### Weekly Nanos Party Power Index Tracking

#### Nanos Weekly Tracking, ending February 6, 2015 (released February 11, 2015)





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### Weekly Nanos Party Power Index

#### Liberals score 57 points out of 100, Tories 53 points, NDP 49 points on Nanos Party Power Index (Released 02/11/2015)

Every week of the year Nanos tracks the national political pulse and is in the field for the Nanos Party Power Index consistently applying the same tracking questions. The federal Liberals scored four points higher than the Conservatives on the Nanos Party Power Index. The Liberals registered 57 points out of a possible 100, followed by the Conservatives with 53 points, the NDP with 49 points, the Green Party with 31 points and the BQ with 25 points respectively.

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.

Thirty two per cent of Canadians prefer Harper as Prime Minister while 31 per cent prefer Trudeau, 17 per cent prefer Mulcair, three per cent prefer May and 15 per cent were unsure.

When one gauges the pool of accessible voters for each of the parties through a series of independent questions, 54 per cent would consider voting for the federal Liberals, 45 per cent would consider voting for the NDP, 44 per cent would consider voting for the Conservatives and 29 per cent would consider voting for the Green Party.

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### Data Summary

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	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	57.4	57.8	56.8	55.8	55.6	60.7	54.8	56.8
Conservative	53.3	52.8	50.2	53.5	49.5	53.5	48.4	51.1
NDP	48.7	49.5	49.5	50.7	50.2	52.2	47.4	49.3
Green	31.1	31.5	31.2	31.1	32.4	35.2	30.2	32.3
Bloc	25.1	26.5	26.5	28.3	24.9	29.0	22.9	26.6
Party Consider								
Liberal	53.7%	55.2%	57.4%	52.4%	47.8%	59.7%	47.2%	53.9%
NDP	45.3%	45.2%	46.8%	41.4%	41.8%	47.1%	37.9%	43.3%
Conservative	44.3%	44.7%	41.7%	40.7%	36.4%	44.7%	36.1%	40.6%
Bloc	31.5%	31.1%	29.3%	32.5%	33.3%	35.2%	22.4%	30.3%
Green	29.0%	29.7%	27.3%	27.6%	26.5%	33.1%	22.7%	27.6%
Preferred Prime Minister								
Harper	32.4%	31.2%	30.2%	32.1%	28.0%	33.4%	25.2%	29.6%
Trudeau	31.1%	31.4%	31.0%	29.5%	28.9%	35.8%	26.3%	30.7%
Mulcair	17.0%	17.2%	18.1%	19.5%	19.0%	20.4%	13.7%	18.0%
May	3.4%	3.4%	4.7%	3.8%	3.7%	6.7%	3.0%	4.9%
Beaulieu	1.1%	1.0%	1.3%	1.1%	1.5%	2.8%	0.5%	1.4%
Unsure	15.1%	15.8%	14.6%	13.9%	19.0%	19.0%	11.7%	15.1%

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## **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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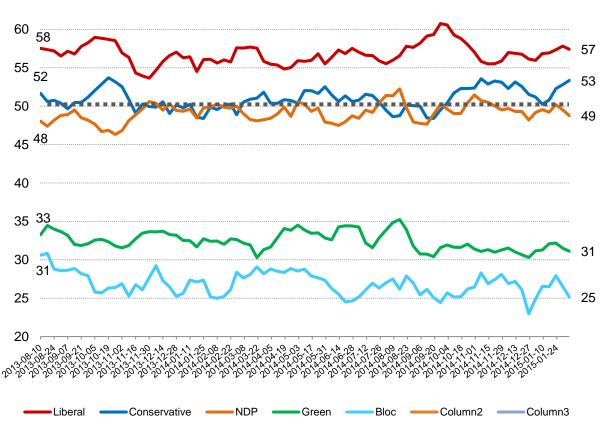
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**Canada Weekly Index Tracking Scores** (Four week rolling average ending February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015, n=1,000)



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### Party Power Index Tracking by Region

#### Nanos Weekly Tracking





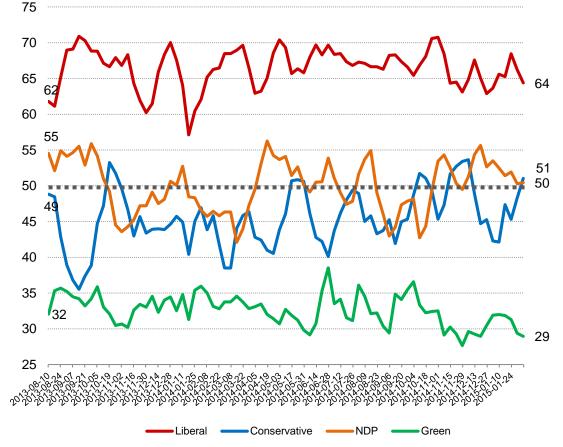
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The Nanos Party Power Index Tracking for the Atlantic is based on a composite of the following public opinion measures: the national ballot, which party individuals would consider voting for, the top two choices for Prime Minister, and whether each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

