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Liberals maintain healthy poll lead

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OTTAWA (Reuters) - The Liberal Party has maintained its healthy lead over the Conservatives, who look less likely to win even a minority government in the January 23 election, according to an SES/CPAC poll released on Thursday.

The rolling tracking poll put Liberal support at 40 percent -- unchanged from Wednesday -- with the Conservatives down two points at 26 percent. The left-leaning New Democratic Party was up one point at 18 percent.

SES surveyed 1,200 Canadians from December 5 to 7, a sample size that should be accurate to within 2.9 percentage points 95 percent of the time. Each day SES polls 400 new people and drops off 400 who were surveyed three days earlier.

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