Weekly Nanos Party Power Index Tracking

Nanos Weekly Tracking, ending March 13, 2015 (released March 18, 2015)





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Liberals register 56 points, Conservatives near 84 week high on Nanos Party Power Index (Released 03/18/2015)

Although the Liberals still outscore the Conservatives on the weekly Nanos Party Power Index, for the past two weeks, the Conservatives have been at or near an 84 week high on the index. The latest tracking has the Liberals with 56 out of a possible 100 points, followed by the Conservatives at 54 points, the NDP at 49 points, the Greens at 32 points and the BQ at 27 points (QC only).

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.

Harper has a marginal advantage over Trudeau on the preferred Prime Minister front. Thirty-four per cent of Canadians preferred Harper as PM, followed by 30 per cent who preferred Trudeau, 16 per cent who preferred Mulcair, four per cent who preferred May and 14 per cent who were unsure.

Asked a series of independent questions as to whether they would consider or not consider voting for each of the federal parties, 51 per cent of Canadians would consider voting Liberal while 43 per cent would consider voting NDP and 23 per cent would consider voting for the Greens.

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Data Summary

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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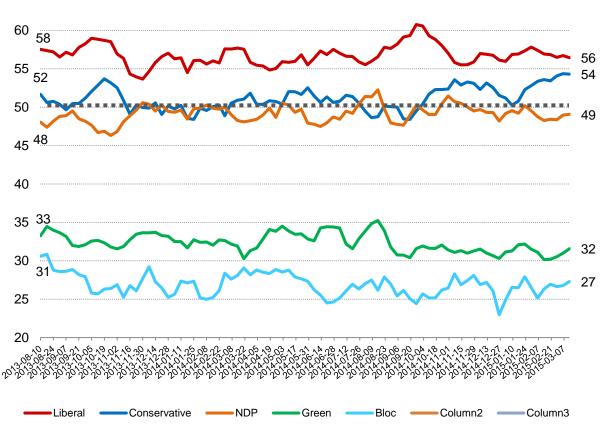
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Canada Weekly Index Tracking Scores (Four week rolling average ending March 13th, 2015, n=1,000)



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Party Power Index Tracking by Region

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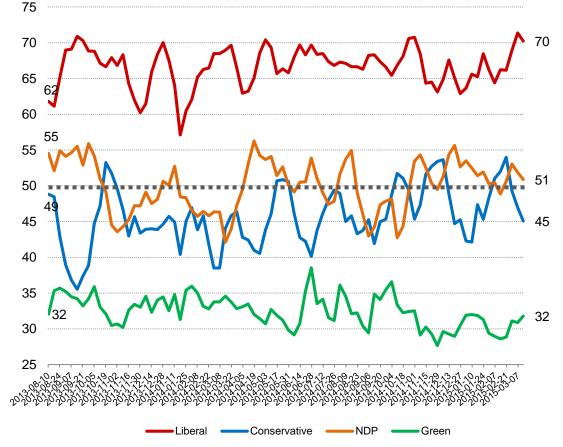
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The Nanos Party Power Index Tracking for the Atlantic is based on a composite of the following public opinion measures: the national ballot, which party individuals would consider voting for, the top two choices for Prime Minister, and whether each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

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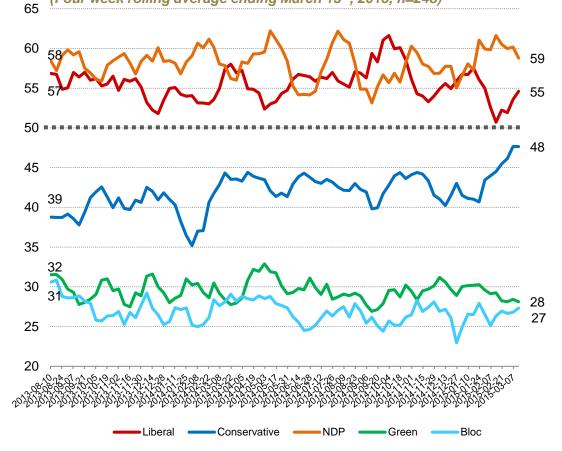
Atlantic Weekly Index Tracking Scores (Four week rolling average ending March 13th, 2015, n=100)