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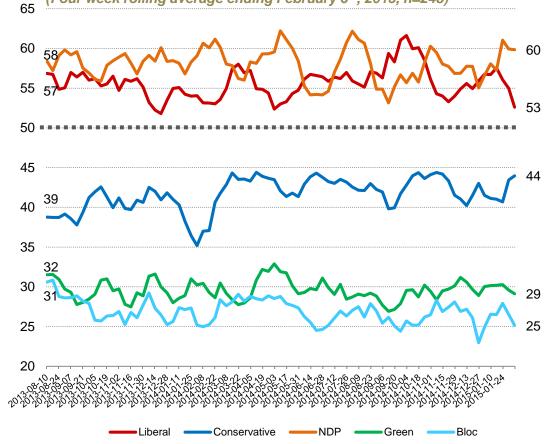
Atlantic Weekly Index Tracking Scores (Four week rolling average ending February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015, n=100)



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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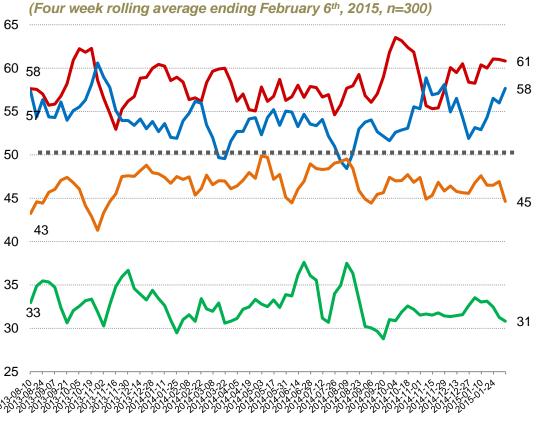


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Conservative — NDP

Green

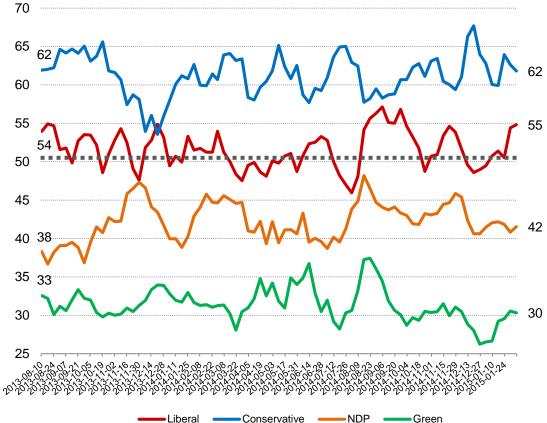
**Ontario Weekly Index Tracking Scores** 

Liberal

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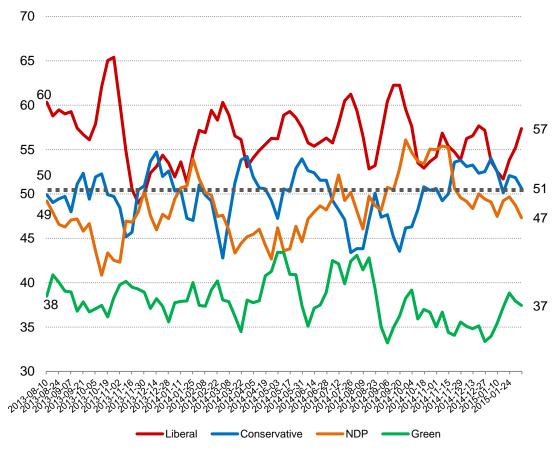
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The Nanos Party Power Index Tracking for BC is based on a composite of the following public opinion measures: the national ballot, which party individuals would consider voting for, the top two choices for Prime Minister, and whether each party leader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

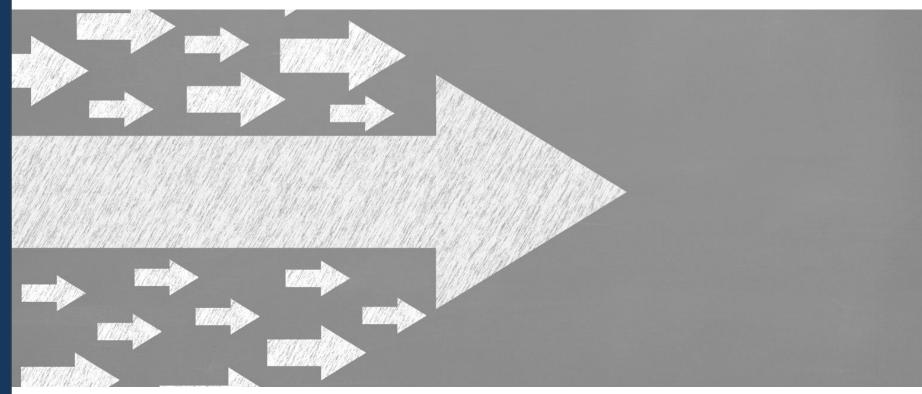
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### Party Power Index Tracking by Age

