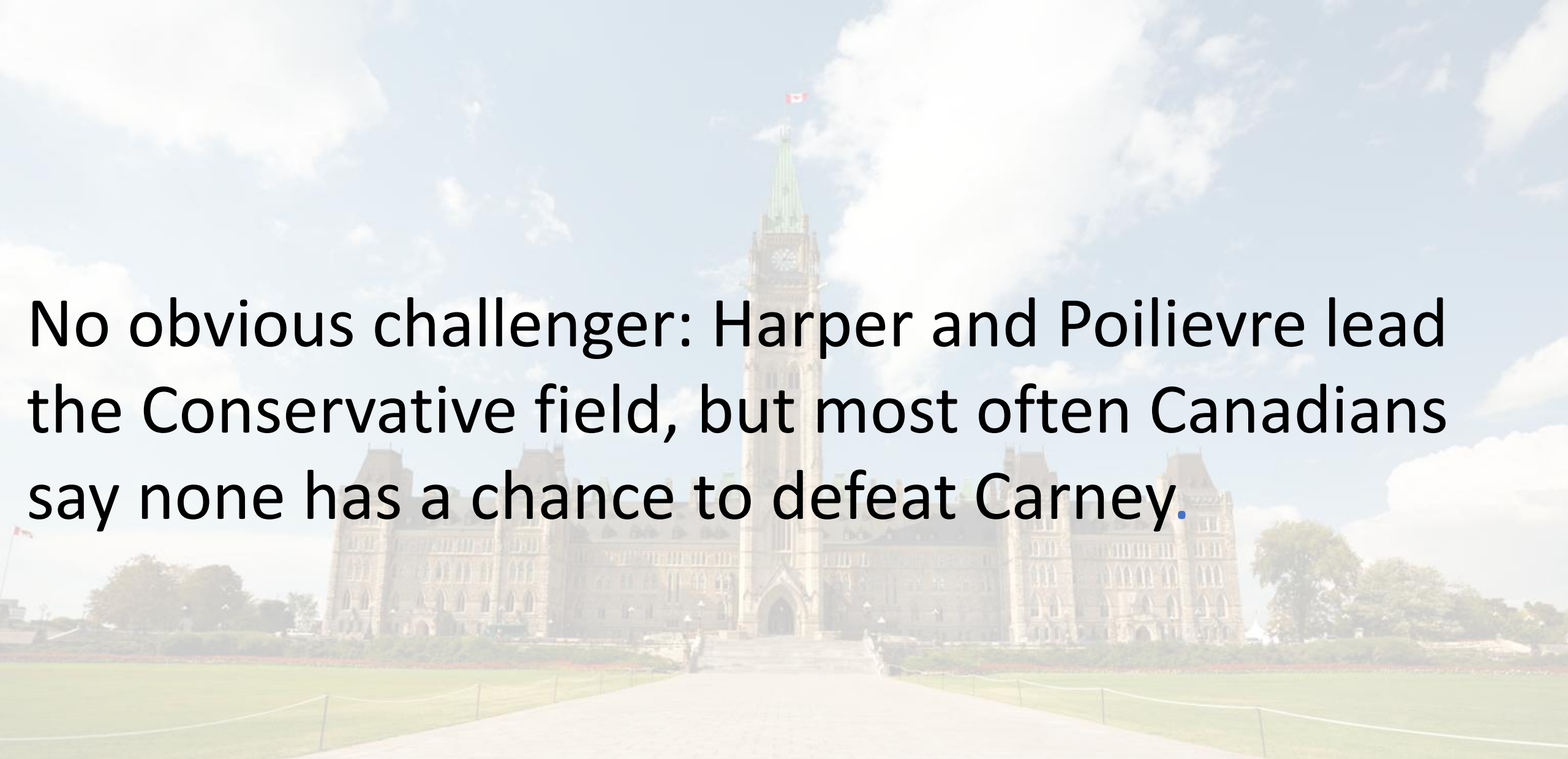




No obvious challenger: Harper and Poilievre lead the Conservative field, but most often Canadians say none has a chance to defeat Carney.

This research gauged the opinion of Canadians on which notable Canadian Conservative would have the best chance of defeating Liberal leader Mark Carney.

Nanos conducted an RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online random survey of 1,104 Canadians, 18 years of age or older, from July 28th to 30th, 2026 as part of an omnibus survey. The sample included both land- and cell-lines across Canada. The results were statistically checked and weighted by age and gender using the latest Census information and the sample is geographically stratified to be representative of Canada.

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

The margin of error for this survey is ± 3.0 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

This study was commissioned by the CTV News and the research was conducted by Nanos Research.

[Full data tables with weighted and unweighted number of interviews is here.](#)

Tables within the report that have significant differences are highlighted in yellow.

