



## **ANGUS REID POLITICAL TRACKER**

# **LITTLE MOMENTUM FOR MAIN FEDERAL PARTIES**

**Conservatives at 34%, Liberals at 27%  
NDP third with 19%, BQ at 10%, Greens with 8%**

**Only 31% of Canadians approve of Harper,  
Dion holds markedly lower numbers (15%)**

**Neither Harper nor Dion (38%) is Preferred PM**

*This release includes the results of two separate surveys:*

*Voting Intention - From June 12 to 18, 2007, Angus Reid Strategies conducted an online survey among a randomly selected, representative sample of 2,549 adult Canadians. The margin of error for the total sample is +2.1%, 19 times out of 20. The results have been statistically weighted according to the most current education, age, gender and region Census data to ensure a sample representative of the entire adult population of Canada. Discrepancies in or between totals are due to rounding.*

*Approval Questions - From June 14 to 15, 2007, Angus Reid Strategies conducted an online survey among a randomly selected, representative sample of 1,079 adult Canadians. The margin of error for the total sample is +3.0%, 19 times out of 20. The results have been statistically weighted according to the most current education, age, gender and region Census data to ensure a sample representative of the entire adult population of Canada. Discrepancies in or between totals are due to rounding.*

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[VANCOUVER – Jun. 21, 2007] – Neither of Canada’s two main federal political parties managed to generate momentum before the summer parliamentary recess, an Angus Reid Strategies poll has found.

In the online voting intention survey of a representative national sample of 2,549 Canadians, 34 per cent respondents say they will cast a ballot for the governing Conservatives in the next federal election—slightly lower than the 36.3 per cent the party generated in the 2006 ballot.

The Liberals stand at 27 per cent, followed by the New Democratic Party (NDP) with 19 per cent, the Bloc Québécois with 10 per cent, and the Green Party with eight per cent.

The regional breakdown shows the Tories clearly in command in Alberta (62%), but their numbers in other areas—during a well-documented rift between the federal government and some provinces over equalization payments—have dwindled.

In Manitoba and Saskatchewan, support for the Conservatives has dropped from 47 per cent in May, to 34 per cent this month. In Atlantic Canada, the Tories are clearly struggling (14%), while in British Columbia and Ontario, the governing party retains an advantage over the Grits (36% to 30% in BC, 39% to 30% in Ontario).

The Liberals are ahead in Atlantic Canada (43%), but are third in Quebec (15%), where the Bloc Québécois leads all parties with 38 per cent, followed by the Conservatives with 26 per cent.

Among Canadians aged 18-34, a closely contested battle between Conservatives (27%), NDP (25%) and Liberals (23%) continues, while the governing Tories lead the Grits among Canadians aged 35-54 (38% to 24%) and Canadians aged 55+ (38% to 30%).

A separate Angus Reid Strategies survey looked at the way voters feel about the country’s two main political leaders. After a month that featured the G8 summit in Germany, the public’s perception of the Prime Minister has clearly deteriorated.

Only 31 per cent of respondents approve of the way Stephen Harper is handling his duties—nine points below his total in a March poll—and 37 per cent of Canadians say their opinion of the Prime Minister actually worsened over the course of the past four weeks. Noticeably, few Canadian women (26%) rate Harper’s performance in a positive light.

Despite the low numbers for Harper, the country’s opposition leader remains unable to capitalize. Only 15 per cent of Canadians approve of the performance of Liberal leader Stéphane Dion, and just eight per cent report an improvement. A majority of respondents in Alberta (56%), Ontario (52%) and Dion’s home province of Quebec (55%) disapprove of the Liberal leader’s performance.

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The two main party leaders also fare poorly when Canadians are asked which one of them would make the best Prime Minister. Neither (38%) is the favourite answer, while Harper stands at 33 per cent, and Dion at 17 per cent. Strikingly, 80 per cent of respondents who cast a ballot for the Tories in 2006 think Harper is the best person for Canada's top political job, while only 41 per cent of Liberal voters believe Dion is ready for 24 Sussex.

In all, 38% of Canadians think the country is on the right track, down four points since late May.

Three recent surveys by Angus Reid Strategies have focused on the views of Canadians on the country's federalist opposition parties. The results show the Liberals lagging as the top party to champion the cause of the environment (22%, below the NDP at 45% and the Greens at 67%), which was featured prominently in Dion's leadership campaign.

A majority of Canadians (58%) voiced support for having at least one Member of Parliament from the Green Party. In addition, the NDP could be on the verge of a historic result, with 30 per cent of Canadians saying they would consider voting for the party in the next federal ballot.