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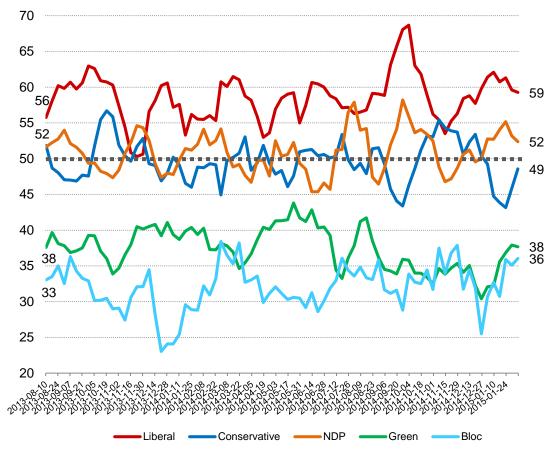




The Nanos Party Power Index Tracking for the 18 to 29 age group is based on a composite of the following public opinion measures: the national ballot, which party individuals would consider voting for, the top two choices for Prime Minister, and whether each party leader has good leadership qualities.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

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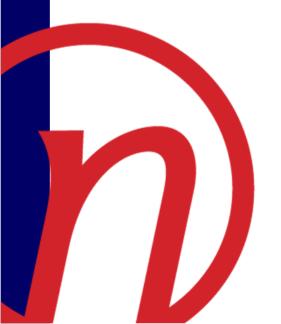
Ottawa: (613) 234-4666 x 237 Washington DC: (202) 697-9924 nnanos@nanosresearch.com 18 to 29 Weekly Index Tracking Scores (Four week rolling average ending February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015, n=205)



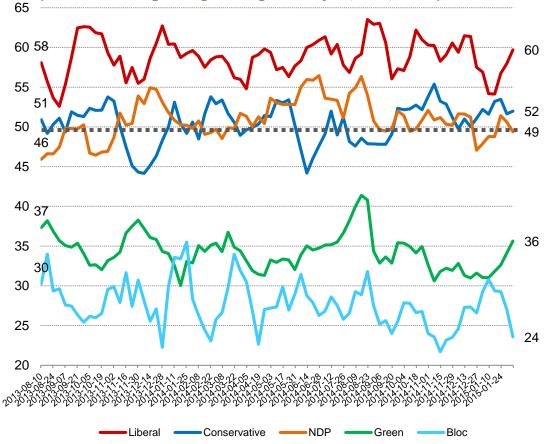
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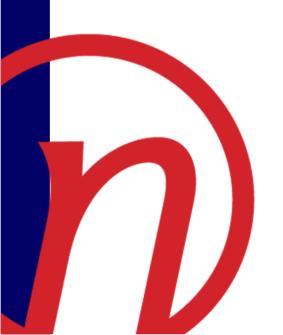
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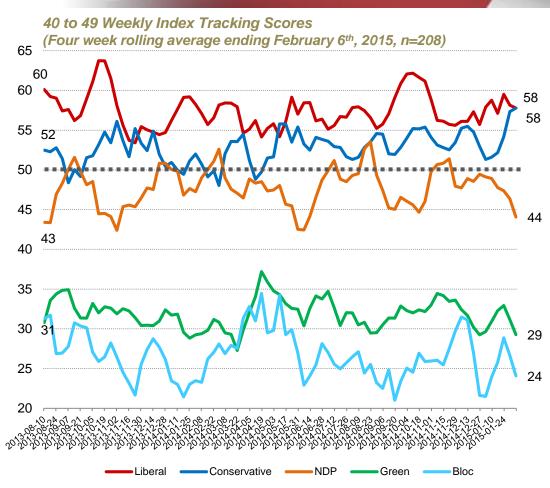


The Nanos Party Power Index Tracking for the 40 to 49 age group is based on a composite of the following public opinion measures: the national ballot, which party individuals would consider voting for, the top two choices for PM, and whether each party leader has good leadership qualities. There are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

