



## **CANADIAN FEDERAL POLITICS**

### **TORIES IN COMMAND, HOLD DOUBLE-DIGIT LEAD**

**Governing Conservatives on the brink of majority (40%),  
Liberals at 26%, and NDP at 15%**

**Tories retain 85% of Canadians who voted for them in  
2006; Grits hold on to just 66% of their supporters**

*From February 20 to 27, 2007, Angus Reid Strategies conducted an online survey among a randomly selected, representative sample of 3,189 Canadian adults. 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.*

**Public Release:  
National Public Opinion Poll**

[TORONTO - Mar. 1, 2007] – The Conservative Party has amassed a 14-point lead in Canada's federal political scene, an Angus Reid Strategies poll has found. Two-out-of-five decided voters (40%) in the country will support the Tories in the next election.

The Liberal Party has not made significant gains since Stéphane Dion took over as leader. Just over a quarter of Canadians (26%) would support the Grits, while 15% would cast their ballot for the New Democratic Party (NDP). The Bloc Québécois is fourth at 10%, followed by the Green Party with 8%.

The poll shows that Dion has been unsuccessful in retaining the support of Canadians who voted for the Liberals in the January 2006 federal election. While 85% of voters who supported the Tories last year intend to do so again, only 66% of Liberal voters are willing to cast a ballot for the Dion-led Grits.

The situation is equally dire for Jack Layton. The NDP leader currently attracts 59% of the voters who backed his party last year. The Bloc is holding on to 73% of its 2006 voters, losing more than a quarter of its supporters to the remaining federal parties.

The numbers clearly show that an early election would be disadvantageous for the opposition parties at this stage. Dion has effectively lost the support of a third of the Canadians who voted Liberal in 2006, and 40% of last year's NDP voters are looking elsewhere.

In Quebec, the Bloc has the support of 38% of decided voters, with the Conservatives and Liberals tied for second place with 22%. In Ontario, the governing party holds a ten-point advantage over the official opposition (42% to 32%). The Tories are the top party in British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, while the Grits are barely ahead in Atlantic Canada.

In the 2006 federal election, Stephen Harper led the Conservatives to victory with 36.5% of the vote, followed by the Liberals with 30.2%, the NDP with 17.5%, the Bloc with 10.5% and the Greens with 4.5%. The Bloc appears to be holding on to its share of the vote, support for the Tories and Greens has increased, and backing for the Grits and NDP has dropped.

**Canadian Federal Politics: Tories in command, hold double-digit lead**  
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| <b>Provincial breakdown</b>  |              |               |                |                 |                |               |                 |
|--|--------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <i>Q. If a federal election were held tomorrow, which one of the following parties would you vote for?</i> |              |               |                |                 |                |               |                 |
|  |              | <b>Region</b> |                |                 |                |               |                 |
|  | <b>Total</b> | <b>BC</b>     | <b>Alberta</b> | <b>Man/Sask</b> | <b>Ontario</b> | <b>Quebec</b> | <b>Atlantic</b> |
| <b>The Conservative Party, led by Stephen Harper</b>   | <b>40%</b>   | <b>42%</b>    | <b>68%</b>     | <b>59%</b>      | <b>42%</b>     | <b>22%</b>    | <b>33%</b>      |
| <b>The Liberal Party, led by Stéphane Dion</b>   | <b>26%</b>   | <b>24%</b>    | <b>15%</b>     | <b>19%</b>      | <b>32%</b>     | <b>22%</b>    | <b>34%</b>      |
| <b>The New Democratic Party (NDP), led by Jack Layton</b>  | <b>15%</b>   | <b>23%</b>    | <b>9%</b>      | <b>17%</b>      | <b>17%</b>     | <b>8%</b>     | <b>23%</b>      |
| <b>The Bloc Quebecois (BQ), led by Gilles Duceppe</b>  | <b>10%</b>   | <b>0%</b>     | <b>0%</b>      | <b>0%</b>       | <b>0%</b>      | <b>38%</b>    | <b>0%</b>       |
| <b>The Green Party, led by Elizabeth May</b>   | <b>8%</b>    | <b>10%</b>    | <b>7%</b>      | <b>5%</b>       | <b>8%</b>      | <b>8%</b>     | <b>10%</b>      |
| <b>Or, some other party</b>  | <b>1%</b>    | <b>0%</b>     | <b>1%</b>      | <b>1%</b>       | <b>0%</b>      | <b>1%</b>     | <b>0%</b>       |

| <b>Sex and age breakdown</b>   |            |             |               |              |              |            |
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| <i>Q. If a federal election were held tomorrow, which one of the following parties would you vote for?</i> |            |             |               |              |              |            |
|  |            | <b>Sex</b>  |               | <b>Age</b>   |              |            |
|  |            | <b>Male</b> | <b>Female</b> | <b>18-34</b> | <b>35-54</b> | <b>55+</b> |
| <b>The Conservative Party, led by Stephen Harper</b>   | <b>40%</b> | <b>45%</b>  | <b>35%</b>    | <b>34%</b>   | <b>40%</b>   | <b>47%</b> |
| <b>The Liberal Party, led by Stéphane Dion</b>   | <b>26%</b> | <b>26%</b>  | <b>26%</b>    | <b>24%</b>   | <b>26%</b>   | <b>28%</b> |
| <b>The New Democratic Party (NDP), led by Jack Layton</b>  | <b>15%</b> | <b>12%</b>  | <b>19%</b>    | <b>19%</b>   | <b>16%</b>   | <b>11%</b> |
| <b>The Bloc Quebecois (BQ), led by Gilles Duceppe</b>  | <b>10%</b> | <b>9%</b>   | <b>10%</b>    | <b>10%</b>   | <b>10%</b>   | <b>9%</b>  |
| <b>The Green Party, led by Elizabeth May</b>   | <b>8%</b>  | <b>7%</b>   | <b>9%</b>     | <b>13%</b>   | <b>7%</b>    | <b>4%</b>  |
| <b>Or, some other party</b>  | <b>1%</b>  | <b>0%</b>   | <b>1%</b>     | <b>1%</b>    | <b>1%</b>    | <b>0%</b>  |

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