

Close federal race continues - Tories down in Quebec up in Ontario

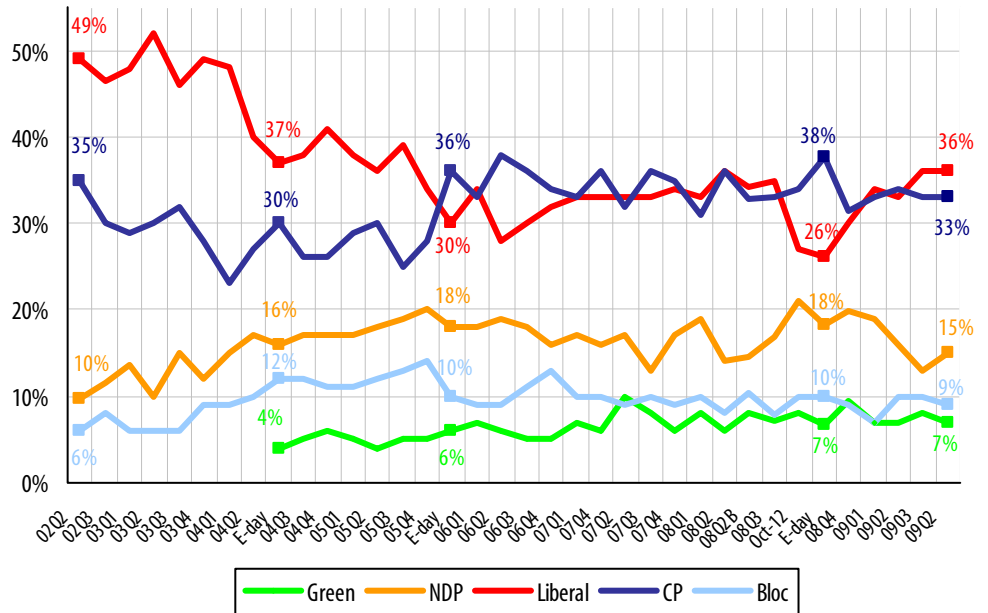
METHODOLOGY

To follow is a review of the latest Nanos national random telephone survey of 1,001 Canadians 18 years of age and older. It was completed between April 25th and April 30th, 2009. The statistics of a random sample of 1,001 respondents are accurate to within 3.1%, for 858 committed voters, it is accurate to within 3.4%, plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.

Results for 200903 are from a random telephone survey of 1,002 Canadians conducted between March 13th and March 18th, 2009.

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QUESTION: For those parties you would consider voting for federally, could you please rank your top two current local preferences? (Committed voters only - First Preference)



REGIONAL BALLOT

Committed Voters (%)**	Canada		Atlantic Canada*		Quebec		Ontario		Western Canada	
	200903	200904	200903	200904	200903	200904	200903	200904	200903	200904
	(n=893)	(n=858)	(n=88)	(n=84)	(n=250)	(n=203)	(n=256)	(n=262)	(n=300)	(n=309)
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Liberal	36	36	46	40	32	36	44	43	30	30
Conservative	33	33	31	32	19	11	31	39	46	42
NDP	13	15	19	24	7	11	14	11	15	19
BQ	10	9	-	-	36	37	-	-	-	-
Green	8	7	4	4	6	5	10	8	10	9
Accuracy	±3.3	±3.4	±10.6	±10.9	±6.3	±7.0	±6.2	±6.1	±5.7	±5.6
Undecided	11	14	12	17	1	17	15	13	14	12

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** due to rounding percentages may not add up to 100

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Harper ahead as best PM - Up in Ontario down in Quebec

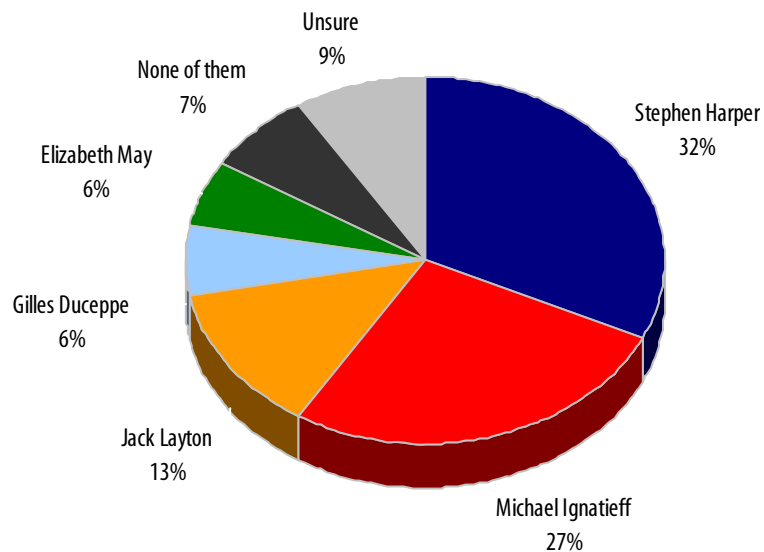
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QUESTION: Of the following individuals, who do you think would make the best Prime Minister?
[Rotate]



