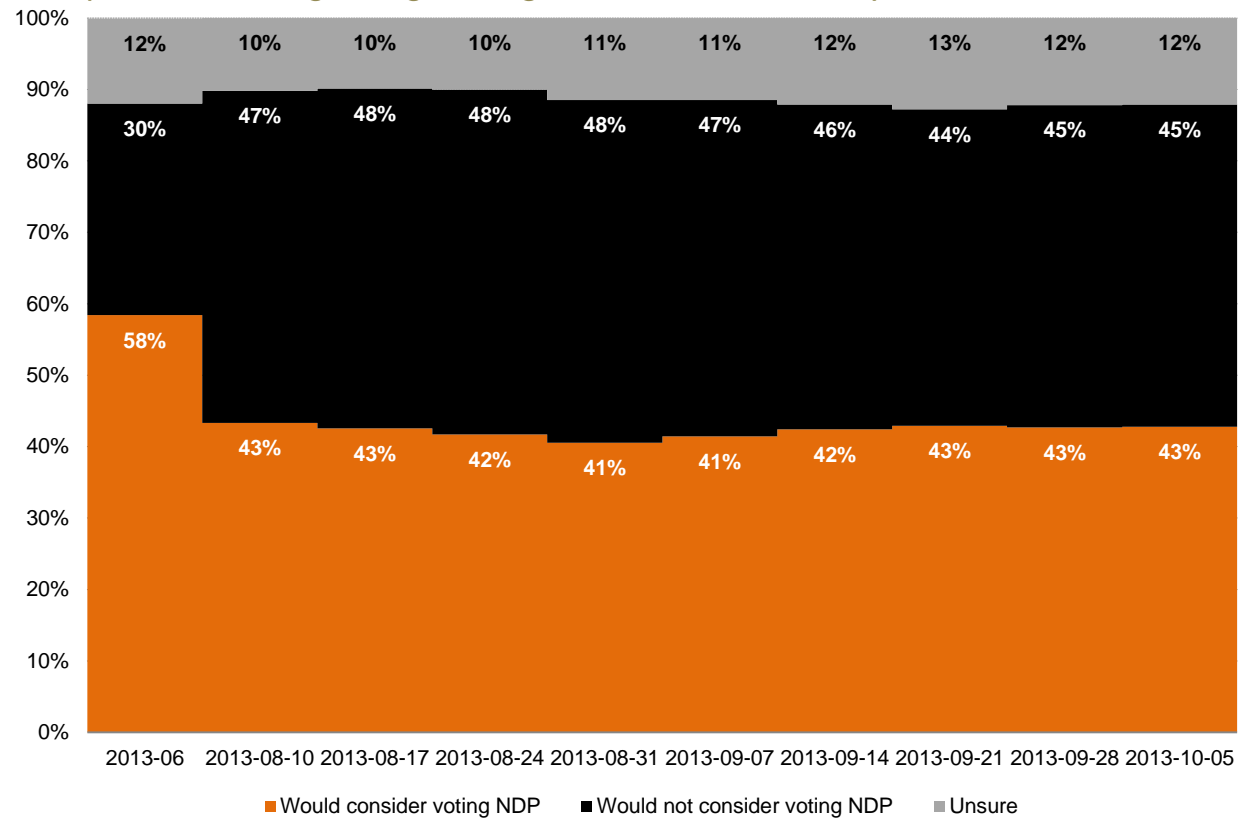
Question: For each of the following federal political parties, please tell me if you would consider or not consider voting for it.
[RANDOMIZE] NDP