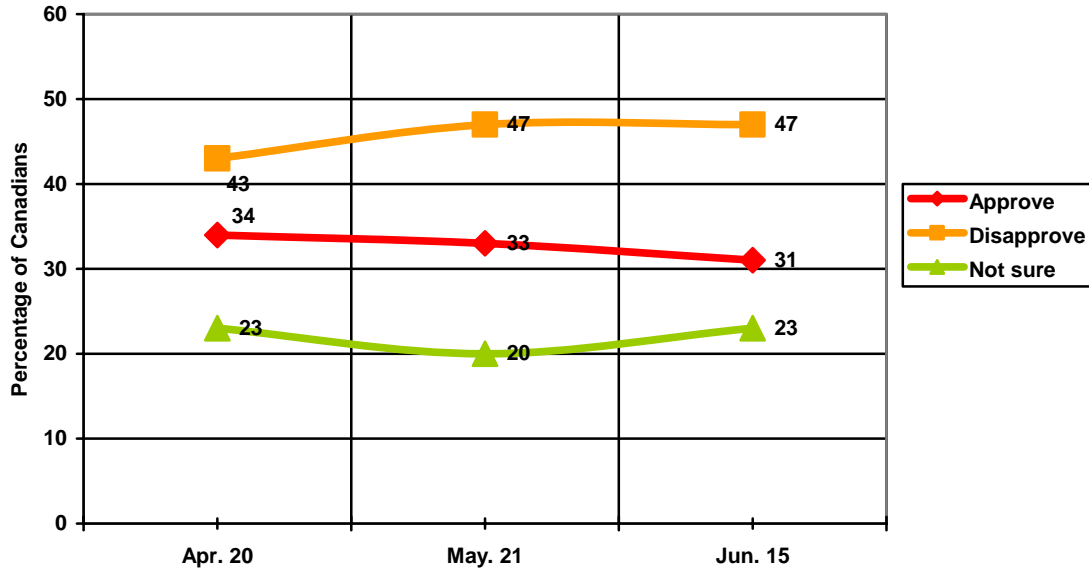
"The lacklustre ratings for Harper and Dion suggest that another party could have an opportunity to take advantage, although certainly not enough to form the government," said Angus Reid. "The NDP would reach a record high if it can hold on to the voters who are seriously pondering a third option."

Related polls: **The Green Party – What Do Canadians Think? (June 20, 2007)**  
<http://angusreidstrategies.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=news&newsid=74>

**Low opinion of Liberals on environment, ethical behaviour (June 19, 2007)**  
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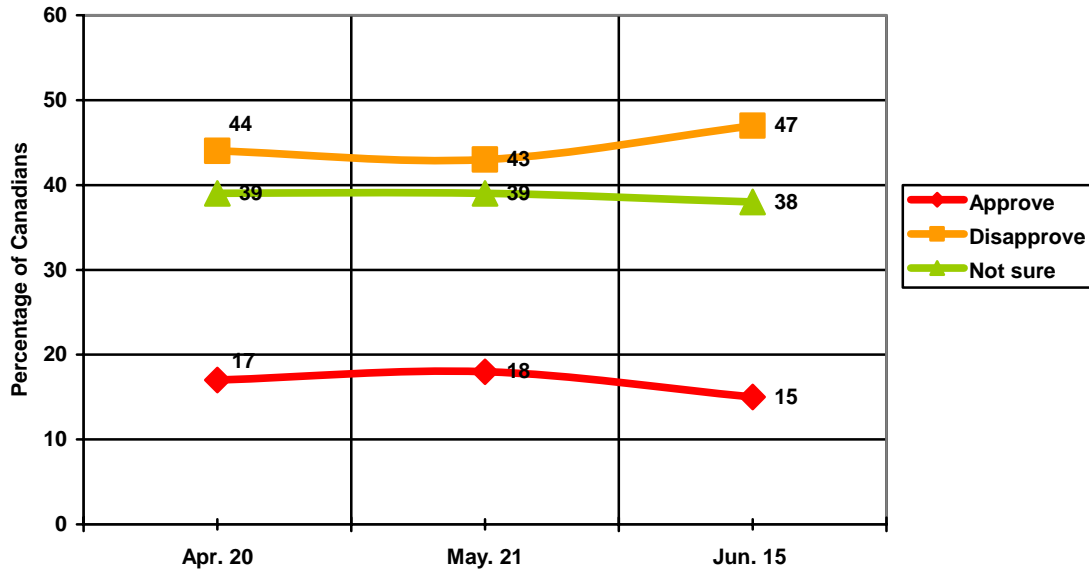
**NDP could gain from discontent with Tories and Liberals (June 18, 2007)**  
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### Do you approve or disapprove of Stephen Harper's performance as prime minister?