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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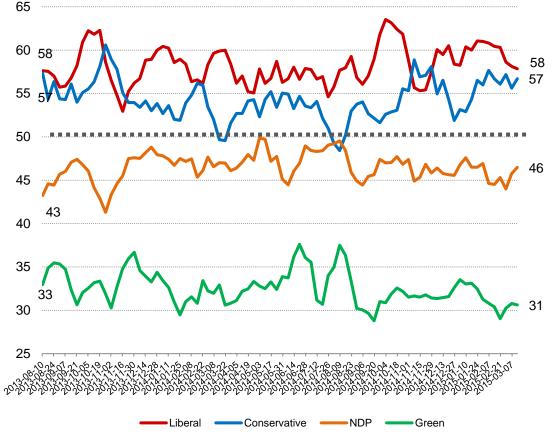
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Ontario Weekly Index Tracking Scores (Four week rolling average ending March 13th, 2015, n=300)

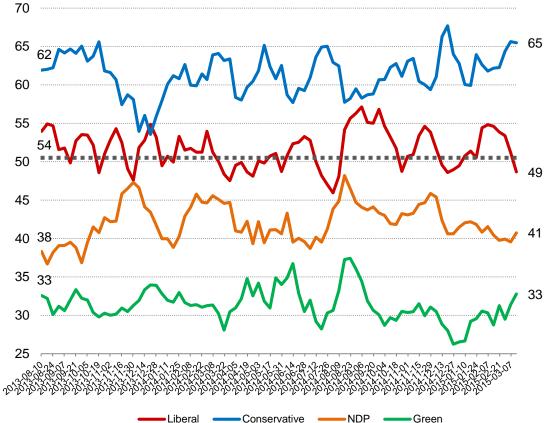


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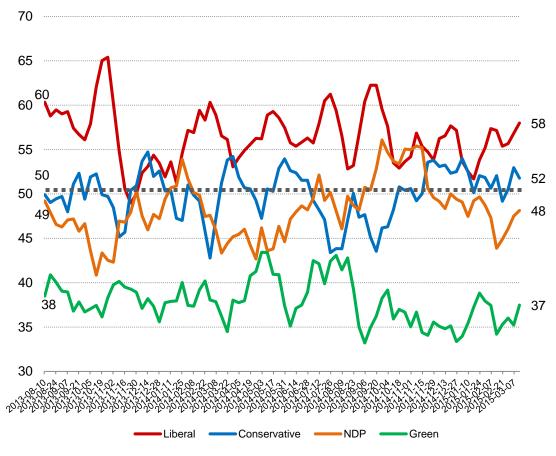
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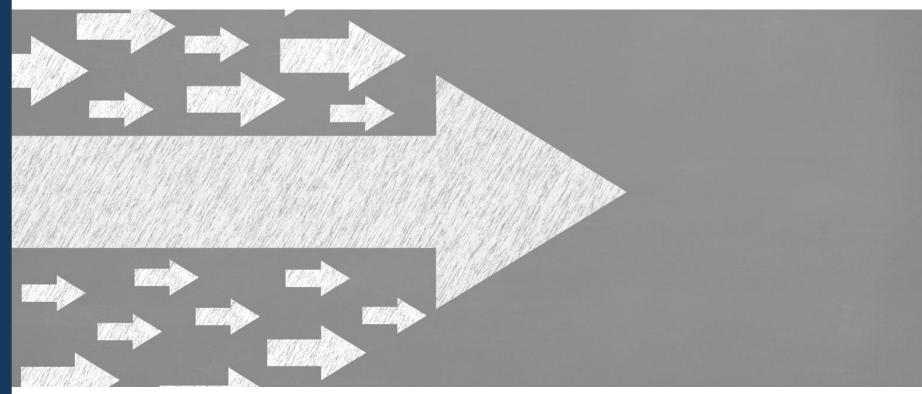
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Party Power Index Tracking by Age

