



NDP leadership change presents opportunity for marginal improvement in ballot support.

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The research gauged the opinions among Canadians on the New Democratic Party of Canada.

Nanos conducted an RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online random survey of 1099 Canadians, 18 years of age or older, between March 31 to April 4, 2026 as part of an omnibus survey. The margin of error for this survey is ± 3.0 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

[The statistical tabulations including the unweighted and weighted number of interviews can be accessed here.](#)

The research was commissioned by CTV News and was conducted by Nanos Research.

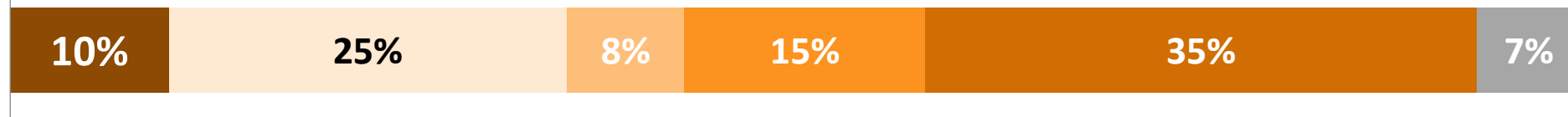
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Key findings

1. Marginal ballot opportunity at this time: 15 per cent of Canadians report generally supporting the federal NDP and another 10 per cent express they would be more open to voting NDP federally with a new leader.
2. Goodwill towards NDP without ballot support: About one in four Canadians see a place for the NDP in the federal political landscape, with 25 per cent reporting that although they would not vote NDP, they like them as an opposition party.
3. Some remain inaccessible: A minority of Canadians do not express an appetite for the NDP one way or another, with 35 per cent reporting that they do not support the party and another eight per cent reporting that they prefer federal politics be dominated by the two major parties.

Views on the NDP federally

Q – Which of the following best reflects your view about the New Democratic Party of Canada. (Select one) [RANDOMIZE]



- With a new leader I would be more open to voting NDP federally
- I would not vote for the NDP federally but like them as an opposition party
- I would prefer to see federal politics dominated by the two major parties the [rotate] Liberals and Conservatives
- I generally support the NDP
- I generally do not support the NDP
- Unsure

Canadians have a diversity of views on the NDP. People are more likely to have a positive rather than a negative view. On the positive side of the ledger 15 per cent report generally voting for the NDP, another 10 per cent are open to vote with the leadership change and 25 per cent would not vote NDP but like them as an opposition party. On the negative side of the ledger, more than one in three report not supporting the NDP (35%) and another eight per cent would prefer a two party system dominated by the Liberals and Conservatives.

*Weighted to the true population proportion.

*Charts may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

Views on the NDP federally – by demographics

Q – Which of the following best reflects your view about the New Democratic Party of Canada. (Select one) [RANDOMIZE]

	Canada 2026-04 (n=1099)	Atlantic (n=120)	Quebec (n=206)	Ontario (n=362)	Prairies (n=246)	British Columbia (n=165)	Male (n=578)	Female (n=521)	18 to 34 (n=183)	35 to 54 (n=412)	55 plus (n=504)
I generally do not support the NDP	35.1%	38.8%	36.4%	33.8%	39.4%	29.2%	42.6%	27.9%	30.5%	35.6%	37.7%
I would not vote for the NDP federally but like them as an opposition party	25.3%	22.5%	35.0%	23.1%	20.4%	23.0%	22.4%	28.1%	16.4%	28.2%	28.9%
I generally support the NDP	15.3%	15.1%	4.9%	15.0%	19.6%	28.2%	11.1%	19.4%	25.5%	12.2%	11.2%
With a new leader I would be more open to voting NDP federally	10.1%	8.9%	10.5%	11.9%	7.6%	8.2%	8.3%	11.8%	13.5%	10.4%	7.6%
I would prefer to see federal politics dominated by the two major parties the [rotate] Liberals and Conservatives	7.5%	8.2%	2.9%	8.9%	9.5%	8.5%	9.5%	5.6%	6.0%	7.4%	8.6%
Unsure	6.6%	6.5%	10.2%	7.3%	3.5%	2.9%	6.2%	7.1%	8.2%	6.1%	6.0%

Men are more likely than women to report that they generally do not support the NDP. Respondents in Quebec are slightly more likely than the national average to report that they would not vote for the NDP federally, but like them as an opposition party. Respondents in British Columbia are more likely than those in Quebec to report that they generally support the NDP. Younger Canadians aged 18 to 34 are more likely than the national average to report that they generally support the NDP and less likely than the national average to report than they would not vote for the NDP federally but like them as an opposition party.

Element	Description	Element	Description
Research sponsor	CTV News	Weighting of Data	The results were weighted by age and gender using the latest Census information (2021) and the sample is geographically stratified to ensure a distribution across all regions of Canada. See tables for full weighting disclosure
Population and Final Sample Size	1099 Randomly selected individuals.	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.
Source of Sample	Nanos Probability Panel	Excluded Demographics	Individuals younger than 18 years old; individuals without land or cell lines, and individuals without internet access could not participate.
Type of Sample	Probability	Stratification	By age and gender using the latest Census information (2021) 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.
Margin of Error	±3.0 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.	Estimated Response Rate	13 per cent, consistent with industry norms.
Mode of Survey	RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online omnibus survey	Question Order	Question order in the preceding report reflects the order in which they appeared in the original questionnaire.
Sampling Method Base	The sample included both land- and cell-lines RDD (Random Digit Dialed) across Canada.	Question Content	Topics on the omnibus ahead of the survey content included: views on political issues and views on economic issues, defence spending, Canadian involvement in US-Cuba relations, the impact of oil prices on the Canadian economy, and willingness to travel by air following the collision at LaGuardia Airport.
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.	Question Wording	The questions in the preceding report are written exactly as they were asked to individuals.
Fieldwork/Validation	Individuals were recruited using live interviews with live supervision to validate work, the research questions were administered online	Research/Data Collection Supplier	Nanos Research
Number of Calls	Maximum of five call backs to those recruited.	Contact	Contact Nanos Research for more information or with any concerns or questions. http://www.nanos.co Telephone:(613) 234-4666 ext. 237 Email: info@nanosresearch.com.
Time of Calls	Individuals recruited were called between 12-5:30 pm and 6:30-9:30pm local time for the respondent.	Tabulations	By region, age and gender
Field Dates	March 31 to April 4, 2026.		
Language of Survey	The survey was conducted in both English and French.		
Standards	Nanos Research is a member of the Canadian Research Insights Council (CRIC) and confirms that this research fully complies with all CRIC Standards including the CRIC Public Opinion Research Standards and Disclosure Requirements. https://canadianresearchinsightscouncil.ca/standards/		



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