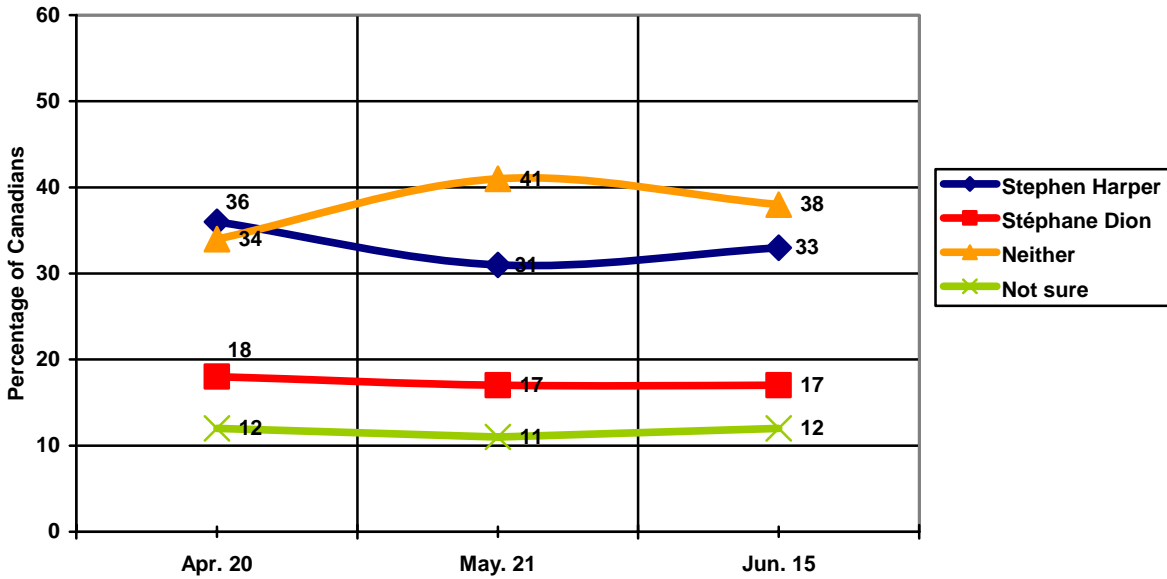
	Apr. 20	May 21	Jun. 15
Approve	34%	33%	31%
Disapprove	43%	47%	47%
Not sure	23%	20%	23%

### Do you approve or disapprove of Stéphane Dion's performance as leader of the opposition?



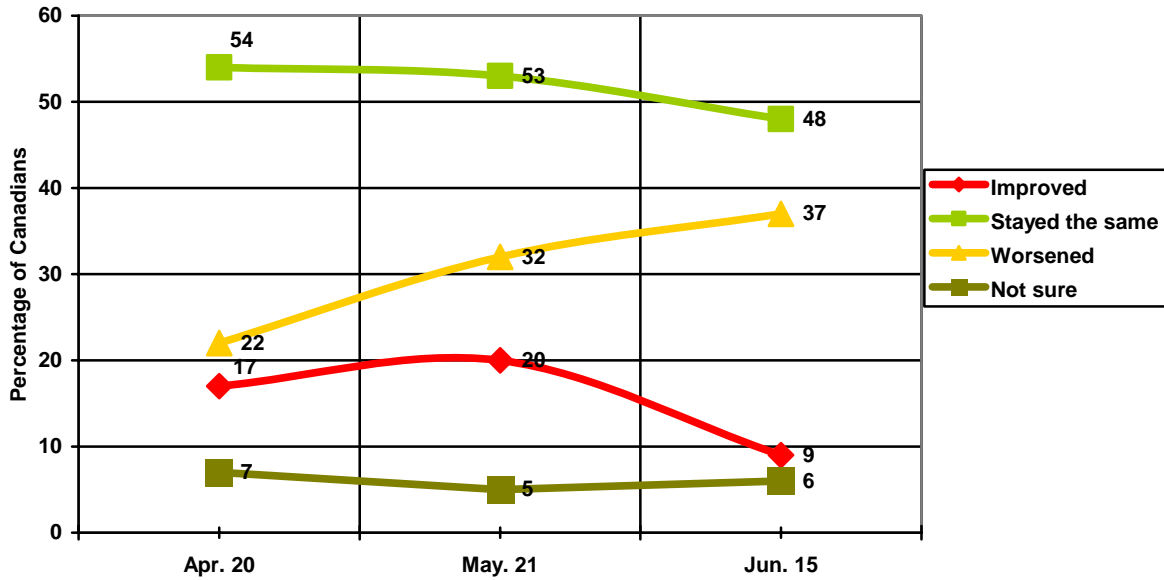
	Apr. 20	May 21	Jun. 15
Approve	17%	18%	15%
Disapprove	44%	43%	47%
Not sure	39%	39%	38%