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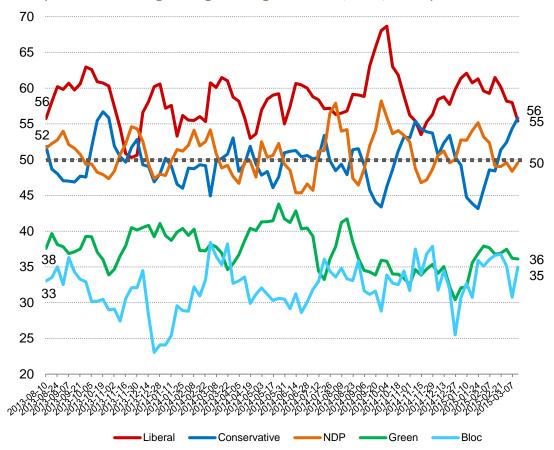




The Nanos Party Power Index Tracking for the 18 to 29 age group is based on a composite of the following public opinion measures: the national ballot, which party individuals would consider voting for, the top two choices for Prime Minister, and whether each party leader has good leadership qualities.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

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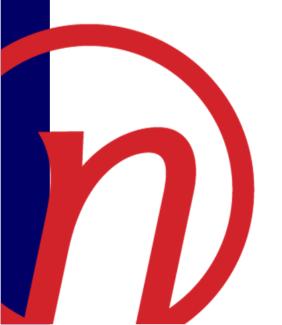
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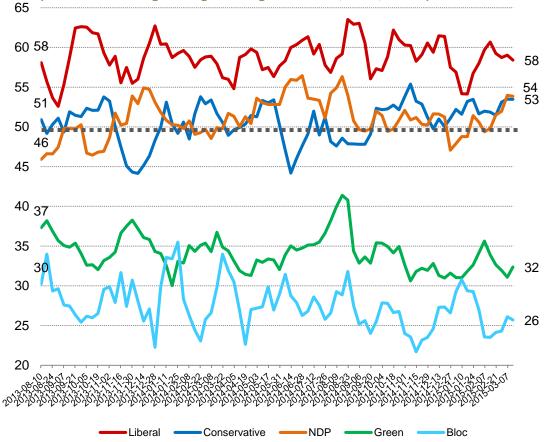
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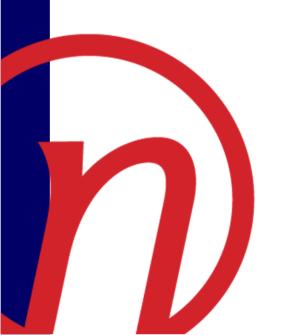
30 to 39 Weekly Index Tracking Scores (Four week rolling average ending March 13th, 2015, n=169)



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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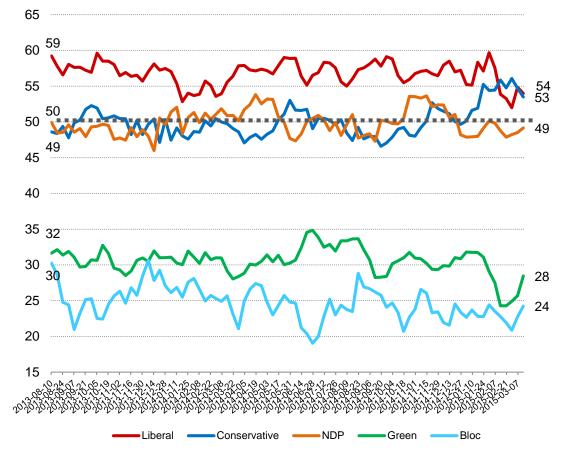
40 to 49 Weekly Index Tracking Scores (Four week rolling average ending March 13th, 2015, n=208) 65 60 61 60 55 52 53 50 50 45 43 40 35 32 30 29 25 20 20,00 Green Bloc Liberal

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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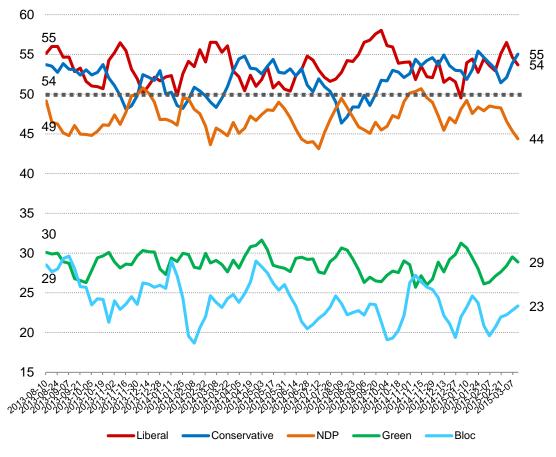


