# What Canadians think of Conservative leadership hopefuls – best and worst

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# One half of Canadians are unsure or say none of the Conservative candidates would make the best PM

Generally Canadians say that none or they are unsure which of the Conservative Party leadership candidates would make the best Prime Minister. One in six believe Bernier would make the best PM while Leitch topped the list of those seen as being the worst potential Prime Minister with more than one in four Canadians having that view.

- Two in ten Canadians say none of the Conservative Party leadership candidates would make the best Prime Minister Asked which Conservative Party leader they feel would make the best Prime Minister, 20 per cent of Canadians say none of them, followed by Maxime Bernier (17%), Michael Chong (10%), Lisa Raitt (eight per cent), Andrew Scheer (four per cent), and Erin O'Toole (two per cent). The remaining candidates received one per cent or lower. Thirty-three per cent are unsure.
- Just over one in four Canadians say Kellie Leitch would make the worst Prime Minister Asked which Conservative Party leader they feel would make the worst Prime Minister, 27 per cent of Canadians say Kellie Leitch, followed by Maxime Bernier (eight per cent), none of them (six per cent), Deepak Obhraj (four per cent), Lisa Raitt, and Brad Trost (two per cent respectively). The remaining candidates received under two per cent. Forty-four per cent are unsure.
- Under two in ten Canadians say Maxime Bernier would be best able to unite the Conservative Party Asked which Conservative Party they feel would be best able to unite the Conservative Party, 15 per cent of Canadians say Maxime Bernier, followed by none of them (11%), Lisa Raitt (eight per cent), Andrew Scheer (seven per cent), and Michael Chong (four per cent), and Erin O'Toole (three per cent). The remaining candidates received under two per cent. Forty-five per cent are unsure.

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Readers should note that this survey was of eligible Canadian voters and not Conservative Party of Canada members.

The data presented in this research is part of a joint project by CTV News and Nanos Research.





# Best potential Prime Minister amongst Conservative leadership candidates [All Canadians]

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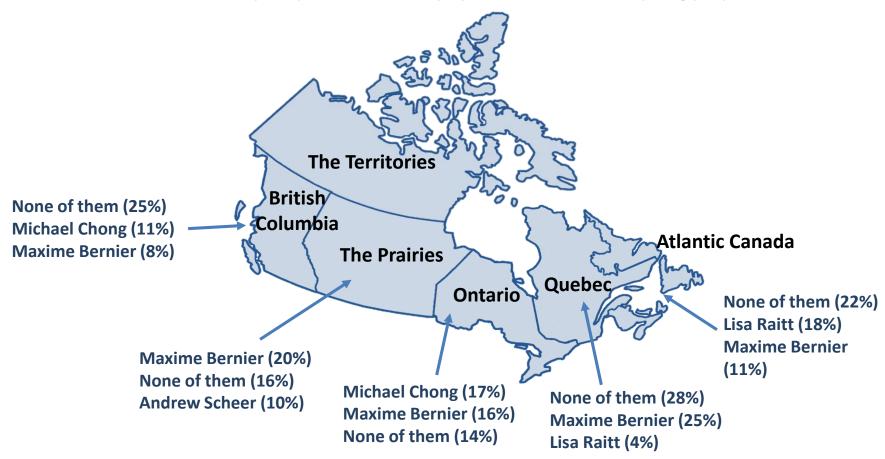
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## Top 3 best potential PM per region

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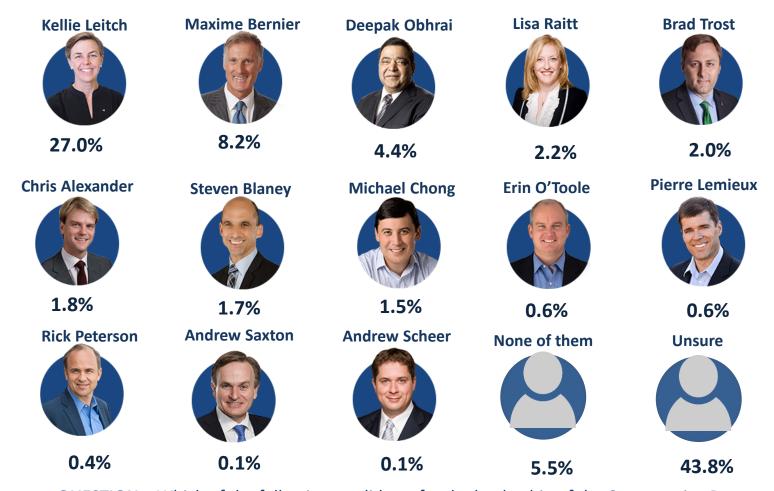
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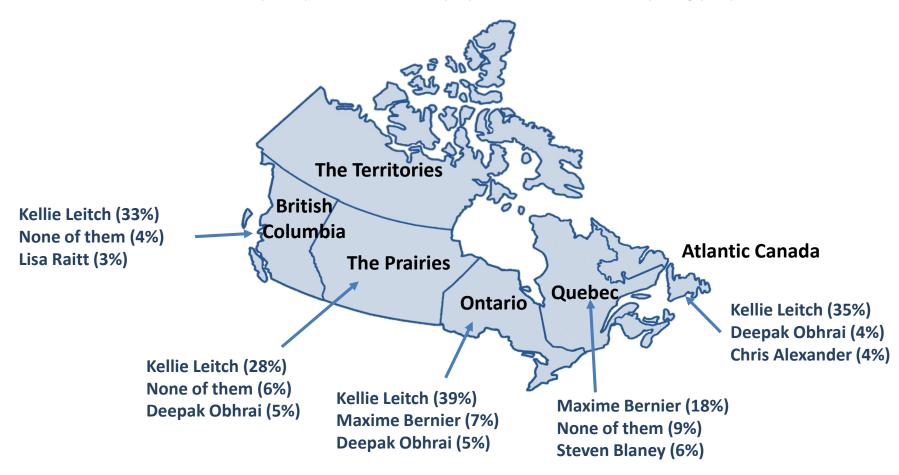
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## Top 3 worst potential PM per region