### Which of these two leaders would make the best prime minister of Canada?



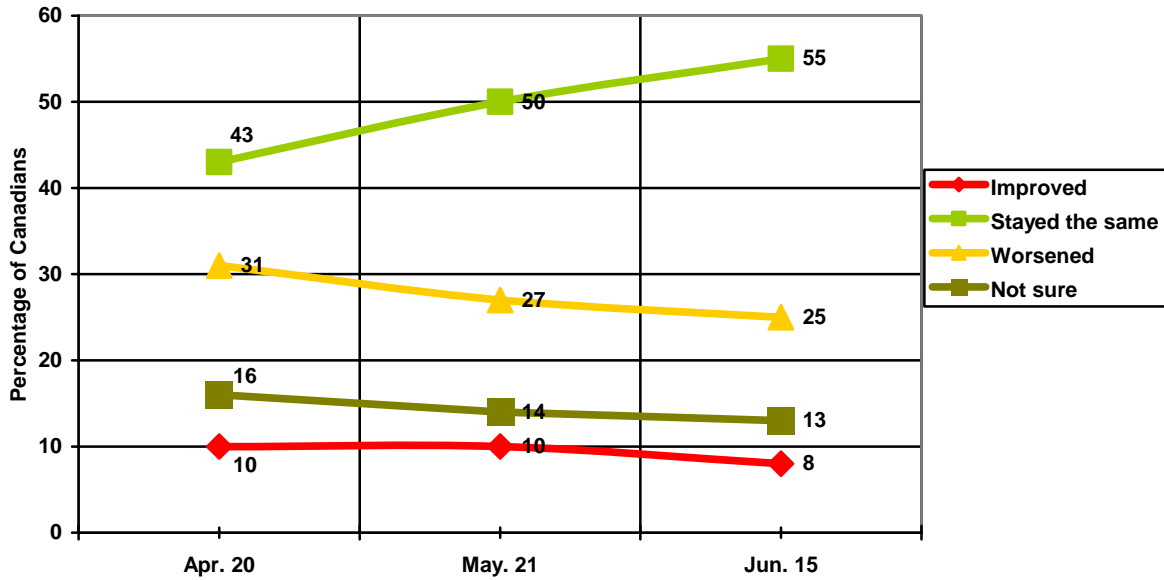
	Apr. 20	May 21	Jun. 15
Stephen Harper	36%	31%	33%
Stéphane Dion	18%	17%	17%
Neither	34%	41%	38%
Not sure	12%	11%	12%

Over the course of the past month, would you say  
your opinion of Stephen Harper has  
improved, stayed the same or worsened?



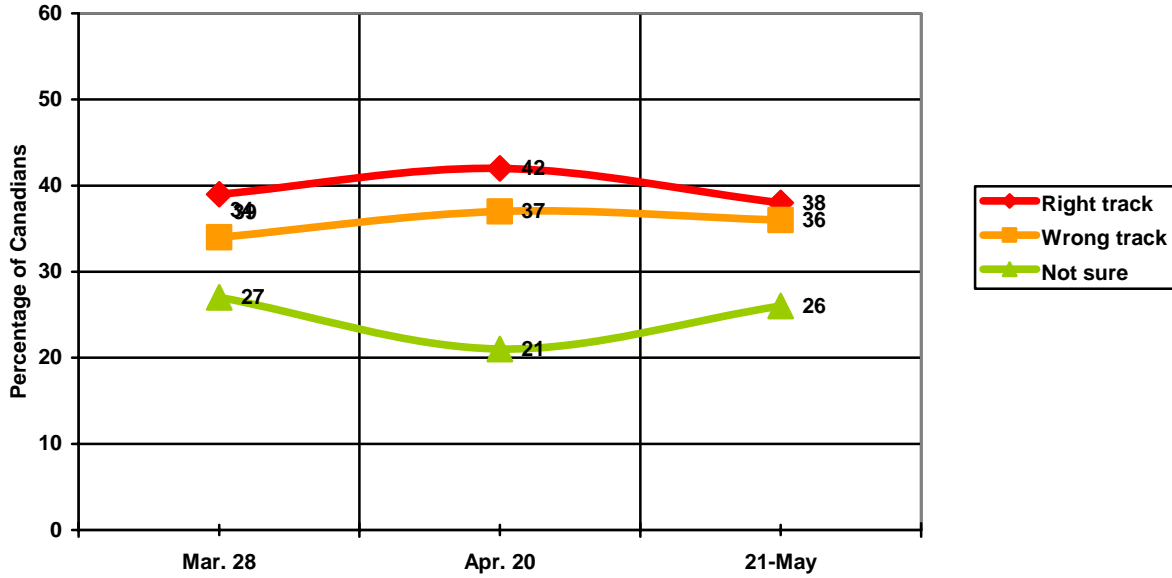
	Apr. 20	May 21	Jun. 15
Improved	17%	20%	9%
Stayed the same	54%	53%	48%
Worsened	22%	32%	37%
Not sure	7%	5%	6%