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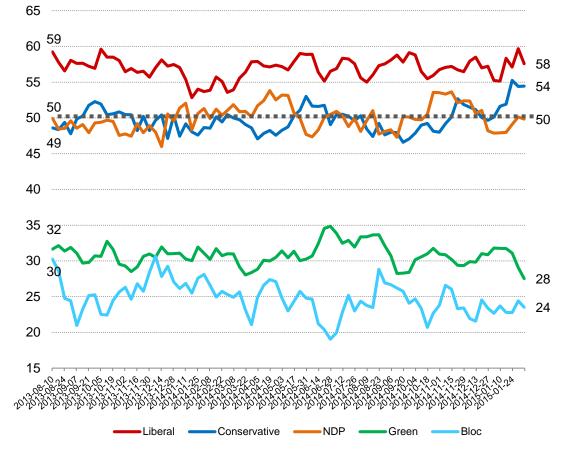


The Nanos Party Power Index Tracking for the 50 to 59 age group is based on a composite of the following public opinion measures: the national ballot, which party individuals would consider voting for, the top two choices for Prime Minister, and whether each party leader has good leadership qualities.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

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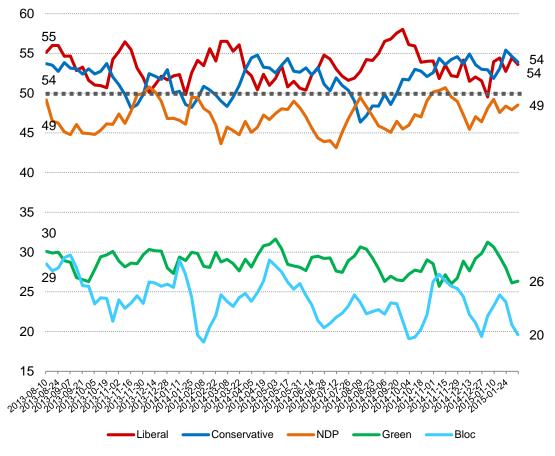


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The Nanos Party Power Index Tracking for the 60 plus age group is based on a composite of the following public opinion measures: the national ballot, which party individuals would consider voting for, the top two choices for Prime Minister, and whether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

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### Party Power Index Tracking by Gender

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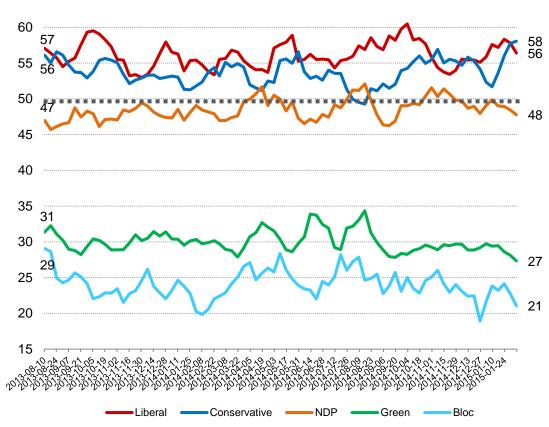
The Nanos Party Power Index Tracking for males is based on a composite of the following public opinion measures: the national ballot, which party individuals would consider voting for, the top two choices for Prime Minister, and whether each party leader has good leadership qualities. There are wider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

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Male Weekly Index Tracking Scores (Four week rolling average ending February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015, n=491)

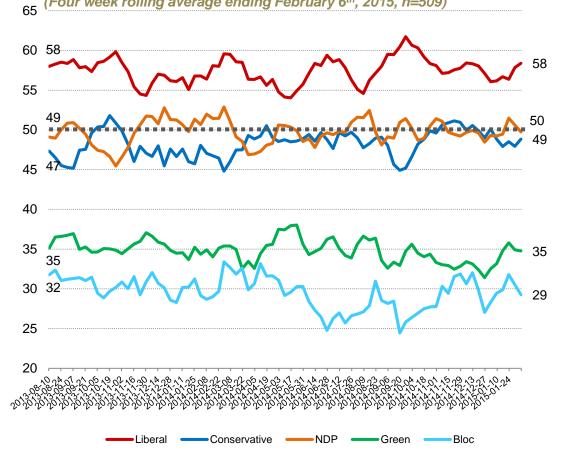


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The Nanos Party Power Index Tracking for females is based on a composite of the following public opinion measures: the national ballot, which party individuals would consider voting for, the top two choices for Prime Minister, and whether each party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