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The Nanos Party Power Index Tracking for the 60 plus age group is based on a composite of the following public opinion measures: the national ballot, which party individuals would consider voting for, the top two choices for Prime Minister, and whether 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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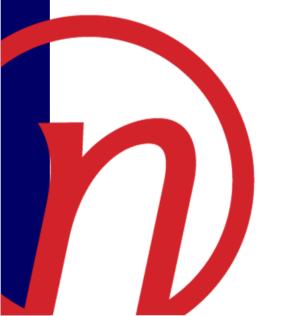


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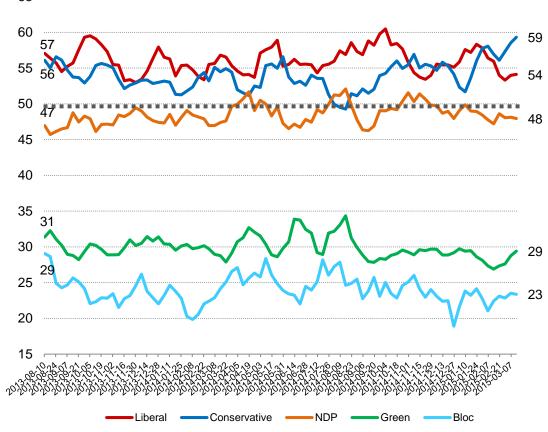
The Nanos Party Power Index Tracking for males is based on a composite of the following public opinion measures: the national ballot, which party individuals would consider voting for, the top two choices for Prime Minister, and whether each party leader has good leadership qualities. There are wider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

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Male Weekly Index Tracking Scores (Four week rolling average ending March 13th, 2015, n=493)

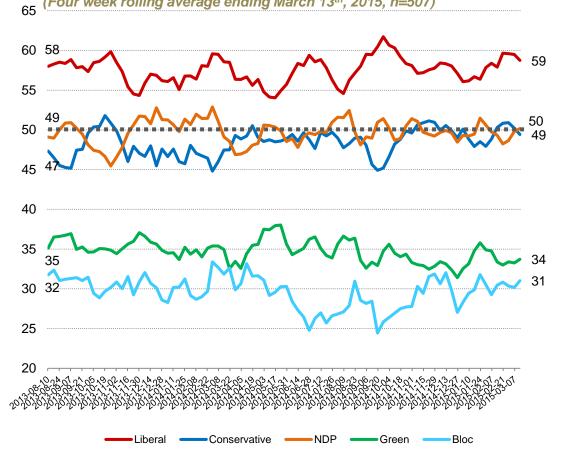


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The Nanos Party Power Index Tracking for females is based on a composite of the following public opinion measures: the national ballot, which party individuals would consider voting for, the top two choices for Prime Minister, and whether each party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

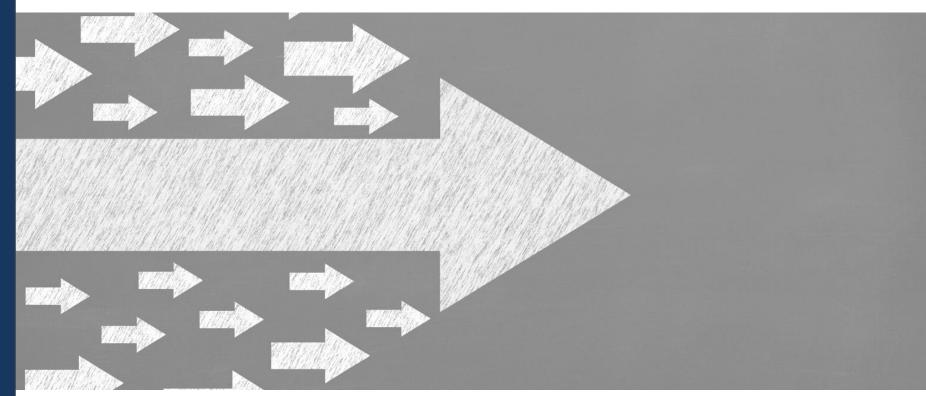
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National Political Tracking Numbers

