



Memo

To: Greg Weston, Sun Media
 From: Nik Nanos, SES Research
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 Re: Polling Results – Comfort with Harper Majority – Support/Opposition to Federal Election Call

As you may know, the Conservative Party led by Stephen Harper is a minority government. Based on what you know and have seen about Stephen Harper and the Conservative government's record so far, would you be comfortable, somewhat comfortable, somewhat uncomfortable or uncomfortable with the Stephen Harper-led Conservatives potentially winning the next election and forming a majority government?

	Canada			Atlantic			Quebec			Ontario			West		
	Aug-06	Feb-07	Apr-07	Aug-06	Feb-07	Apr-07	Aug-06	Feb-07	Apr-07	Aug-06	Feb-07	Apr-07	Aug-06	Feb-07	Apr-07
Comfortable	32.5	33.6	33.1	30.5	25.5	23.6	24.9	32.4	27.7	34.6	29.2	33.4	36.8	40.7	39.7
Somewhat Comfortable	18.5	18.6	20.7	26.5	23.1	18.9	17.0	15.8	33.0	17.8	14.5	15.8	17.9	22.8	16.5
Somewhat Uncomfortable	15.6	15.0	15.4	20.5	16.3	10.1	24.2	21.2	21.7	10.5	13.2	16.1	12.1	11.9	11.6
Uncomfortable	29.1	29.1	26.7	18.4	27.7	35.3	28.7	30.6	17.6	33.6	36.9	30.8	28.6	21.8	27.4
Unsure	4.3	3.6	4.1	4.0	7.4	12.2	5.2	0	0	3.5	6.2	3.9	4.5	2.8	4.8
Interviews	1,003	1,002	1,000	98	102	102	255	248	251	301	300	304	349	352	344
Accuracy (19/20)	±3.1%	±3.1%	±3.1%	±10%	±10%	±10%	±6.2%	±6.3%	±6.3%	±5.7%	±5.7%	±5.7	±5.3	±5.3	±5.4%

Comparison of two SES Research Surveys

Survey One - SES Research national telephone survey of 1,003 Canadians completed August 23rd, 2006.
 Survey Two – SES Research national telephone survey of 1,002 Canadians completed February 8, 2007.
 Survey Three – SES Research national telephone survey of 1,000 Canadians completed April 5, 2007.

All three surveys are accurate to within 3.1 percentage points, plus or minus, 19 times out of 20. The margin of accuracy will be wider for sub samples. Percentages may exceed 100 due to rounding. Any questions should be directed to Nik Nanos at (613) 234-4666 ext. 237 or nnanos@sesresearch.com.



SES Research – Comfort with Harper Majority – Support for Federal Election Call

As you may know there is a chance that Prime Minister Stephen Harper may call an election. Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose calling a federal election at this time.

		Total	Support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Oppose	Unsure
		Responses	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage
Region	Canada	1000	27.2	17.5	12.9	36.1	6.3
	Atlantic	102	29.3	10.5	5.1	45.9	9.1
	Quebec	251	27.9	21.2	25.1	25.8	.0
	Ontario	304	27.8	17.1	6.9	41.4	6.7
	West	344	25.4	17.3	11.5	35.9	9.8
Gender	Male	496	30.0	15.1	11.6	37.2	6.0
	Female	505	24.3	19.9	14.2	34.9	6.7
Age	18 to 29	202	35.6	21.9	11.9	26.9	3.8
	30 to 39	200	31.7	22.2	9.5	30.2	6.3
	40 to 49	214	26.7	18.3	14.1	30.4	10.5
	50 to 59	159	21.4	17.7	12.6	42.8	5.6
	60 plus	225	20.0	8.6	15.9	50.2	5.3
Vote Profile	Liberal	303	26.4	18.1	12.1	37.0	6.4
	Conservative	323	32.5	17.1	12.9	34.0	3.5
	NDP	150	26.0	15.2	9.7	44.6	4.5
	Bloc	91	28.6	24.6	20.8	26.0	.0
	Green	52	20.9	24.1	8.7	44.1	2.1
	Undecided	81	13.3	9.2	15.7	31.1	30.7



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		Support	Oppose	Unsure	Total	
It's democracy/because we can/elections are good	Count	45	0	0	45	
		10.1%	.0%	.0%	4.5%	
We may get a new government/change	Count	65	0	0	65	
		14.5%	.0%	.0%	6.5%	
Because he/Harper thinks he can win	Count	63	0	0	63	
		14.1%	.0%	.0%	6.3%	
Will end the gridlock	Count	13	0	0	13	
		2.9%	.0%	.0%	1.3%	
Conservatives have done a good job	Count	28	13	0	41	
		6.3%	2.7%	.0%	4.1%	
Don't like/trust Harper	Count	3	0	0	3	
		.7%	.0%	.0%	.3%	
Need a majority government	Count	33	1	0	34	
		7.4%	.2%	.0%	3.4%	
Harper is the best choice	Count	5	0	0	5	
		1.1%	.0%	.0%	.5%	
It's time for an election	Count	25	0	0	25	
		5.6%	.0%	.0%	2.5%	
Elections are expensive/cost a lot of money	Count	11	119	0	130	
		2.5%	24.3%	.0%	13.0%	
A lot of people don't bother to vote	Count	1	1	0	2	
		.2%	.2%	.0%	.2%	
Another election will upset people	Count	1	0	0	1	
		.2%	.0%	.0%	.1%	
It won't make a difference/won't be any changes	Count	9	24	0	33	
		2.0%	4.9%	.0%	3.3%	
Election not needed/just had one/it's opportunistic	Count	15	188	0	203	
		3.4%	38.4%	.0%	20.3%	
Harper has done a poor job	Count	2	1	0	3	
		.4%	.2%	.0%	.3%	
The West is not being heard	Count	1	1	0	2	
		.2%	.2%	.0%	.2%	



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		Support	Oppose	Unsure	Total
Harper is too pro-US/sending army to war	Count	2	0	0	2
		.4%	.0%	.0%	.2%
An election is inevitable	Count	1	0	0	1
		.2%	.0%	.0%	.1%
The budget was good to Quebec	Count	0	1	0	1
		.0%	.2%	.0%	.1%
The parties should just get down to work	Count	0	23	0	23
		.0%	4.7%	.0%	2.3%
The Liberals are not ready	Count	0	5	0	5
		.0%	1.0%	.0%	.5%
Because the Conservatives would get a majority	Count	0	8	0	8
		.0%	1.6%	.0%	.8%
Because the Conservatives would not get a majority	Count	0	4	0	4
		.0%	.8%	.0%	.4%
Minority government is working	Count	0	7	0	7
		.0%	1.4%	.0%	.7%
Unsure	Count	124	94	64	282
		27.7%	19.2%	100.0%	28.2%
Total	Count	447	490	64	1001
		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%