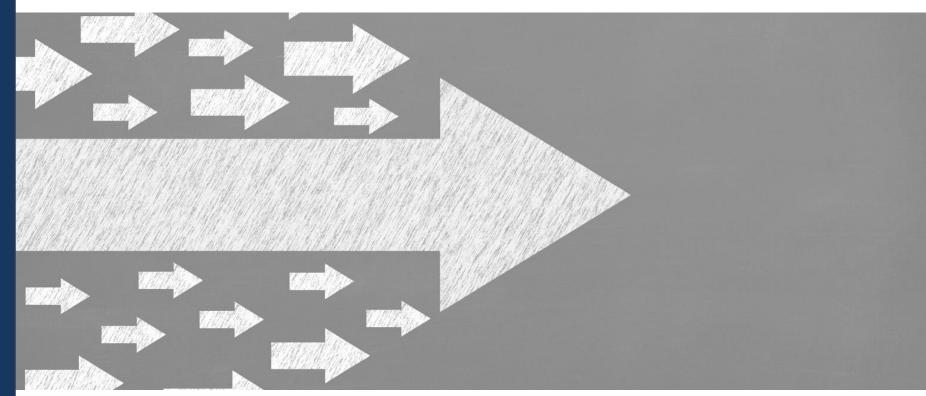
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### **National Political Tracking Numbers**

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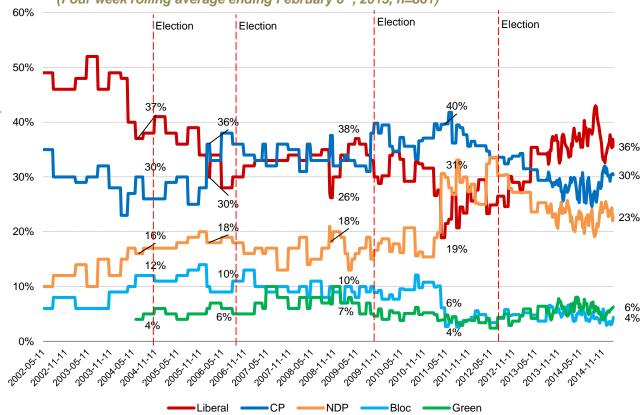
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## **National Ballot**

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

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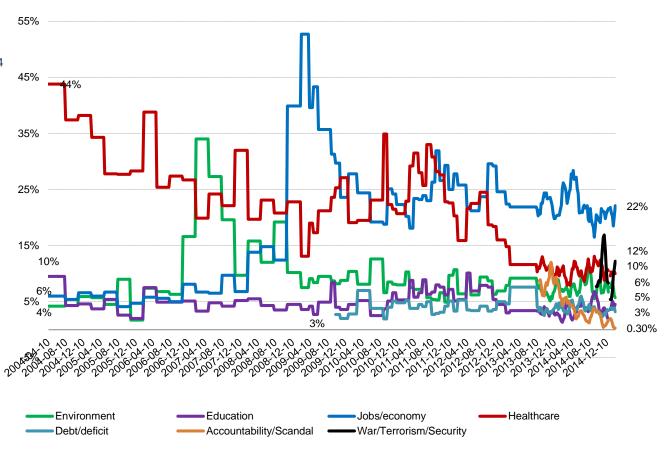
#### Weekly Tracking – First Ranked Choice (Four week rolling average ending February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015, n=861)

### National Issue

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

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### **Federal Party Accessible Voters**

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### Consider Conservative (n) NANOS

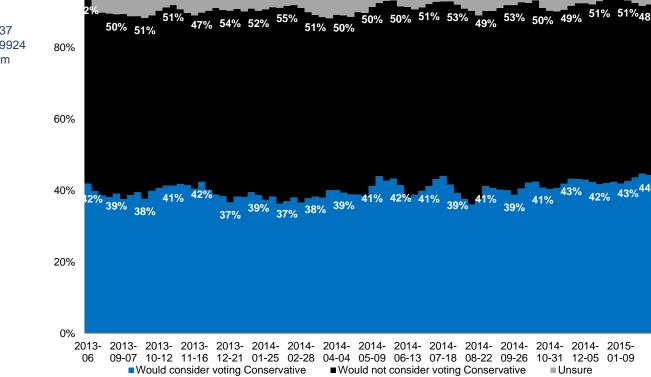
**Question:** For each of the following federal political parties, please tell me if you would consider or not consider voting for it. [RANDOMIZE] Conservative Party

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100%

6%



10% 8%

9%

8%

7% 7% 8%

National – Weekly Tracking (Four week rolling average ending February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015, n=1,000)

11% 12% 8% 10% 10% 10% 8% 11% 11% 9%

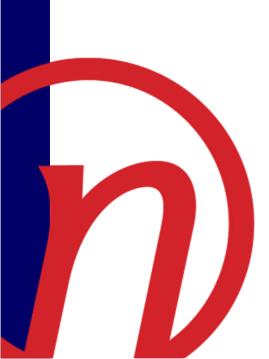
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### **Consider NDP**