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# Conservative leadership candidate best able to unite the Conservative Party [All Canadians]

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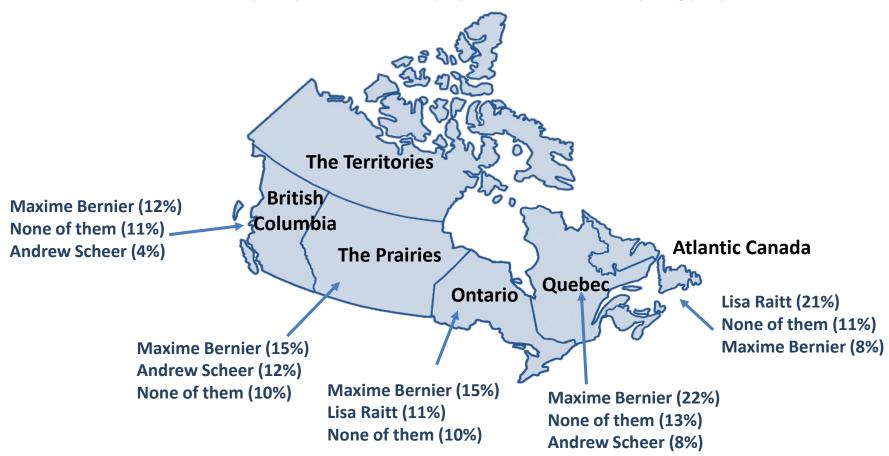
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## Methodology

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Individuals randomly called using random digit dialling with a maximum of five call backs.

The margin of error for a random survey of 1,000 Canadians is ±3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

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Note: Charts may not add up to 100 due to rounding.





### **Technical Note**

Element	Description	Element	Description
Organization who commissioned the research	CTV News	Weighting of Data	The results were weighted by age and gender using the latest Census information (2014) and the sample is geographically stratified to ensure a distribution across all regions of Canada. See tables for full weighting disclosure
Final Sample Size	1,000 Randomly selected individuals.		Screening ensured potential respondents did not work in the
Margin of Error	±3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.	Screening	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.
Mode of Survey	RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online omnibus survey	Excluded Demographics	Individuals younger than 18 years old; individuals without land or cell line could not participate.
Sampling Method Base	The sample included both land- and cell-lines RDD (Random Digit Dialed) across Canada.	Stratification	By age and gender using the latest Census information (2014) 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.
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.	Estimated Response Rate	12 percent, consistent with industry norms.
Demographics (Other)	Age, gender, education, income	Question Order	Question order in the preceding report reflects the order in which they appeared in the original questionnaire.
Fieldwork/Validation	Live interviews with live supervision to validate work as per the MRIA Code of Conduct	Question Content	This was module two of an omnibus survey. The preceding module asked about the top national unprompted issue of concern.
Number of Calls/	Maximum of five call backs.	Question Wording	The questions in the preceding report are written exactly as they were asked to individuals.
Time of Calls	Individuals were called between 12-5:30 pm and 6:30-9:30pm local time for the respondent.	Survey Company	Nanos Research
Field Dates	May 24 <sup>th</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2017.		Contact Nanos Research for more information or with any concerns or questions.
Language of Survey	The survey was conducted in both English and French.	Contact	http://www.nanosresearch.com Telephone:(613) 234-4666 ext. Email: info@nanosresearch.com.