Over the course of the past month, would you say  
your opinion of Stéphane Dion has  
improved, stayed the same or worsened?



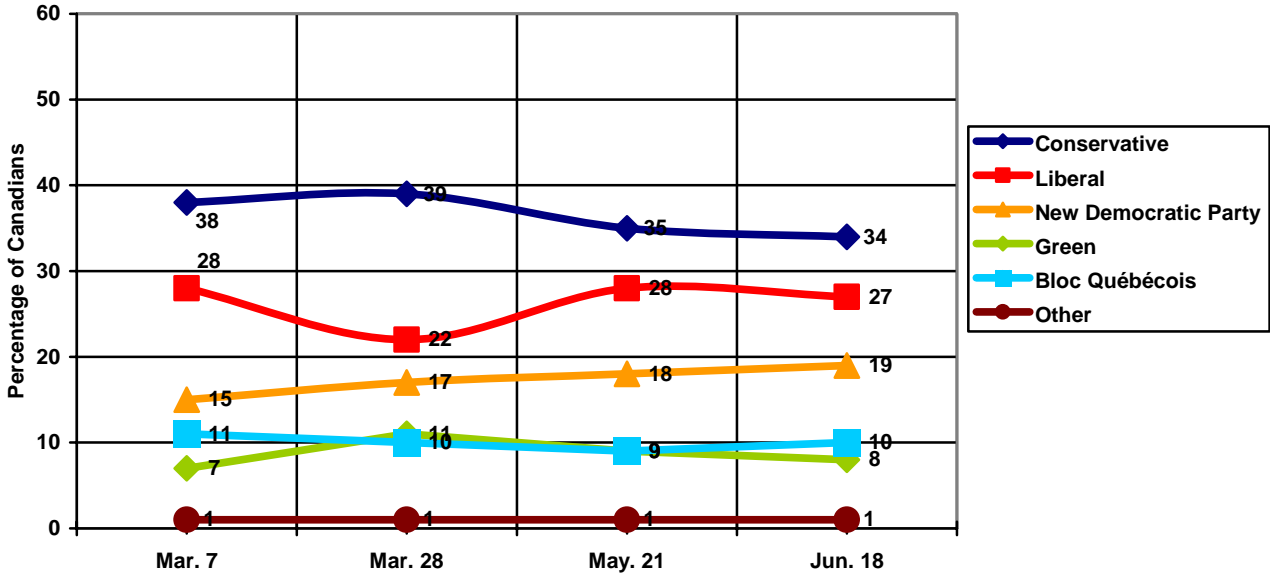
	Apr. 20	May 21	Jun. 15
Improved	10%	10%	8%
Stayed the same	43%	50%	55%
Worsened	31%	27%	25%
Not sure	16%	14%	13%

### Overall, do you think Canada is headed in the right track, or the wrong track?



	Apr. 20	May 21	Jun. 15
Right track	39%	42%	38%
Wrong track	34%	37%	36%
Not sure	27%	21%	26%

**If a federal election were held tomorrow, which one of the following parties would you vote for?**



	Mar. 7	Mar. 28	May 21	Jun. 18
Conservative	38%	39%	35%	34%
Liberal	28%	22%	28%	27%
New Democratic Party	15%	17%	18%	19%
Bloc Québécois	11%	10%	9%	10%
Green	7%	11%	9%	8%
Other	1%	1%	1%	1%

*Angus Reid Strategies is a North American full-service polling and market research firm which is a leader in the use of the Internet and rich media technology to collect high-quality, in-depth insights for a wide array of clients. Dr. Angus Reid and the Angus Reid Strategies team are pioneers in online research methodologies, and have been conducting online surveys since 1995. Located in Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto, and Montreal, our team of specialists provides solutions across every type and sector of research.*

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*Angus Reid Strategies has been successful in predicting the outcome of this year's provincial elections in [Quebec](#) and [Manitoba](#).*

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