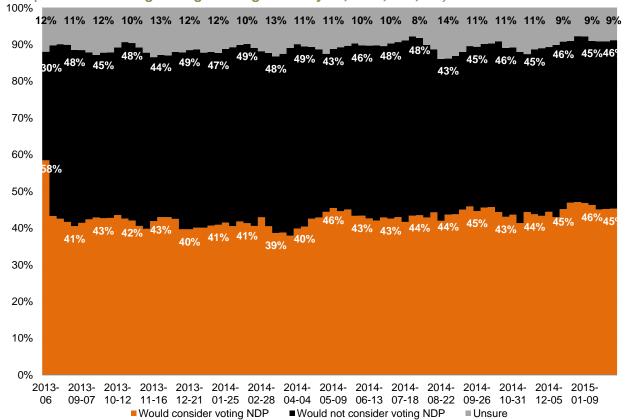
**Question:** For each of the following federal political parties, please tell me if you would consider or not consider voting for it. [RANDOMIZE] NDP

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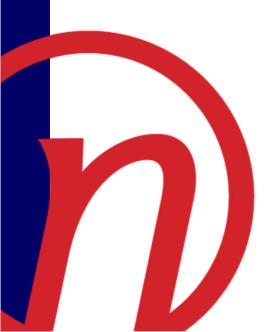


### **Consider Liberal**

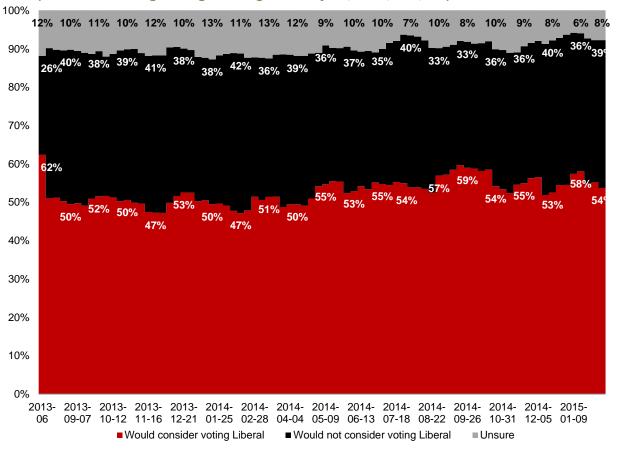
**Question:** For each of the following federal political parties, please tell me if you would consider or not consider voting for it. [RANDOMIZE] Liberal Party

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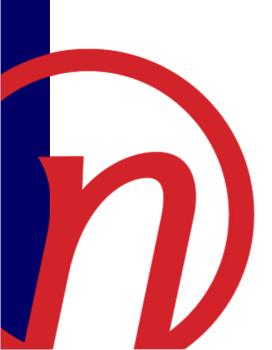
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### **Consider Bloc**

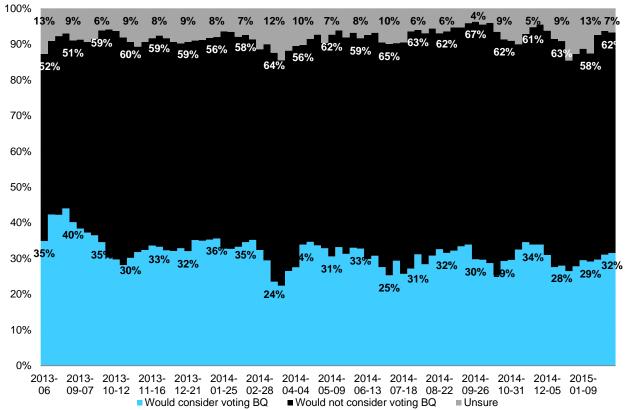
**Question:** For each of the following federal political parties, please tell me if you would consider or not consider voting for it. [RANDOMIZE] Bloc Québécois

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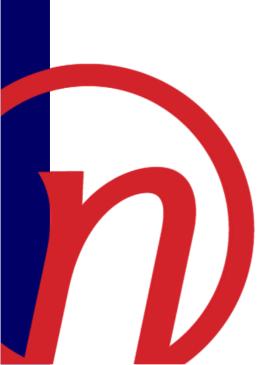


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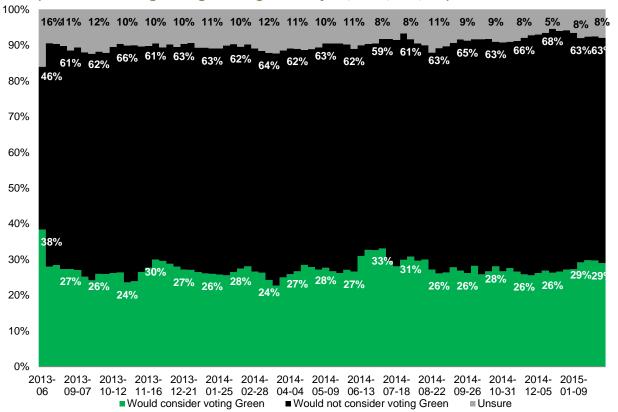
**Question:** For each of the following federal political parties, please tell me if you would consider or not consider voting for it. [RANDOMIZE] Green Party