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## **Tabulations**









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					Region			Gender				Age					
			Canada 2017-05	Atlantic Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 plus		
Question - Which of the	Total	Unwgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	501	499	172	148	192	204	284		
following candidates for the		Wgt N	1000	100	250	300	200	150	487	513	197	163	187	189	265		
eadership of the	Maxime Bernier	%	17.4	10.8	25.3	16.3	19.6	8.3	23.9	11.3	14.8	16.7	21.1	18.8	16.4		
Conservative Party of	Michael Chong	%	10.0	10.6	2.6	17.3	7.1	10.9	12.0	8.0	7.3	11.3	8.2	9.1	12.9		
Canada would make the best	Lisa Raitt	%	7.7	18.2	3.9	8.8	7.6	5.2	7.2	8.2	6.2	6.7	8.4	8.3	8.6		
Prime Minister? [RANDOMIZE]	Andrew Scheer	%	4.1	2.7	2.1	3.4	10.2	1.3	4.1	4.0	5.1	2.7	3.4	1.7	6.3		
	Erin O'Toole	%	2.3	2.2	1.5	3.2	1.8	2.3	2.8	1.8	2.3	2.4	1.6	1.7	3.1		
	Chris Alexander	%	1.0	1.3	1.2	1.7	.5	.0	.9	1.2	.5	1.3	1.9	.5	1.1		
	Steven Blaney	%	1.0	.0	2.9	0.5	.0	.6	1.3	.7	.0	1.3	.4	2.2	1.1		
	Kellie Leitch	%	1.0	.0	1.3	1.7	.0	1.0	1.4	.6	.0	.8	2.2	1.3	.7		
	Pierre Lemieux	%	.7	1.2	1.4	0.6	.0	.5	.5	.9	.0	.0	1.0	.8	1.5		
	Deepak Obhrai	%	.5	.0	.4	0.7	1.1	.0	1.1	.0	1.1	.7	.5	.0	.4		
	Brad Trost	%	.5	1.2	.9	.0	.8	.0	.5	.5	.5	.0	.0	.4	1.2		
	Rick Peterson	%	.2	.9	.0	.0	.5	.0	.4	.0	.4	.7	.0	.0	.0		
	Andrew Saxton	%	.2	.0	.0	.0	.5	.6	.2	.2	.0	.7	.0	.0	.4		
	None of them	%	20.3	22.4	28.0	14.0	15.8	24.6	19.2	21.3	23.0	18.5	15.7	21.1	22.0		
	Unsure	%	33.1	28.6	28.6	31.7	34.4	44.5	24.4	41.3	38.8	36.3	35.5	34.1	24.5		





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Conservative Party of	Maxime Bernier	%	8.2	3.7	18.4	6.8	4.4	2.3	9.9	6.7	5.0	8.7	8.2	9.7	9.3	
Canada would make the worst Prime Minister?	Deepak Obhrai	%	4.4	4.3	4.1	5.2	5.0	2.9	4.9	4.0	2.5	6.0	3.0	6.3	4.6	
worst Prime Minister? [RANDOMIZE]	Lisa Raitt	%	2.2	3.0	1.6	2.8	1.2	2.9	2.3	2.2	1.6	2.2	3.0	1.8	2.5	
	Brad Trost	%	2.0	2.6	.8	1.4	3.9	2.3	3.1	1.0	2.3	2.8	1.1	.8	2.8	
	Chris Alexander	%	1.8	3.9	1.2	2.8	.4	1.4	2.2	1.5	3.1	.6	2.8	.9	1.5	
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	Michael Chong	%	1.5	1.6	1.2	.3	4.7	.0	2.0	1.0	2.6	.7	.6	1.7	1.6	
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	Erin O'Toole	%	.6	.0	.9	.8	.6	.0	1.0	.2	2.3	.8	.0	.0	.(	
	Rick Peterson	%	.4	.0	.0	.6	1.1	.0	.2	.6	.7	.0	.0	.5	.6	
	Andrew Saxton	%	.1	.0	.0	.0	.0	.6	.2	.0	.0	.5	.0	.0	.(	
	Andrew Scheer	%	.1	.0	.0	.0	.6	.0	.2	.0	.0	.0	.0	.6	.(	
	None of them	%	5.5	2.9	9.1	3.6	5.8	4.4	5.9	5.1	4.3	7.3	3.3	8.0	4.9	
	Unsure	%	43.8	42.0	9.1	3.6	5.8	4.4	5.9	5.1	4.3	7.3	3.3	8.0	4.9	





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to unite the Conservative	Andrew Scheer	%	7.4	6.1	8.1	5.9	11.8	4.3	7.8	7.0	6.7	6.3	6.2	5.7	10.6	
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	Rick Peterson	%	.4	.9	.4	.4	.5	.0	.6	.2	1.0	.7	.0	.0	.4	
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	None of them	%	11.2	11.3	13.3	10.3	9.8	11.2	10.5	11.9	11.5	9.3	8.1	13.9	12.3	
	Unsure	%	45.4	40.8	42.9	42.0	46.3	58.5	39.6	51.0	54.2	47.6	47.3	41.9	38.8	