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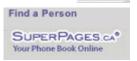
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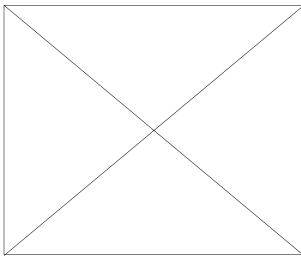
The NDP is the chief beneficiary of Gomery fallout, a new poll finds.

By KATHLEEN HARRIS, FREE PRESS

**PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU** 

OTTAWA -- The Gomery report has delivered a six-point blow to the governing Grits, with the NDP benefiting from the spending scandal.

A Sun Media-SES
Research poll shows
support for the Liberals at
34 per cent, down from
40 per cent days before
Justice John Gomery
tabled his blistering
report Nov. 1. The NDP
climbed five points to 20
per cent, while the
Conservatives are stalled
at 28 per cent.



SES president Nik Nanos said the figures -- comparing support across Canada Oct. 27 with Nov. 1 \* -- show NDP Leader Jack Layton has capitalized on the scandal and the fragile minority Parliament.

"What do we see? Stephen Harper responding to Jack Layton's plan as opposed to Stephen Harper in the driver's seat," Nanos said.

NDP spokesperson Brad Lavigne said Canadians can no longer "hold their noses" and vote Liberal.

"With the stinging indictment of Justice Gomery's report, traditional Liberal voters have had it and are finding a very warm and comfortable home with Jack Layton and the NDP," he said.

Tory MP and campaign co-chairperson John Reynolds insisted numbers will climb

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as candidates hit the hustings.

"People will take seriously who they're going to vote for, whether it's Paul Martin or Stephen Harper," he said.

The poll was taken by SES Research in two waves, in a random telephone survey of 1,059 Canadians Oct. 21-27 and a random telephone survey of 1,003 Canadians Nov. 10-13. The poll is deemed accurate within 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

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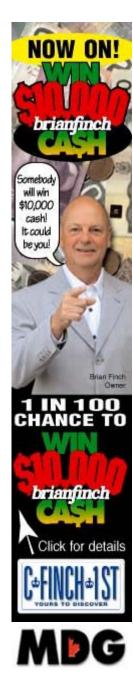
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