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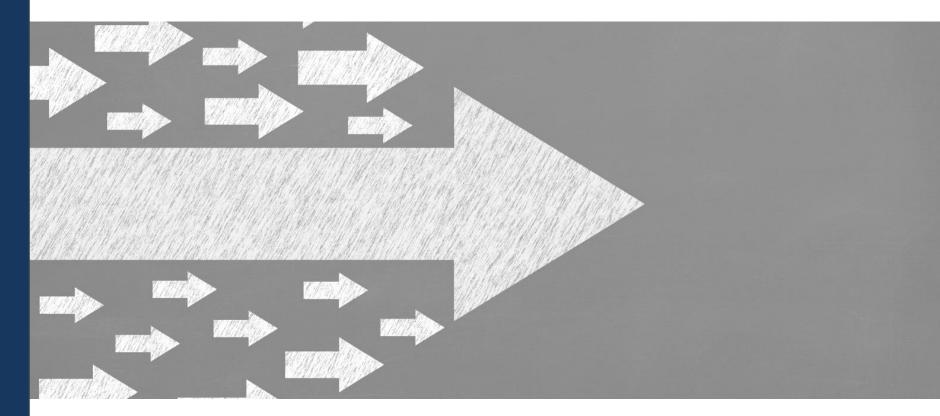


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### Tracking on the Federal Political Leaders

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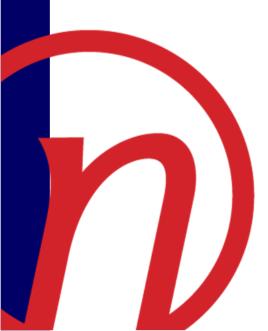
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### **Prime Minister**

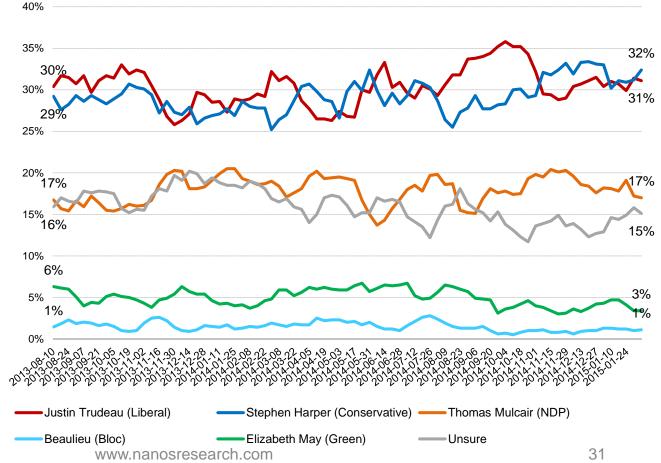
**Question:** Of the current federal political party leaders, could you please rank your top two current local preferences for Prime Minister? [ROTATE PARTY LEADERS]

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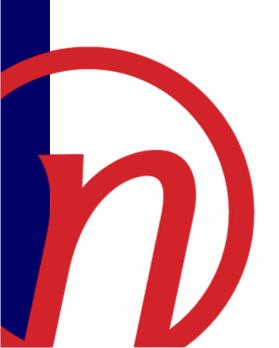
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# Harper

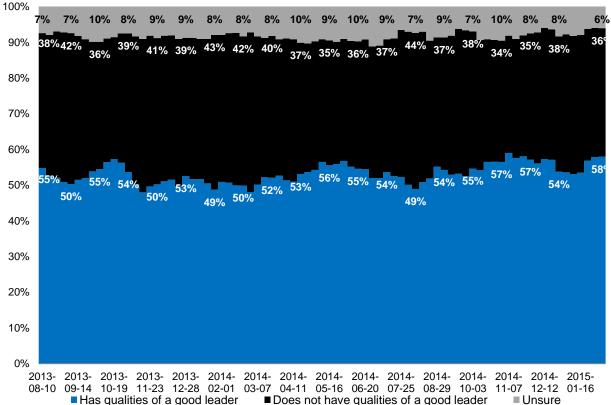
**Question:** For each of the following federal political party leaders, do you think they have or do not have the qualities to be a good political leader? [RANDOMIZE] Stephen Harper