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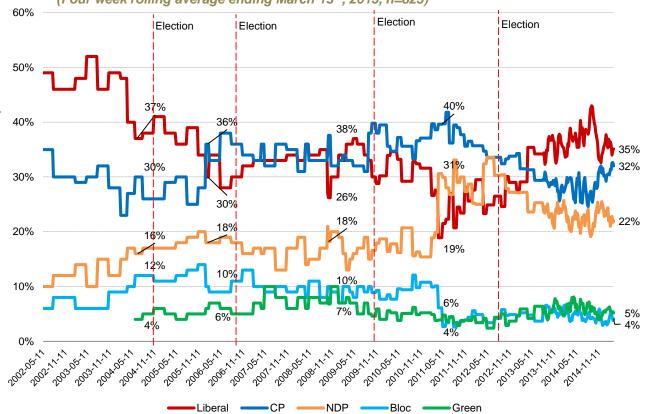
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National Ballot

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

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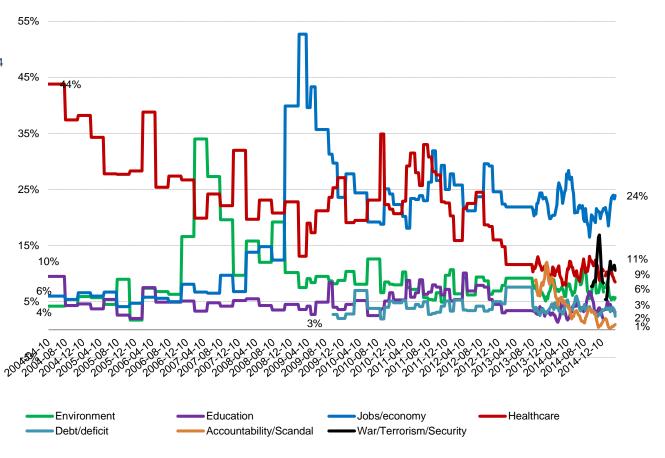
Weekly Tracking – First Ranked Choice (Four week rolling average ending March 13th, 2015, n=825)

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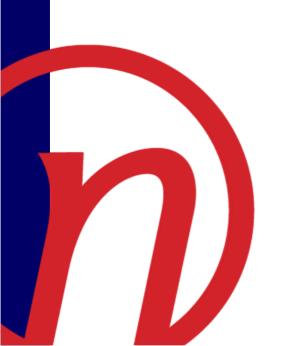
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Question: For each of the following federal political parties, please tell me if you would consider or not consider voting for it. [RANDOMIZE] Conservative Party

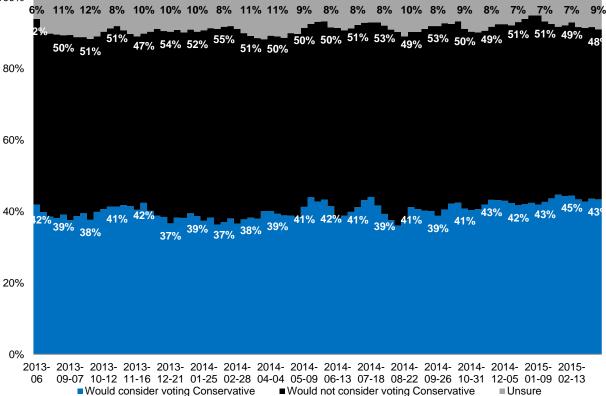
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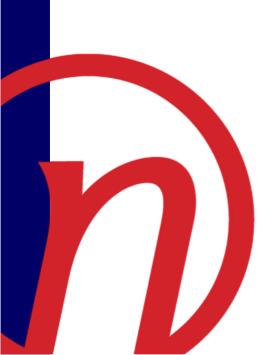