Responses (%) **	Canada		Atlantic*		Quebec		Ontario		West	
	200903	200904	200903	200904	200903	200904	200903	200904	200903	200904
	(n=1002)	(n=1001)	(n=99)	(n=101)	(n=253)	(n=244)	(n=301)	(n=302)	(n=350)	(n=353)
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Stephen Harper	33	32	35	20	14	15	31	41	48	40
Michael Ignatieff	27	27	28	31	26	35	33	25	21	23
Jack Layton	12	13	17	17	19	14	9	11	9	13
Gilles Duceppe	6	6	0	3	21	21	1	1	1	1
Elizabeth May	6	6	8	7	7	3	5	7	6	7
None of them	7	7	4	7	10	3	7	9	7	8
Unsure	9	9	8	15	4	9	13	8	10	8
Accuracy	±3.1	±3.1	±10.0	±9.9	±6.2	±6.4	±5.7	±5.7	±5.3	±5.3

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Canadians perceive the Conservative Party as the most united

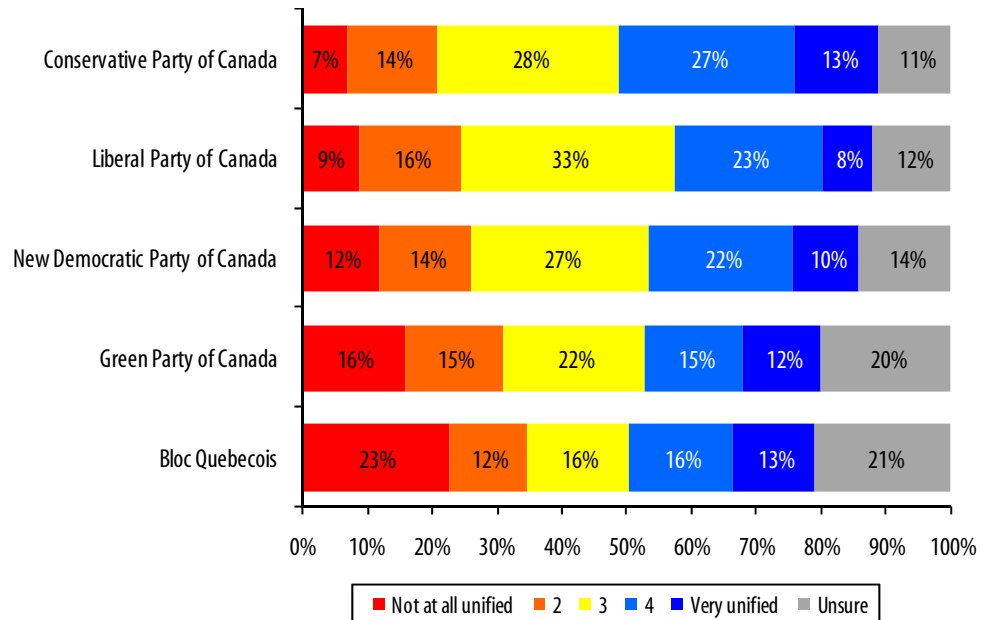
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QUESTION: On a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is not at all unified and 5 is very unified, how unified would you describe the following political parties. [ROTATE]



REGIONAL NUMBERS

Responses (%) **	Canada	Atlantic Canada*	Quebec	Ontario	Western Canada
	Mean Score	Mean Score	Mean Score	Mean Score	Mean Score
Conservative Party of Canada	3.28	2.87	3.02	3.35	3.54
New Democratic Party of Canada	3.04	3.17	3.19	2.88	3.05
Liberal Party of Canada	3.03	3.01	3.25	3.02	2.89
Green Party of Canada	2.89	2.98	2.88	2.85	2.89
Bloc Quebecois	2.79	2.86	3.32	2.49	2.58

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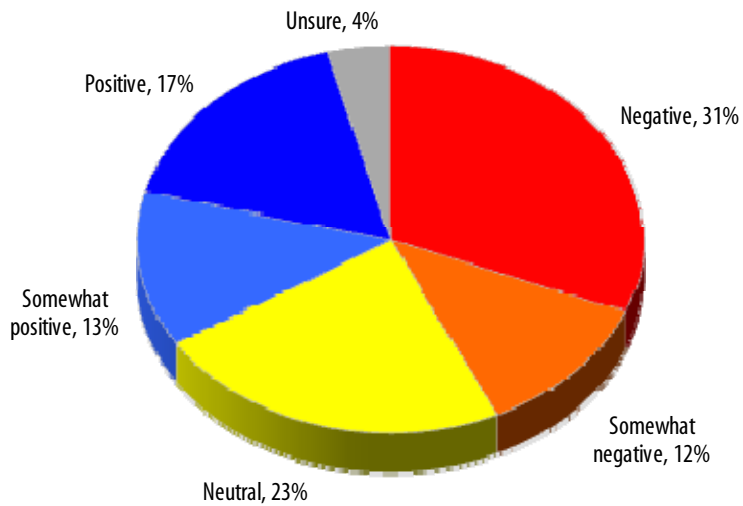
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QUESTION: If a politician said that taxes would have to increase in the future to pay for the deficit spending we are incurring in the current downturn, would you have a positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative or negative impression of that politician?



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	200904	200904	200904	200904	200904
	(n=1,001)	(n=101)	(n=244)	(n=302)	(n=353)
Positive	17	12	15	15	21
Somewhat positive	13	18	11	13	13
Neutral	23	31	13	27	24
Somewhat negative	12	10	10	15	12
Negative	31	21	47	28	24
Net Score	-13	-1	-31	-15	-2
Accuracy	±3.1	±9.9	±6.4	±5.7	±5.3

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