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### Mulcair

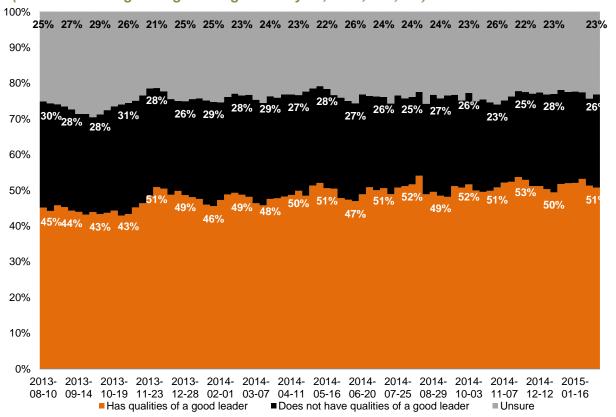
**Question:** For each of the following federal political party leaders, do you think they have or do not have the qualities to be a good political leader? [RANDOMIZE] Thomas Mulcair

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### Trudeau

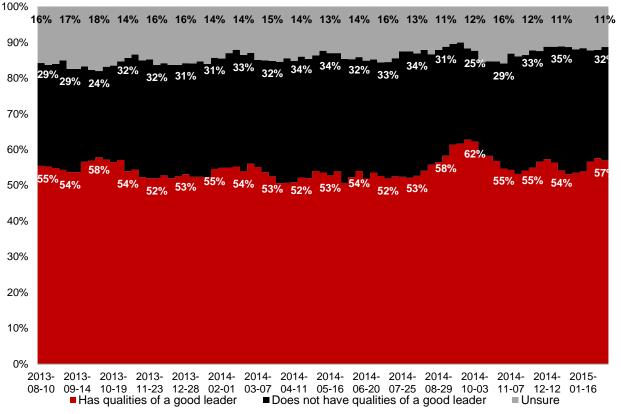
**Question:** For each of the following federal political party leaders, do you think they have or do not have the qualities to be a good political leader? [RANDOMIZE] Justin Trudeau

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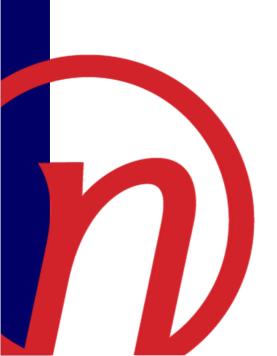


### Beaulieu

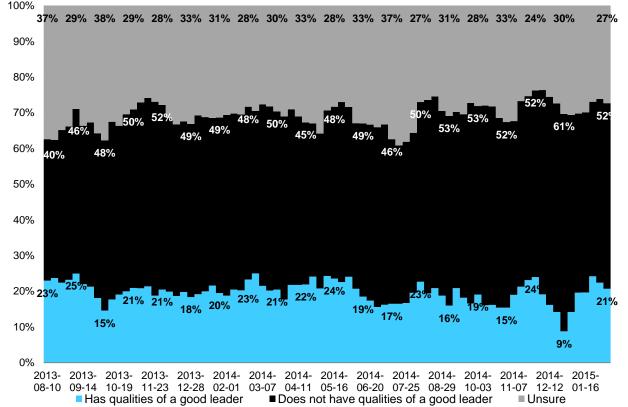
**Question:** For each of the following federal political party leaders, do you think they have or do not have the qualities to be a good political leader? [RANDOMIZE] Mario Beaulieu

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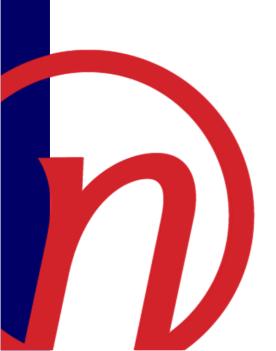


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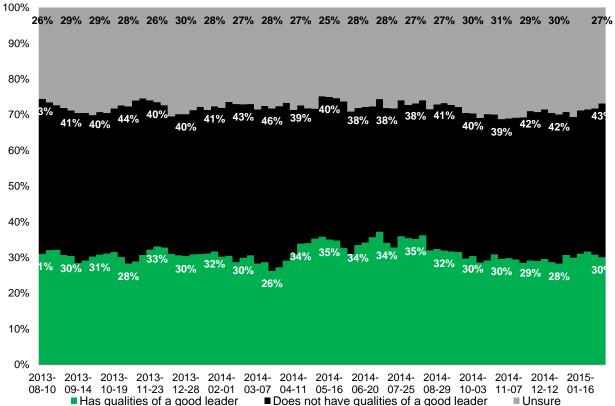
**Question:** For each of the following federal political party leaders, do you think they have or do not have the qualities to be a good political leader? [RANDOMIZE] Elizabeth May

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### Methodology

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### 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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