Consider NDP

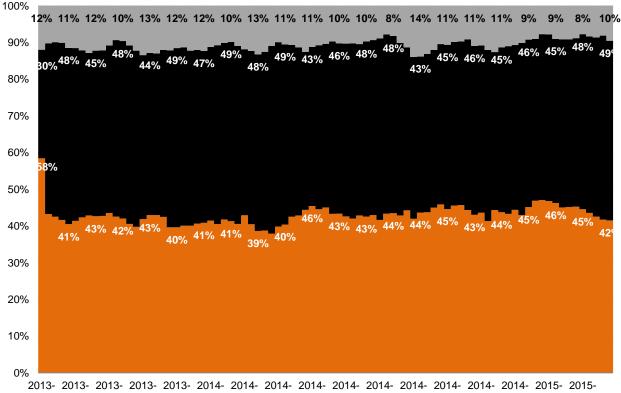
Question: For each of the following federal political parties, please tell me if you would consider or not consider voting for it. [RANDOMIZE] NDP

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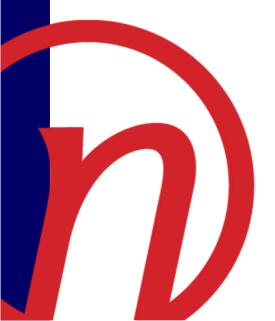
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Consider Liberal

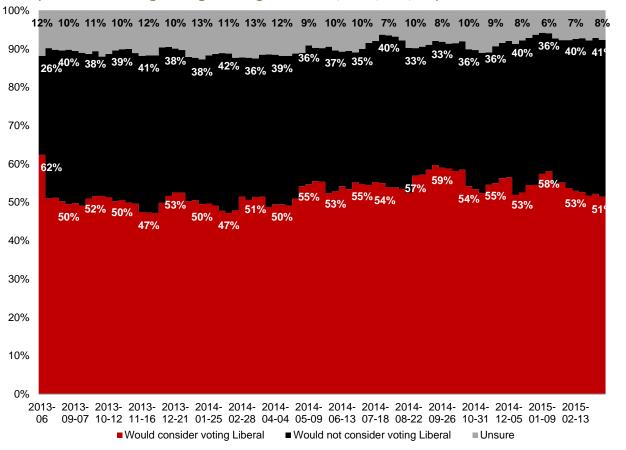
Question: For each of the following federal political parties, please tell me if you would consider or not consider voting for it. [RANDOMIZE] Liberal Party

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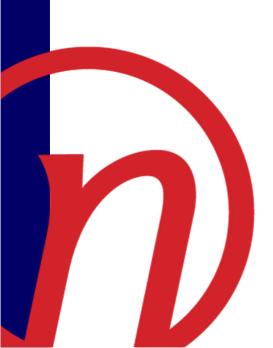
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Consider Bloc

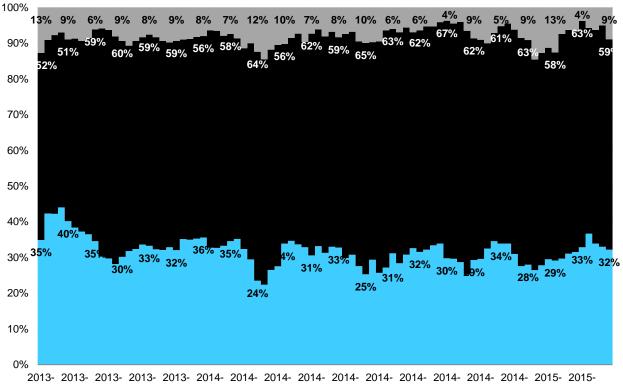
Question: For each of the following federal political parties, please tell me if you would consider or not consider voting for it. [RANDOMIZE] Bloc Québécois

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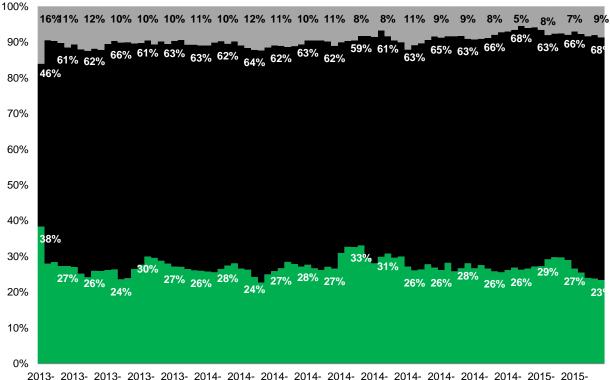
Consider Green