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Consider Liberal



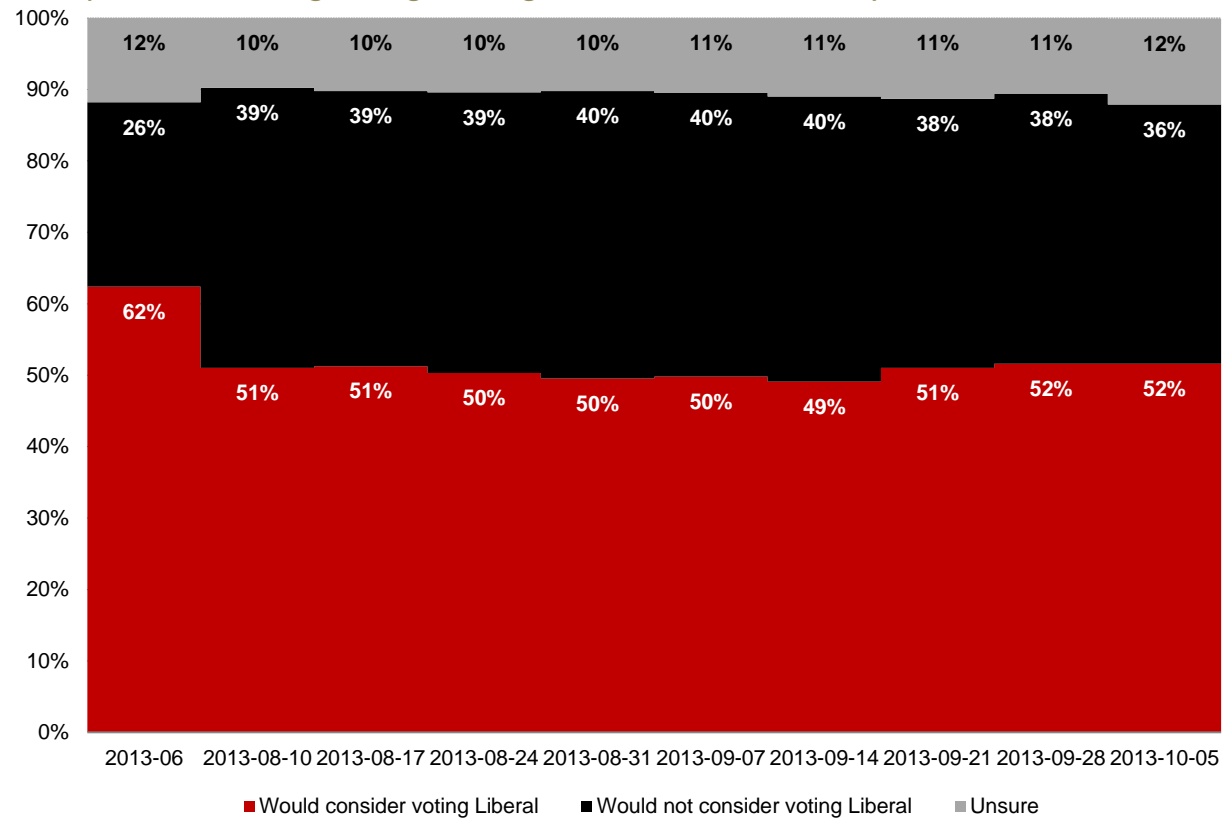
Question: For each of the following federal political parties, please tell me if you would consider or not consider voting for it.
[RANDOMIZE] Liberal Party

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Consider Bloc



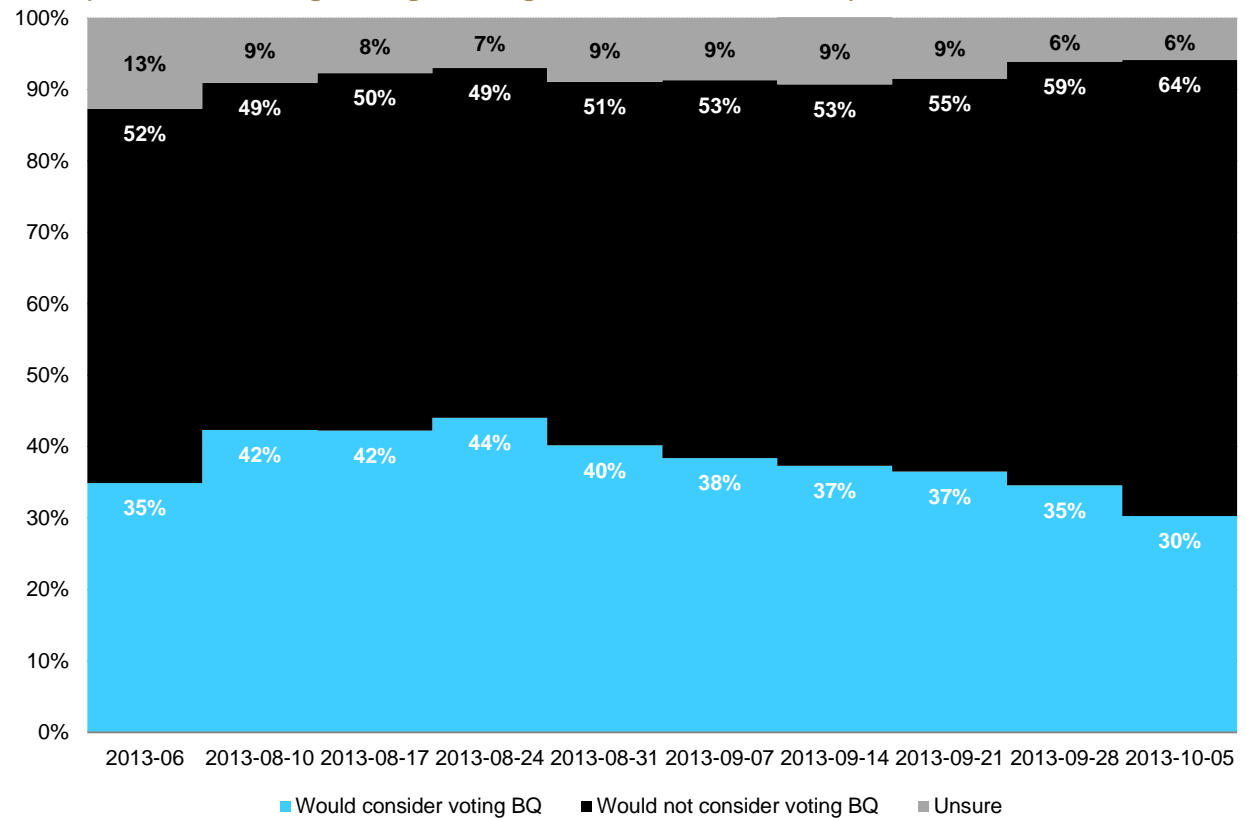
Question: For each of the following federal political parties, please tell me if you would consider or not consider voting for it. [RANDOMIZE] Bloc Québécois

