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Mon Dieu!**BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THERE ARE BLOC FANS OUT WEST**By **BILL RODGERS**, OTTAWA BUREAU CHIEF, **SUN MEDIA**▫ **Winning party needs Bloc: Duceppe**

Gilles Duceppe for prime minister? A nightly election tracking poll actually found some voters in the West who said, if they could, they would cast their ballots for Quebec's separatist Bloc party, based on their leader's performance in Tuesday's debate.

Duceppe is not on the ballot in English Canada and the CPAC/SES poll calls it a "blip."

"We've done 25 days of tracking and we couldn't find one Canadian west of Quebec who would vote for the Bloc," said SES pollster Nik Nanos. "In the last two nights we've bumped into a number of them in Western Canada."

The tracking survey for the cable channel CPAC found four B.C. voters and one in Manitoba who were so fed up with the three national party leaders that they gave thumbs up to the Bloc.

"I think it was a kind of high-octane cynicism," chuckled Nanos.

The CPAC/SES tracking poll of 600 voters between June 14 and June 16 shows the Conservatives and Liberals tied with 32% of decided support. The New Democrats have jumped three percentage points to 21%. The BQ and the Green parties trail with 12% and 4% support respectively.

Nanos warned that the national numbers are deceiving because the Conservatives are being dragged down by their weak support in Quebec and the Grits are getting a slight boost as a result of their second-place standing in the province.

"A review of the regional breakdown of party support shows the Conservatives will likely be in the driver's seat outside Quebec," Nanos said.

The survey is accurate to within plus or minus 4.1%, 19 times out of 20.

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