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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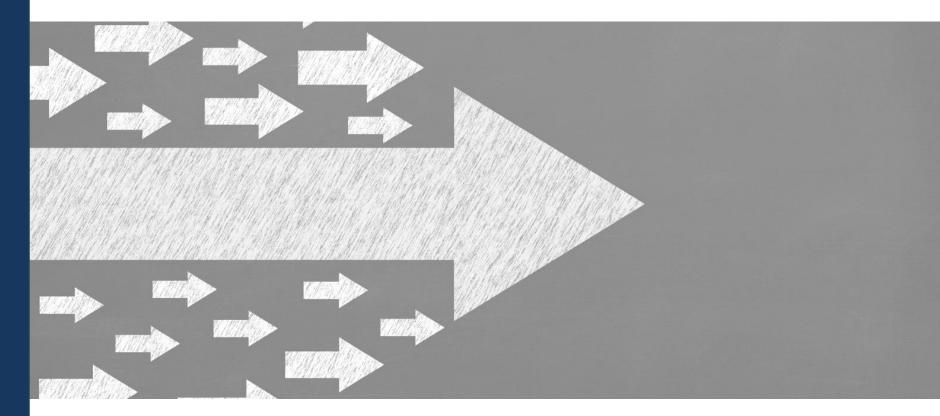
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Tracking on the Federal Political Leaders

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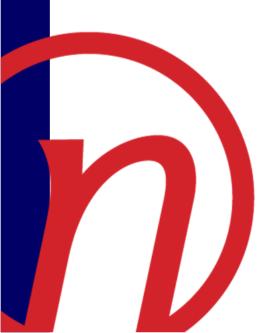
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Prime Minister

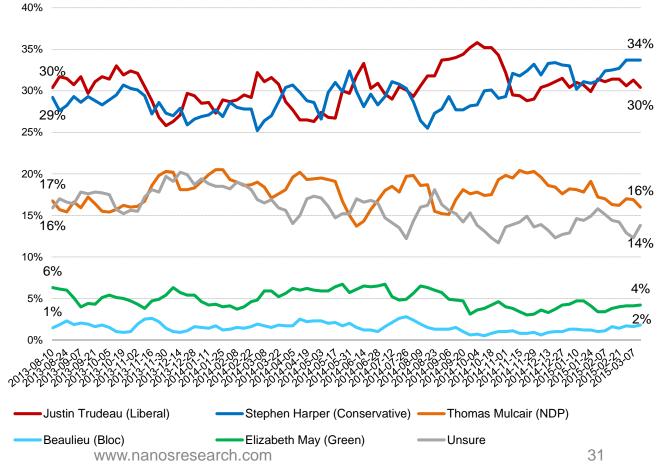
Question: Of the current federal political party leaders, could you please rank your top two current local preferences for Prime Minister? [ROTATE PARTY LEADERS]

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National – Weekly Tracking – First Ranked Choice (Four week rolling average ending March 13th, 2015, n=1,000)



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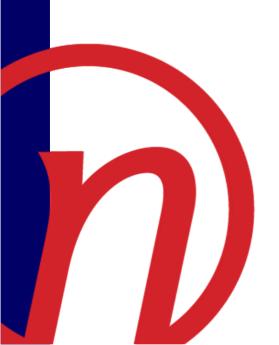
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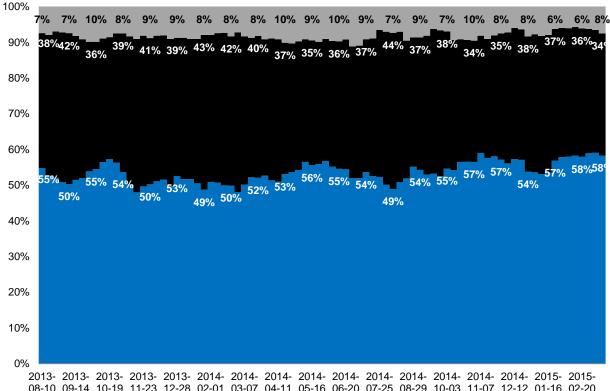
Question: For each of the following federal political party leaders, do you think they have or do not have the qualities to be a good political leader? [RANDOMIZE] Stephen Harper