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Quebec only – Weekly Tracking
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Consider Green



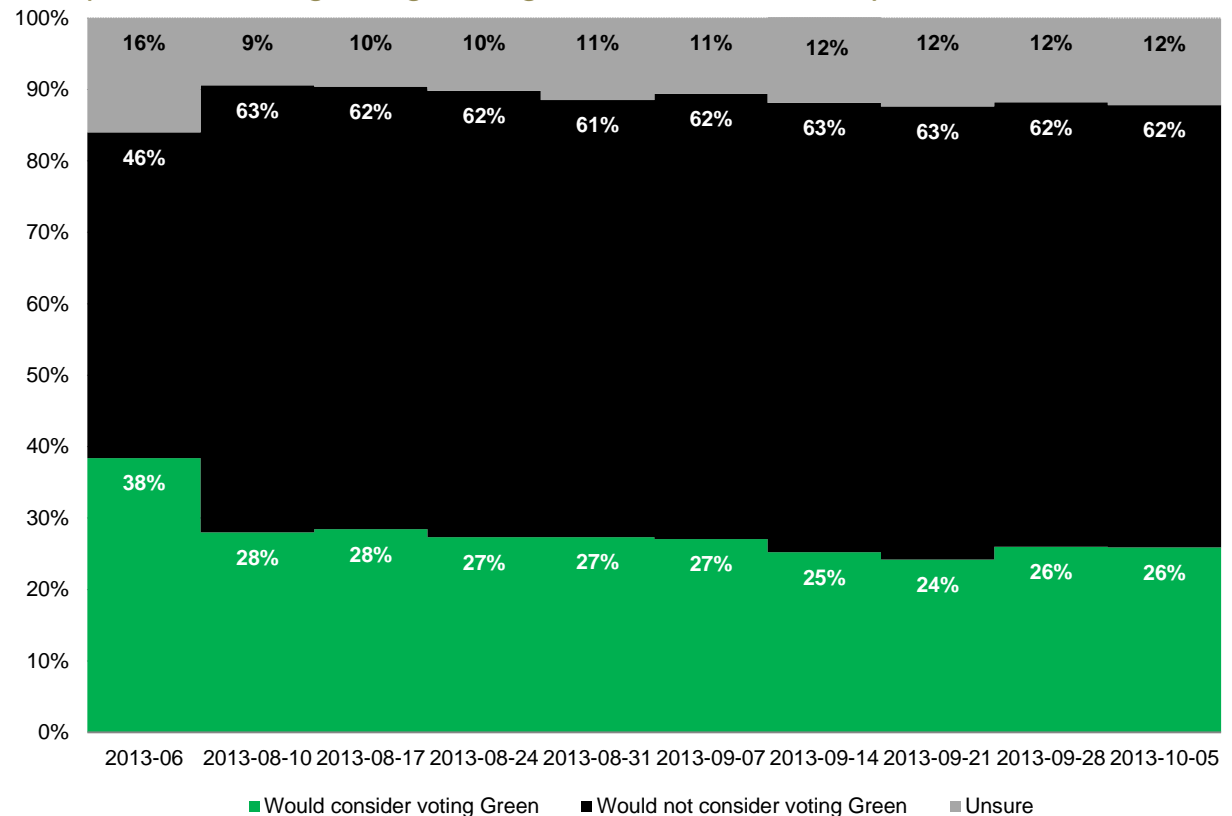
Question: For each of the following federal political parties, please tell me if you would consider or not consider voting for it.
[RANDOMIZE] Green Party

