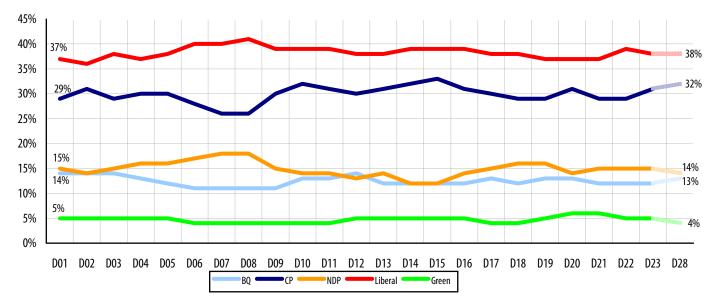


# Liberals Lead by Six Points



# FIRST RANKED BALLOT (N=1,200 Canadians, 1013 decided voters)



#### **REGIONAL BALLOTS**

	Canada		Atlantic Canada		Quebec		Ontario		Western Canada	
	Dec 23	Dec 28	Dec 23	Dec 28	Dec 23	Dec 28	Dec 23	Dec 28	Dec 23	Dec 28
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Liberal	38	38	46	42	31	30	46	46	35	34
Conservative	31	32	33	37	8	9	37	35	40	43
NDP	15	14	19	17	8	6	14	14	19	17
BQ	12	13	-	-	51	53	-	-	-	-
Green	5	4	3	3	3	2	4	5	7	6
Accuracy	<u>+</u> 3.2%	<u>+</u> 3.1%	<u>+</u> 10.0%	<u>+</u> 10.1%	<u>+</u> 6.5%	<u>+</u> 6.4%	<u>+</u> 5.8 %	<u>+</u> 5.7%	<u>+</u> 5.4 %	<u>+</u> 5.3 %
Undecided	18	16	16	17	21	19	17	15	17	14

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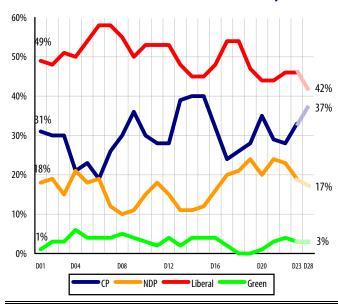
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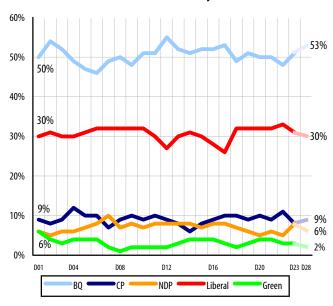
# Tories up in Atlantic and Western Canada



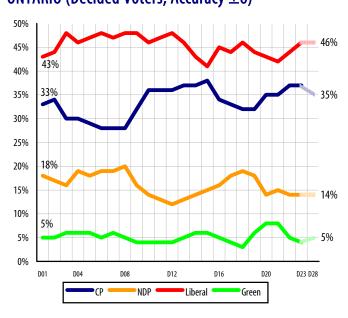
# ATLANTIC CANADA (Decided Voters, Accuracy $\pm 10$ )



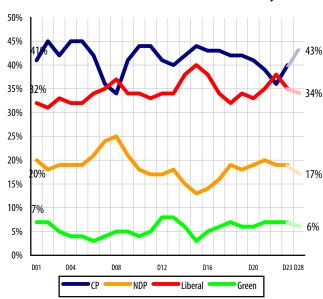
# QUEBEC (Decided Voters, Accuracy $\pm 6$ )



# ONTARIO (Decided Voters, Accuracy ±6)



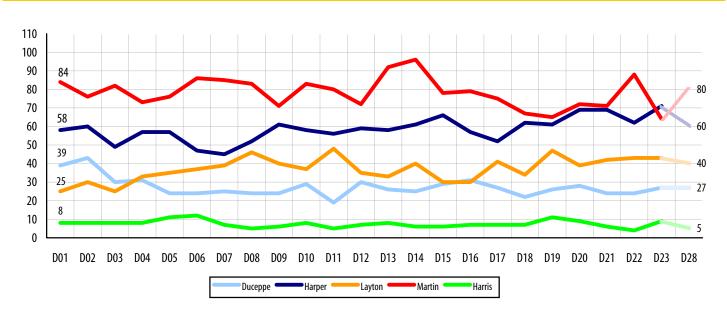
### WESTERN CANADA (Decided Voters, Accuracy $\pm 5$ )