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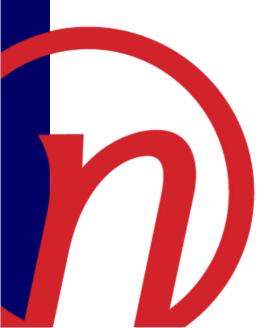
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Mulcair

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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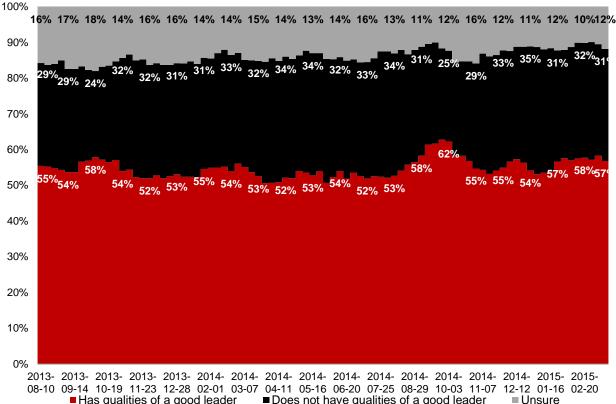
Trudeau

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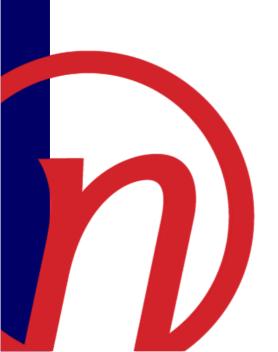
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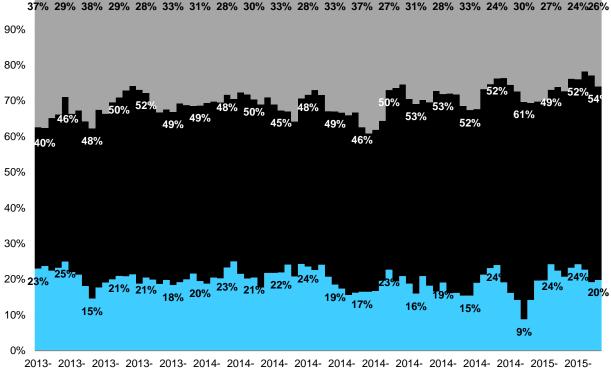
Question: For each of the following federal political party leaders, do you think they have or do not have the qualities to be a good political leader? [RANDOMIZE] Mario Beaulieu

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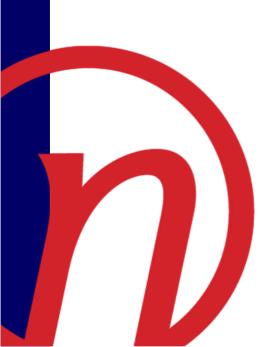
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May

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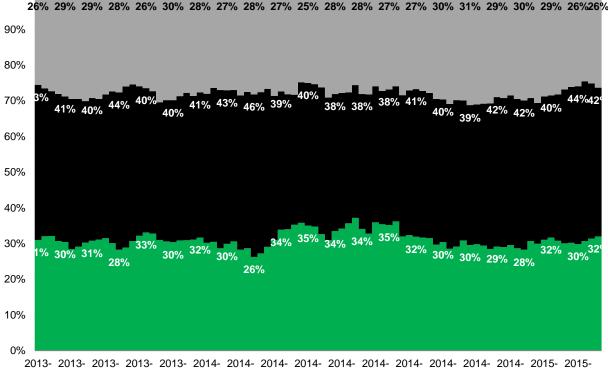
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Methodology

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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.

The current report is based on a four week rolling average of Canadian opinion ending March 13th, 2015.

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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