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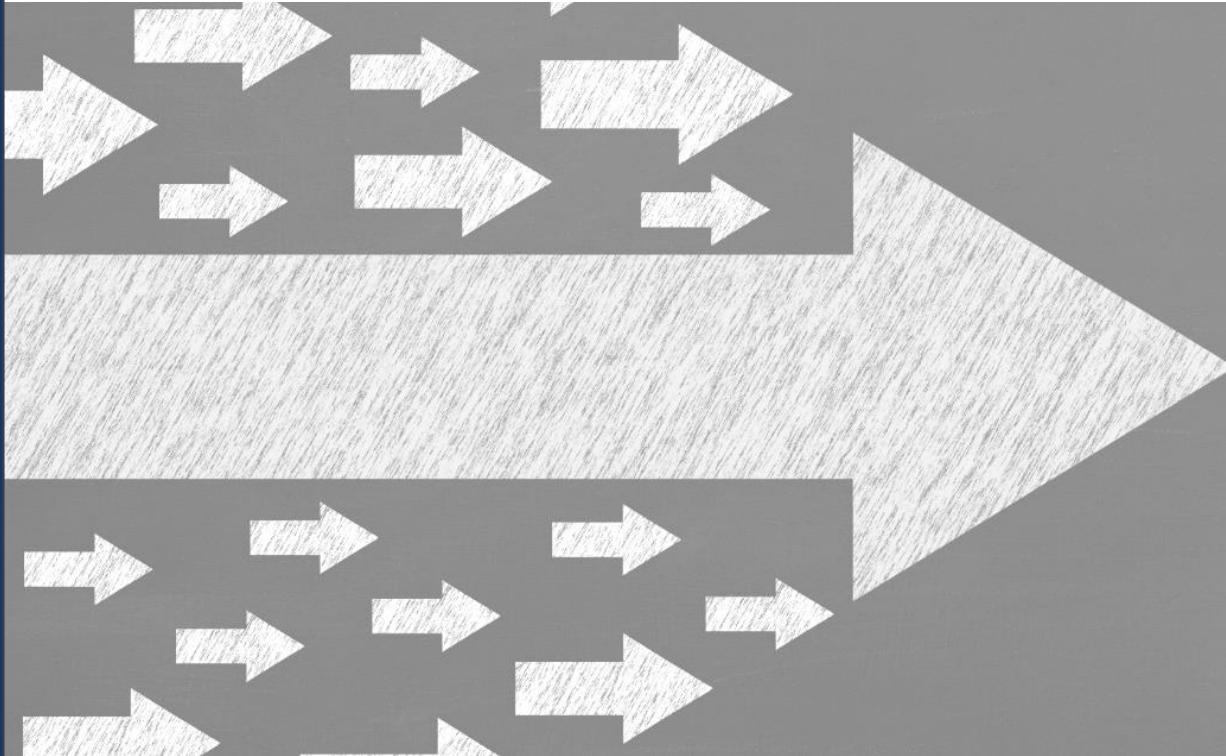
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Tracking on the Federal Political Leaders

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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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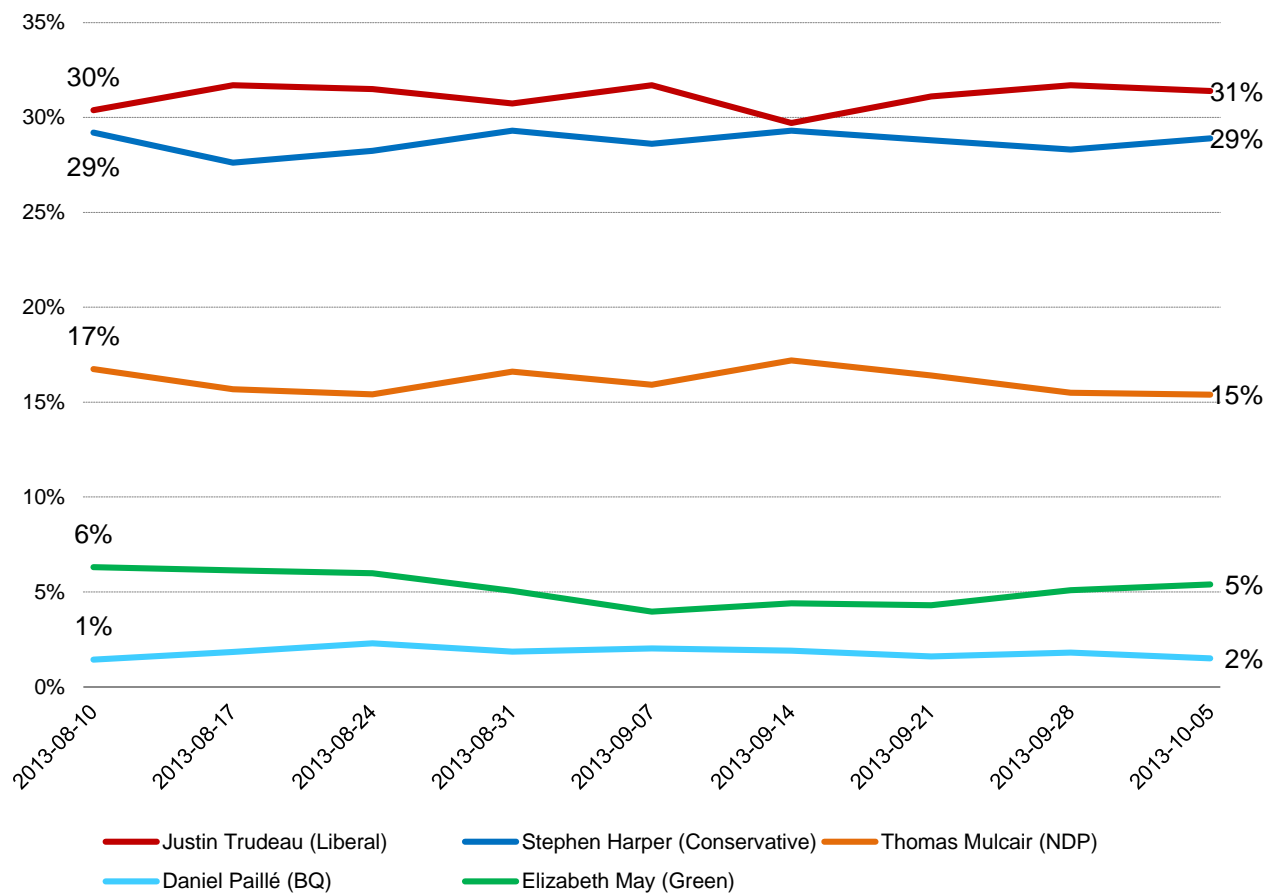
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National – Weekly Tracking – First Ranked Choice (Four week rolling average ending October 4, 2013, n=1,000)