# Leadership Index: Martin Ahead on Performance





#### **LEADERSHIP INDICATORS**

	Trust		Competence		Vision fo	r Canada	Leadership Index Score		
	Dec 23	Dec 28	Dec 23	Dec 28	Dec 23	Dec 28	Dec 23	Dec 28	
	%	%	%	%	%	%			
Paul Martin	17	25	27	25	20	30	64	80	
Stephen Harper	23	19	23	18	25	23	71	60	
Gilles Duceppe	11	11	10	10	6	6	27	27	
Jack Layton	17	16	11	11	15	13	43	40	
Jim Harris	3	2	3	1	3	2	9	5	
None of them	13	15	12	12	14	11	39	38	
Undecided	16	12	15	24	17	15	48	51	
Accuracy	<u>+</u> 5.0%		•						

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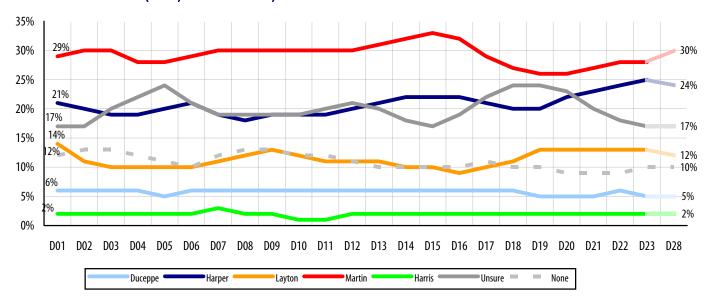
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Best PM: Martin Leads by Six Points



### BEST PRIME MINISTER (N=1,200 Canadians)



#### **REGIONAL NUMBERS**

	Canada		Atlantic Canada		Quebec		Ontario		Western Canada	
	Dec 23	Dec 28	Dec 23	Dec 28	Dec 23	Dec 28	Dec 23	Dec 28	Dec 23	Dec 28
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Martin	28	30	34	38	22	21	32	37	26	27
Harper	25	24	24	19	13	14	28	25	32	30
Duceppe	5	5	1	1	18	19	1	1	2	1
Layton	13	12	17	18	8	9	14	12	14	14
Harris	2	2	3	2	1	1	2	2	3	3
None	10	10	5	6	18	17	8	7	7	9
Undecided	17	17	16	18	20	19	16	17	16	16
Accuracy	<u>+</u> 2.9%	<u>+</u> 2.9%	<u>+</u> 9.2%	<u>+</u> 9.2%	<u>+</u> 5.8%	<u>+</u> 5.8%	<u>+</u> 5.3%	<u>+</u> 5.3%	<u>+</u> 4.9%	<u>+</u> 4.9%

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# METHODOLOGY



#### **CPAC Questions**

- 1. If a FEDERAL election were held today, could you please rank your top two current <u>local</u> voting preferences? (First ranked reported)
- 2. Are you currently leaning towards any particular FEDERAL party, and if you are, which party would that be?

Currently (rotate), Paul Martin is the leader of the federal Liberal Party, Stephen Harper is the leader of the Conservative Party of Canada, Jack Layton is the leader of the federal NDP, Gilles Duceppe is leader of the Bloc Quebecois and Jim Harris is leader of the federal Green Party.

- 3. Which of the federal leaders would you best describe as the most trustworthy leader?
- 4. Which of the federal leaders would you best describe as the most competent leader?
- 5. Which of the federal leaders would you best describe as the leader with the best vision for Canada?
- 6. Based on what you know about the federal party leaders and their performance during the election campaign up until today, who do you think would make the best Prime Minister?

### Methodology

A national random telephone survey is conducted nightly by SES Research throughout the campaign. Each evening a new group of 400 eligible voters are interviewed. The daily tracking figures are based on a three-day rolling sample comprised of 1,200 interviews. To update the tracking a new day of interviewing is added and the oldest day dropped. The margin of accuracy is  $\pm 2.9\%$ , 19 times out of 20.

The respondent sample is stratified geographically and by gender. The data may be weighted by age according to data from the 2001 Canadian Census administered by Statistics Canada. Percentages reported may not add up to 100 due to rounding. The research has been registered with the Marketing Research and Intelligence Association of which SES is a member.

# Leadership Index Score Methodology

Every day, SES will report on a daily leadership index score. The leadership index score is a summation of the three leadership indicators (trustworthy, competence, vision). For example, on November 30<sup>th</sup> (N30), Jim Harris received a Leadership Index Score of 5 because 2% of Canadians identified Jim Harris as the most trustworthy leader, 1% said he was the most competent and 2% said he had the best vision for Canada.

The Leadership Index Score will be tracked daily with updated results from the previous night of polling. Unlike the other measures tracked by SES, the leadership index score will not be based on a three-day rolling sample. It will be reported from results the evening before. This will allow SES to measure the performance of the federal party leaders and the key factors driving performance on a daily basis.

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