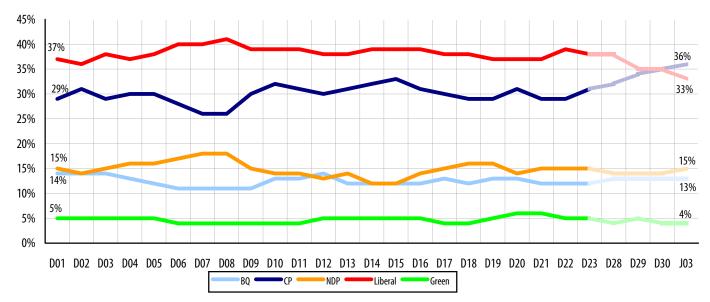


Conservative Lead on Cusp of Margin of Accuracy



FIRST RANKED BALLOT (N=1,200 Canadians, 1,000 decided voters)



REGIONAL BALLOTS

	Canada		Atlantic Canada		Quebec		Ontario		Western Canada	
	Dec 30	Jan 3	Dec 30	Jan 3	Dec 30	Jan 3	Dec 30	Jan 3	Dec 30	Jan 3
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Conservative	35	36	34	36	11	12	40	39	46	50
Liberal	35	33	45	47	29	27	40	38	32	27
NDP	14	15	18	17	5	6	15	16	17	18
BQ	13	13	-	-	52	52	-	-	-	-
Green	4	4	3	1	2	3	5	7	5	5
Accuracy	<u>+</u> 3.1%	<u>+</u> 3.1%	<u>+</u> 9.9%	<u>+</u> 10.0%	<u>+</u> 6.4%	<u>+</u> 6.5%	<u>+</u> 5.6 %	<u>+</u> 5.7%	<u>+</u> 5.2%	<u>+</u> 5.3%
Undecided	14	17	15	17	18	20	12	15	13	17

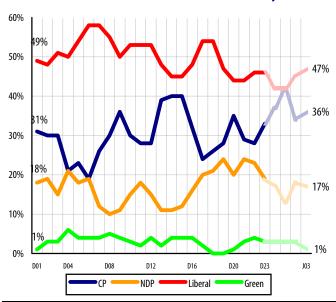
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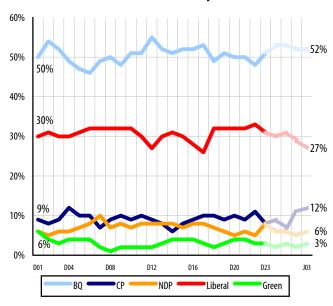
Tories Ahead in West; Tied with Grits in Ontario



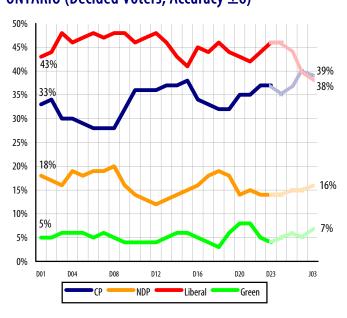
ATLANTIC CANADA (Decided Voters, Accuracy ± 10)



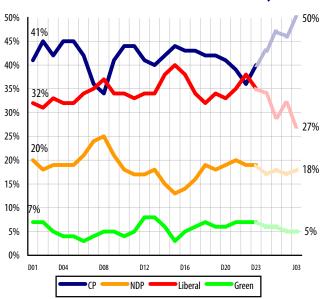
QUEBEC (Decided Voters, Accuracy ± 6)



ONTARIO (Decided Voters, Accuracy ±6)



WESTERN CANADA (Decided Voters, Accuracy ±5)

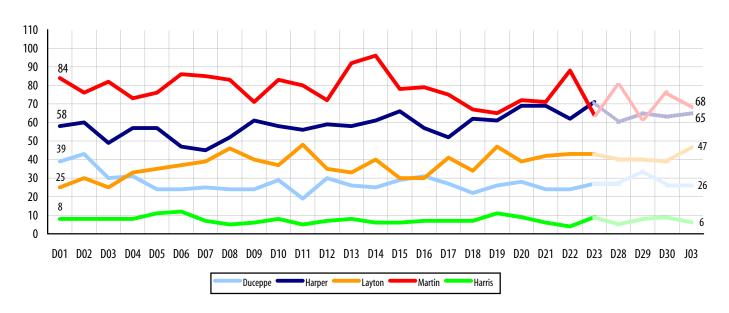


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Leadership Index: Layton Improves His Daily Score





LEADERSHIP INDICATORS

	Trust		Competence		Vision fo	r Canada	Leadership Index Score		
	Dec 30	Jan 3	Dec 30	Jan 3	Dec 30	Jan 3	Dec 30	Jan 3	
	%	%	%	%	%	%			
Paul Martin	20	20	30	25	26	23	76	68	
Stephen Harper	21	20	20	20	22	25	63	65	
Gilles Duceppe	11	10	10	10	5	6	26	26	
Jack Layton	16	18	10	13	13	16	39	47	
Jim Harris	4	2	2	1	3	3	9	6	
None of them	18	18	13	11	11	11	42	40	
Undecided	11	12	15	19	20	17	46	48	
Accuracy	<u>+</u> 5.0%								

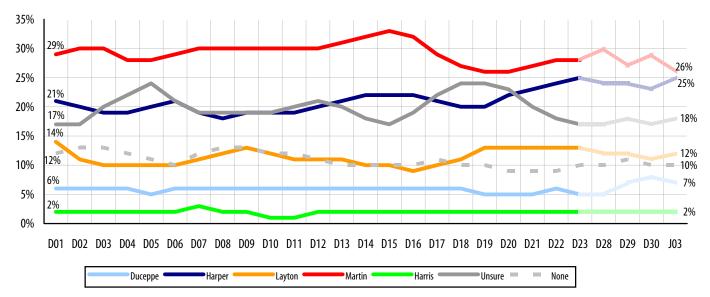
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Martin and Harper Statistically Tied for Best PM



BEST PRIME MINISTER (N=1,200 Canadians)



REGIONAL NUMBERS

	Canada		Atlantic Canada		Quebec		Ontario		Western Canada	
	Dec 30	Jan 3	Dec 30	Jan 3	Dec 30	Jan 3	Dec 30	Jan 3	Dec 30	Jan 3
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Martin	29	26	38	36	23	20	36	31	25	22
Harper	23	25	18	17	11	13	25	24	32	36
Duceppe	8	7	2	2	28	27	1	1	1	1
Layton	11	12	12	12	10	11	12	15	11	11
Harris	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	3
None	10	10	12	12	13	13	8	8	10	10
Undecided	17	18	18	21	15	16	17	19	19	18
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 30th (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.

About SES

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