Harper



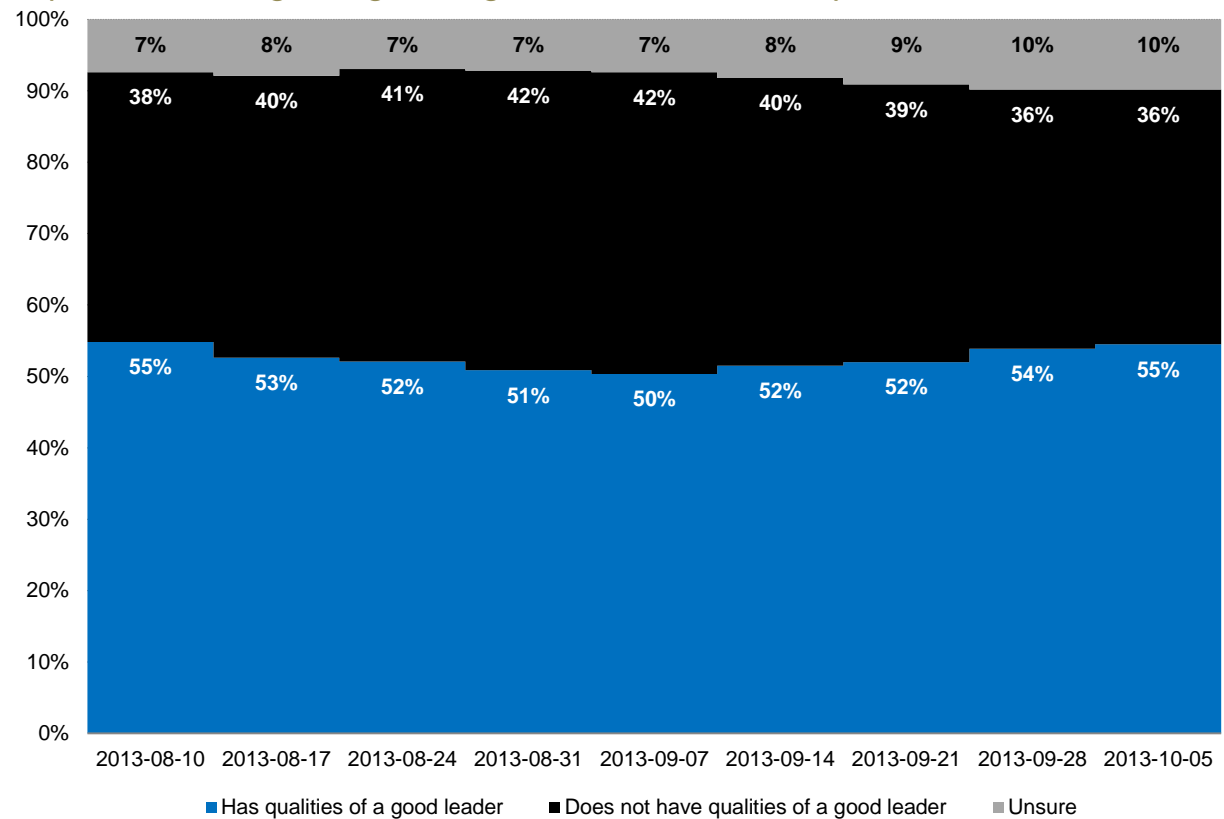
Question: For each of the following federal political party leaders, do you think they have or do not have the qualities to be a good political leader? [RANDOMIZE] Stephen Harper