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

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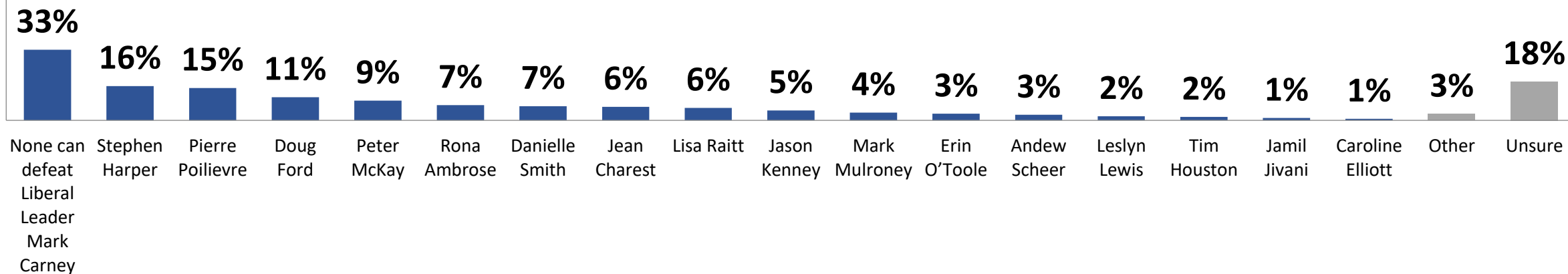
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Views on which Conservative leader would have the best chance against Mark Carney

Q – Which of the following individuals, if they were leader of the Conservative Party of Canada, would have a chance to defeat Liberal leader Mark Carney?



Canadians believe that Stephen Harper (16%) and Pierre Poilievre (15%) would have the highest chance to defeat Prime Minister Mark Carney if they were leader of the Conservative Party of Canada. One third of Canadians believe that none of the following could defeat Prime Minister Mark Carney if they were leader of the Conservative Party. Just under one in five (18%) of Canadians report being unsure.

*Weighted to the true population proportion.

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

*Multifrequency tab based on multiple responses

Views on which Conservative leader would have the best chance against Mark Carney – By demographics

Q – Which of the following individuals, if they were leader of the Conservative Party of Canada, would have a chance to defeat Liberal leader Mark Carney?

	Canada 2026-07 (n=1104)	Atlantic (n=109)	Quebec (n=222)	Ontario (n=388)	Prairies (n=219)	BC (n=166)	Men (n=587)	Women (n=517)	18 to 34 (n=151)	35 to 54 (n=393)	55 plus (n=560)
None can defeat Liberal Leader Mark Carney	33.3%	43.2%	23.3%	38.3%	29.1%	36.8%	29.9%	36.7%	26.5%	32.2%	38.7%
Stephen Harper	16.2%	7.4%	14.2%	15.1%	25.0%	16.1%	21.7%	11.0%	22.5%	13.8%	14.1%
Pierre Poilievre	15.3%	11.7%	12.6%	12.9%	26.2%	14.2%	17.6%	13.0%	20.6%	13.7%	13.0%
Doug Ford	10.9%	7.7%	16.6%	9.0%	10.9%	8.2%	12.5%	9.4%	11.1%	13.0%	9.1%
Peter McKay	9.3%	20.3%	2.7%	11.0%	9.1%	10.6%	10.5%	8.2%	13.1%	8.2%	7.8%
Rona Ambrose	7.2%	8.9%	2.0%	5.5%	17.8%	6.9%	8.6%	5.9%	8.5%	6.8%	6.8%
Danielle Smith	6.7%	1.4%	6.3%	4.6%	15.7%	4.7%	8.0%	5.5%	8.5%	7.4%	5.1%
Jean Charest	6.4%	9.4%	7.5%	7.8%	1.9%	5.0%	7.3%	5.6%	5.5%	7.4%	6.3%
Lisa Raitt	5.9%	3.2%	0.6%	7.0%	10.6%	6.7%	6.2%	5.5%	5.6%	6.7%	5.4%
Other	3.0%	0.9%	3.5%	4.2%	1.1%	1.9%	3.9%	2.1%	5.2%	1.4%	2.7%
Unsure	18.3%	16.4%	29.4%	15.1%	13.9%	15.4%	14.5%	22.0%	22.1%	18.2%	16.0%

*Multifrequency tab based on multiple responses

Source: Nanos Research, RDD dual frame hybrid telephone and online random survey, July 28th to 30th, 2026, n=1104, accurate 3.0 percentage points plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.

Element	Description	Element	Description
Research sponsor	CTV News Power Play	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	1104 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 Insights Lab	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 percent, 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, views on economic issues, American alcohol returning to Canadian store shelves, the Gordie Howe Bridge, sending First responders to the US after natural disasters and illegal firearms trafficking.
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	July 28 th to 30 th , 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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