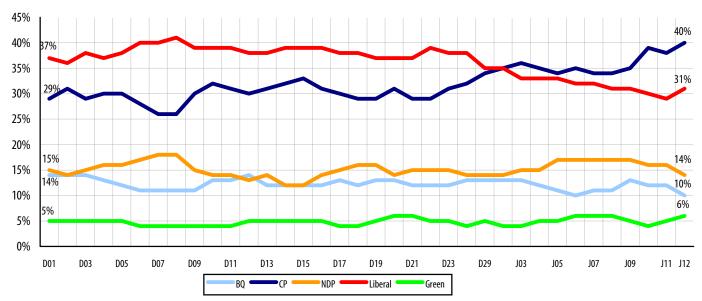


Conservatives Hit 40% Nationally



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FIRST RANKED BALLOT (N=1,200 Canadians, 1,033 decided voters)



REGIONAL BALLOTS

	Canada		Atlantic Canada		Quebec		Ontario		Western Canada	
	Jan 11	Jan 12	Jan 11	Jan 12	Jan 11	Jan 12	Jan 11	Jan 12	Jan 11	Jan 12
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Conservative	38	40	39	44	21	28	43	39	46	46
Liberal	29	31	39	39	17	19	35	35	29	32
NDP	16	14	21	17	8	5	17	19	18	15
BQ	12	10	-	-	51	45	-	-	-	-
Green	5	6	2	1	3	4	5	6	7	7
Accuracy	<u>+</u> 3.1%	<u>+</u> 3.1%	<u>+</u> 10.0%	<u>+</u> 9.9%	<u>+</u> 6.5%	<u>+</u> 6.6%	<u>+</u> 5.6%	<u>+</u> 5.6%	<u>+</u> 5.1%	<u>+</u> 5.1%
Undecided	13	14	16	13	20	22	12	11	9	11

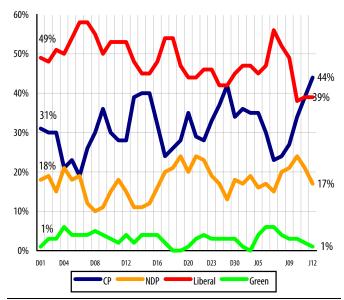
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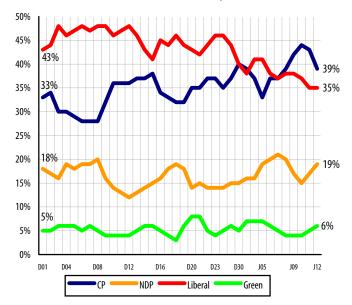
Conservative Gains Continue in Quebec



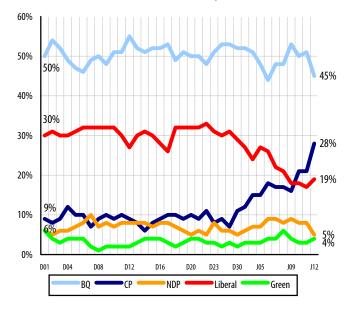
ATLANTIC CANADA (Decided Voters, Accuracy ±10)



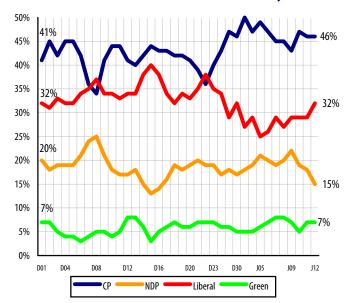
ONTARIO (Decided Voters, Accuracy ±6)



QUEBEC (Decided Voters, Accuracy ±6)



WESTERN CANADA (Decided Voters, Accuracy ±5)



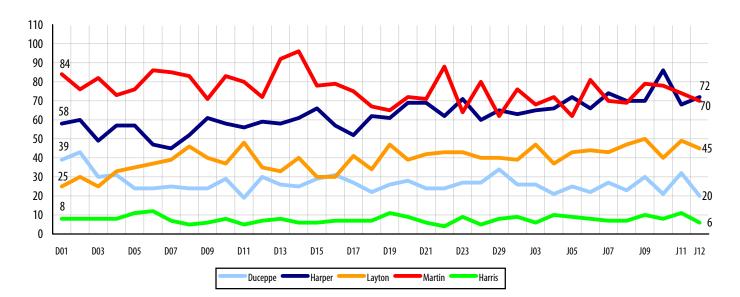
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Harper and Martin Virtually Tied on Daily Performance



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LEADERSHIP INDICATORS

	Trust		Competence		Vision for Canada		Leadership Index Score	
	Jan 11	Jan 12	Jan 11	Jan 12	Jan 11	Jan 12	Jan 11	Jan 12
	%	%	%	%	%	%		
Paul Martin	19	16	30	26	25	28	74	70
Stephen Harper	22	23	23	24	23	25	68	72
Gilles Duceppe	12	9	11	8	9	3	32	20
Jack Layton	20	17	12	13	17	15	49	45
Jim Harris	3	2	3	2	5	2	11	6
None of them	15	21	8	8	6	8	29	37
Undecided	10	13	15	20	16	20	41	53
Accuracy	<u>+</u> 5.0%	<u>+</u> 5.0%						

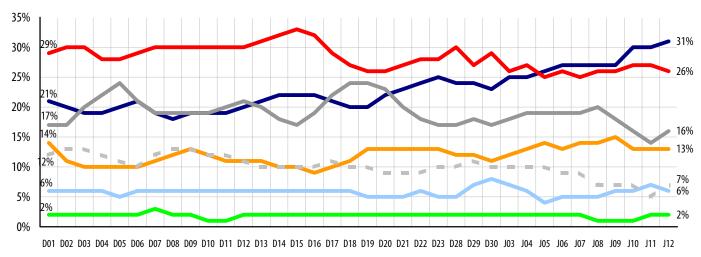
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Best PM: Harper Ahead of Martin by Five Points



BEST PRIME MINISTER (N=1,200 Canadians)



Duceppe Harper L	Layton Martin	Harris	Unsure	None
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	Canada		Atlantic Canada		Quebec		Ontario		Western Canada	
	Jan 11	Jan 12	Jan 11	Jan 12	Jan 11	Jan 12	Jan 11	Jan 12	Jan 11	Jan 12
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Martin	27	26	29	33	16	18	39	33	25	24
Harper	30	31	24	24	25	26	25	26	40	40
Duceppe	7	6	3	3	21	18	2	1	3	2
Layton	13	13	16	11	9	7	14	18	15	13
Harris	2	2	1	2	1	1	3	3	3	3
None	5	7	5	5	9	11	5	6	3	4
Undecided	14	16	22	24	19	20	12	13	11	14
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%

REGIONAL NUMBERS

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METHODOLOGY



CPAC Questions

- 1. If a FEDERAL election were held today, could you please rank your top two current local 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^{th} (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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