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Mulcair



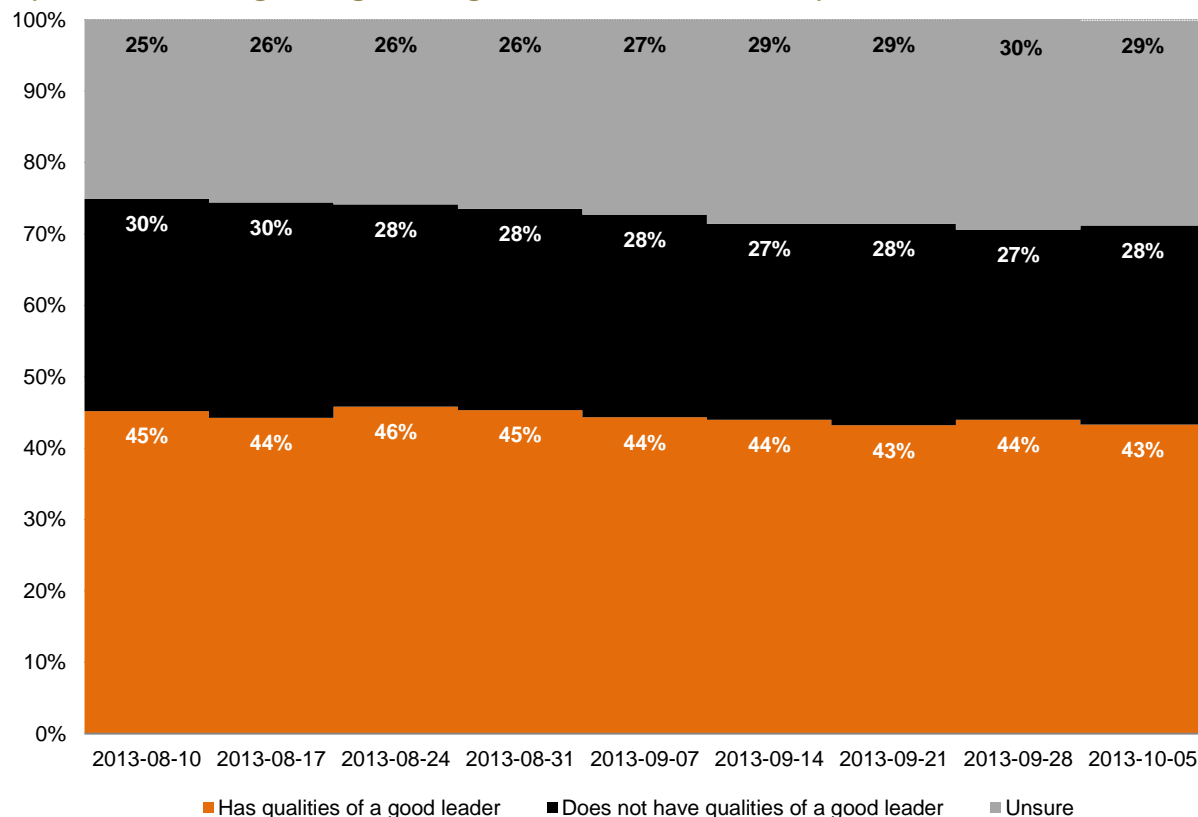
Question: For each of the following federal political party leaders, do you think they have or do not have the qualities to be a good political leader? [RANDOMIZE] Thomas Mulcair

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Trudeau



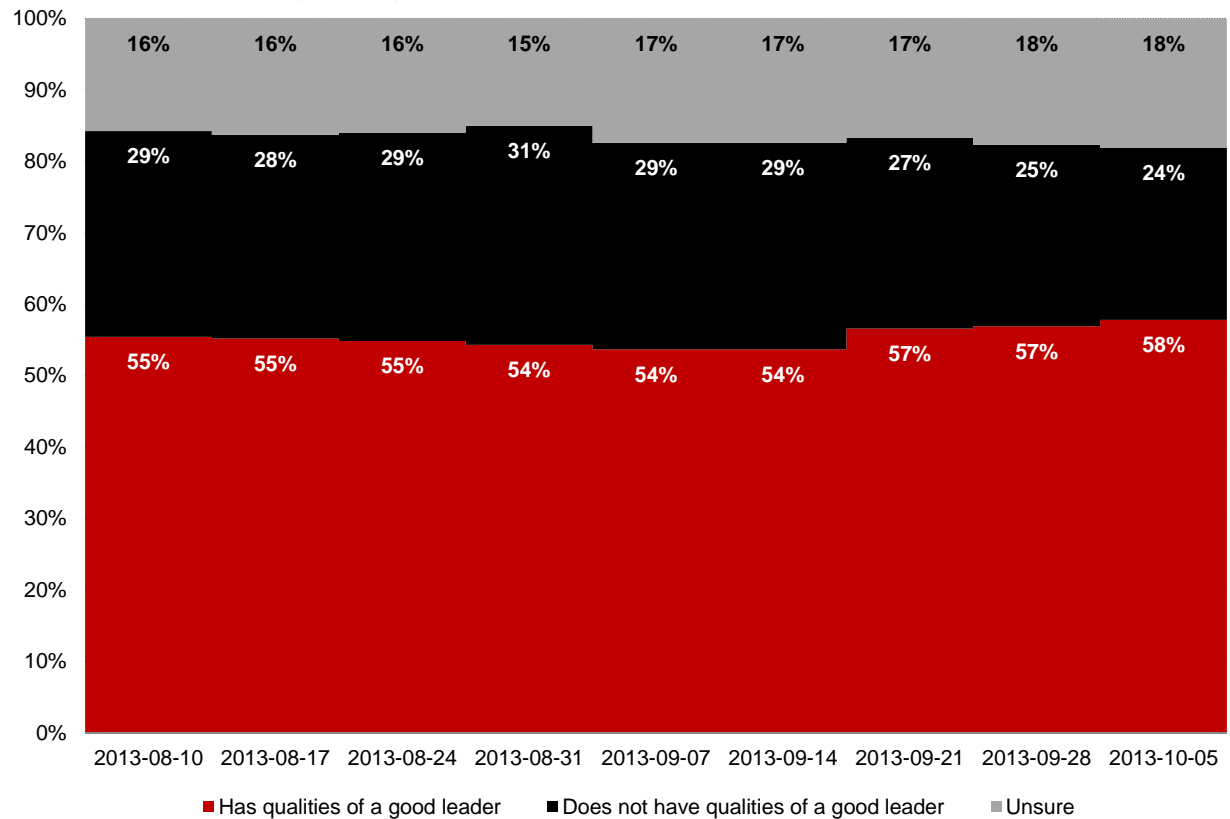
Question: For each of the following federal political party leaders, do you think they have or do not have the qualities to be a good political leader? [RANDOMIZE] Justin Trudeau

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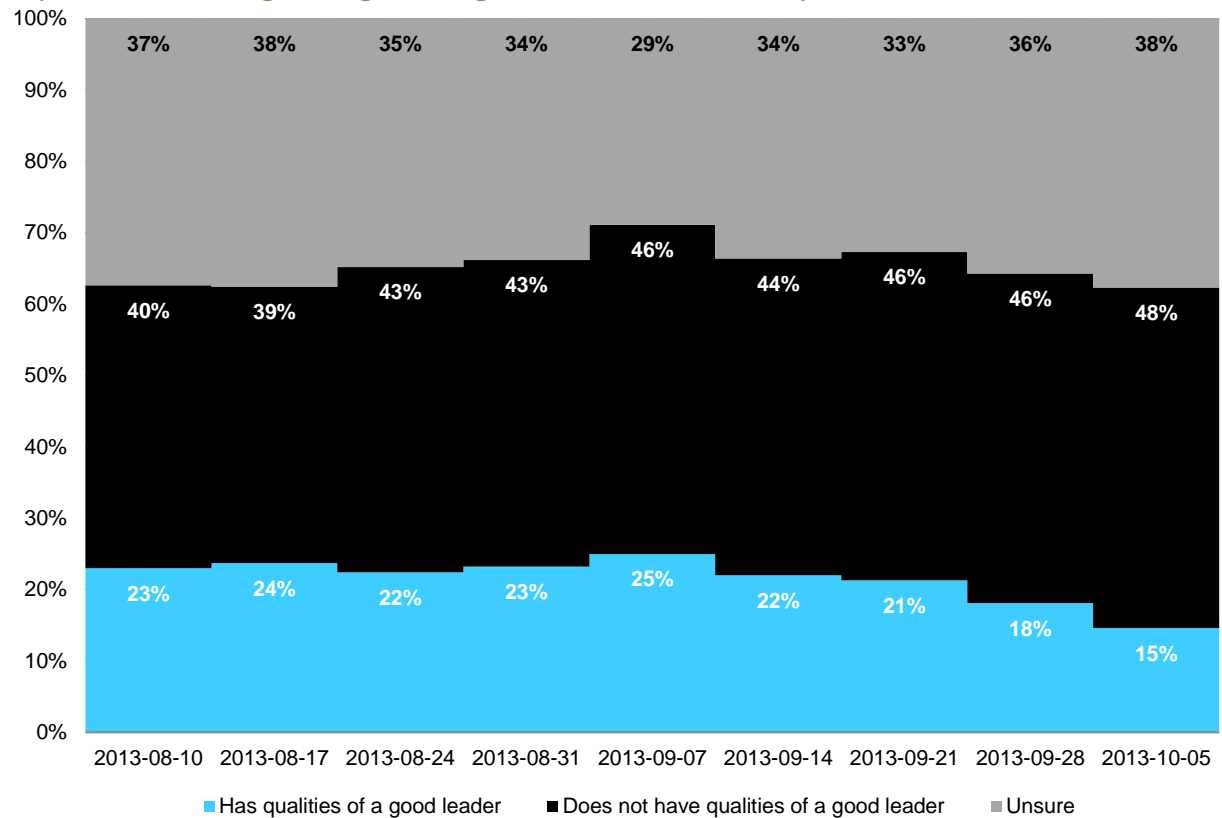
Question: For each of the following federal political party leaders, do you think they have or do not have the qualities to be a good political leader? [RANDOMIZE] Daniel Paillé

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May



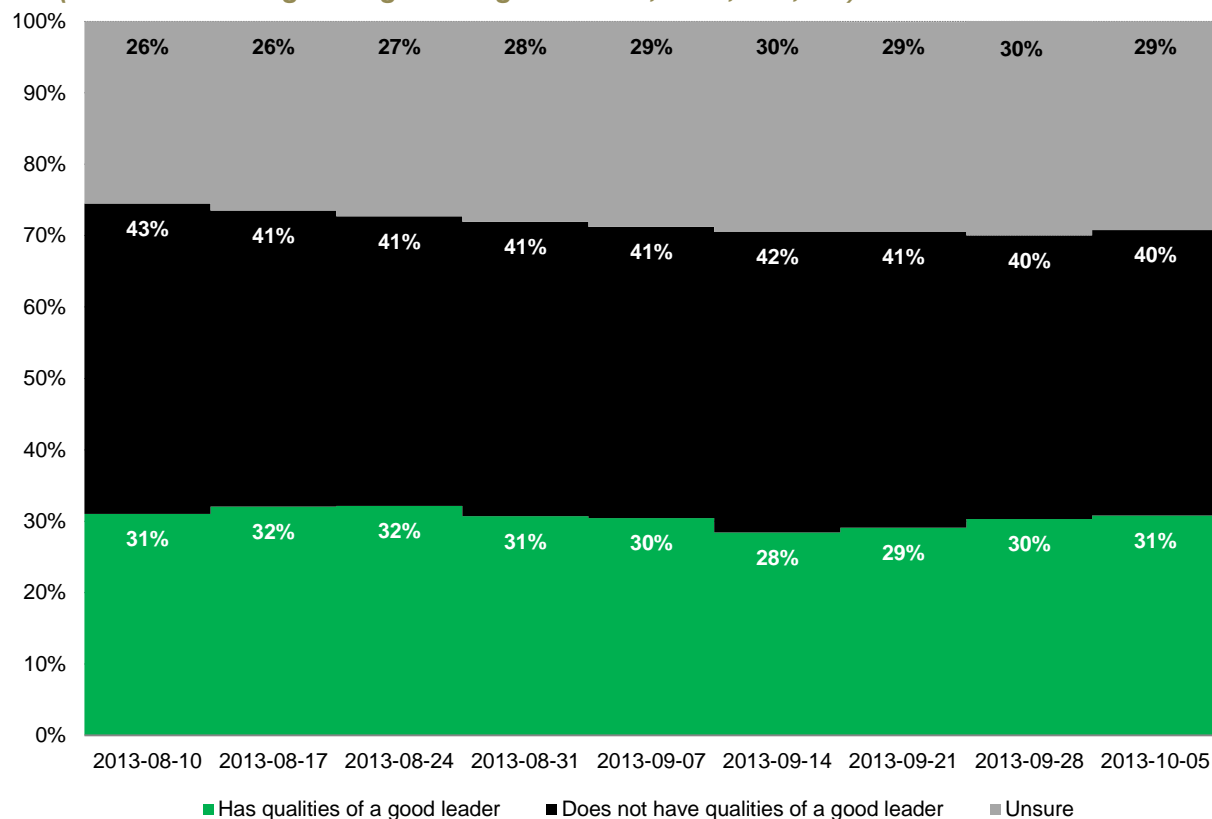
Question: For each of the following federal political party leaders, do you think they have or do not have the qualities to be a good political leader? [RANDOMIZE] Elizabeth May

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Methodology

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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 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.

The current report is based on a four week rolling average of Canadian opinion ending October 4, 2013.

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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