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## Canada This Month Comparative Vote

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#### Study Overview

In this report, we report tracking the Federal vote intentions across three studies over the period of 9 days:

Strategic study (S) – conducted from April 15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>, with 63% of the data collected on April 15<sup>th</sup> and April 16<sup>th</sup> and another 29% collected on April 17<sup>th</sup>. The total sample of 2,311 was weighted down to 2,000.



- **Debate study (D)** done in the aftermath of the two Federal leaders' debates from April 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, with 81% of the data collected on April 17<sup>th</sup> and 14% collected on the 18<sup>th</sup>. A total sample of 1,305 was weighted down to 1,000.
- Wave 3 study (W3) data collected from April 21<sup>st</sup> to April 23<sup>rd</sup>, with 66% collected on April 21<sup>st</sup>. A total sample of 1,584 was weighted down to 1,200.

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**1** Across the three polls, we see the race between Liberals and Conservatives tightening with both parties clustering between 38% and 39%, with the Liberals at 39%, 36% and 38%, and the CPC at 38%, 41% and 38%.

**Time for change in government** remains unchanged and consistent across the three studies, with 67% agreement (67%/67%/66% per study). Agreement that the Liberals are the best party to govern despite their flaws is slightly down in April, to 42%, after steadily increasing since January.

3 **Regionally,** Liberals are still in the lead in Quebec, with Bloc marginally closing the gap; Conservatives remain in the lead in the ROC. Ontario has become a marginal tie in all three surveys.



**The debate survey clearly stands out**, showing as it does both a Conservative ballot lead and narrow advantage for Poilievre on the 'best Prime Minister' question.

## Time for Change

## **Time for Change Tracking:**

#### Total agreement on 'Time for a change' is unchanged and consistent across studies

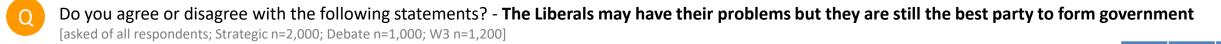
Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? - It is time for a change in government here in Canada

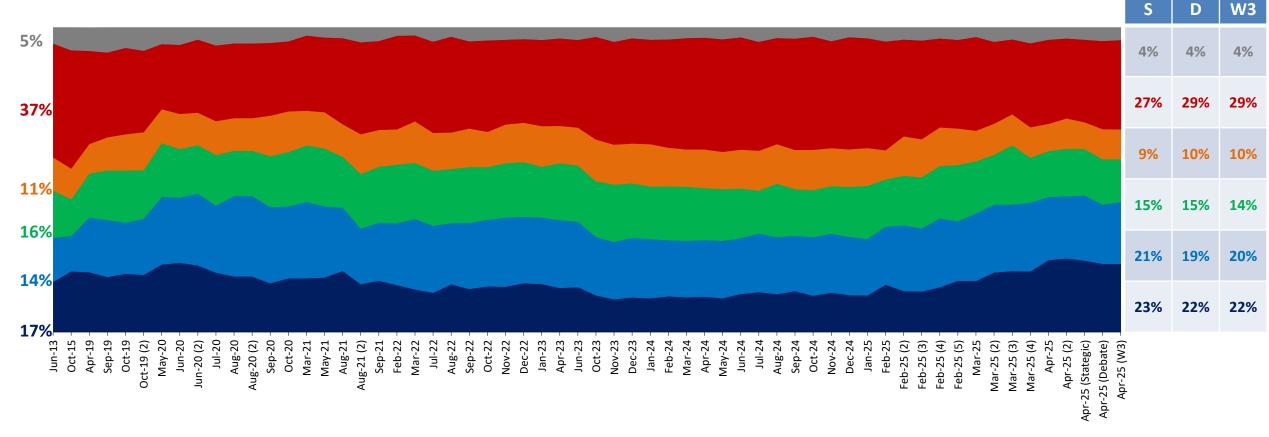
[asked of all respondents; Strategic n=2,000; Debate n=1,000; W3 n=1,200] **W3** D 3% 3% 6% 2% 15% 9% 7% 7% 6% 7% 7% 6% 12% 15% 16% 16% 17% 22% 20% 21% 47% 47% 45% 45% Apr-19 Sep-19 Oct-19 (2) May-20 Jun-20 (2) Jul-20 Aug-20 (2) Sep-20 Oct-20 Oct-15 Oct-19 Jun-20 Aug-20 May-21 Aug-21 (2) Sep-22 Oct-22 Nov-22 Dec-22 Jan-23 Apr-23 Jun-23 Oct-23 Nov-23 Dec-23 Aug-24 Sep-24 Oct-24 Nov-24 Dec-24 Feb-25 (2) eb-25 (5) Mar-25 (3) Mar-25 (4) Mar-21 Aug-21 Sep-21 Feb-22 Mar-22 Jul-22 Aug-22 Jan-24 Feb-24 Mar-24 Apr-24 May-24 Jun-24 Jan-25 Feb-25 Mar-25 Apr-25 Jul-24 Feb-25 (3) Feb-25 (4) Var-25 (2) Apr-25 (Stategic) Apr-25 (Debate) Apr-25 (W3) Apr-25 (2) Strongly agree Somewhat agree Neither agree nor disagree Somewhat disagree Strongly disagree Don't know



## Time for Change Tracking:

#### 42% believe Liberals are the best party to govern – slightly down in April after steadily increasing since January





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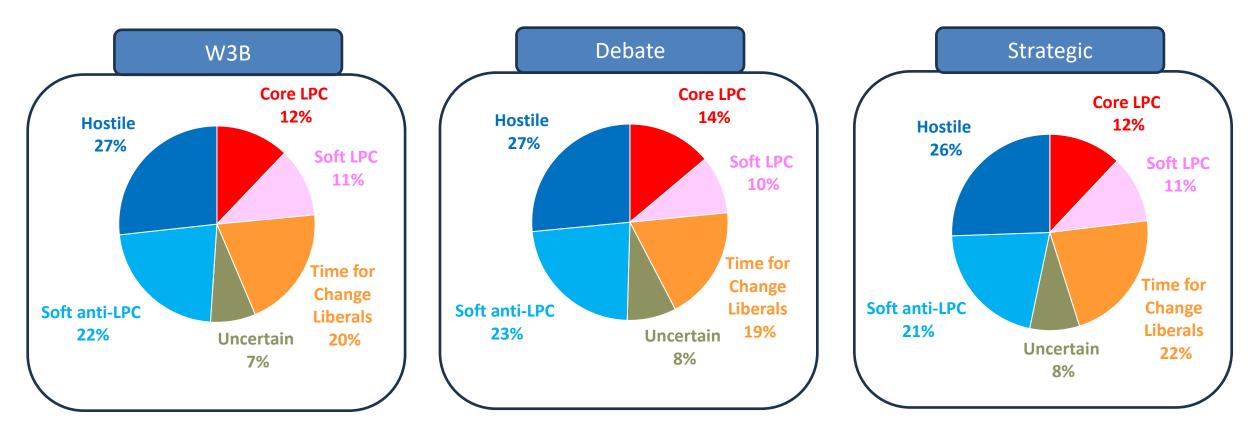


## **Time for Change Liberals Segmentation:**

#### Time for a change voters are the key battleground in this campaign

## Time for Change segmentation: Agree with 'The Liberals may have their problems but they are still the best party to form government' BY Agree with 'It is time for a change in government here in Canada'.

[asked of all respondents; Strategic n=2,000; Debate n=1,000, W3 n=1,200]

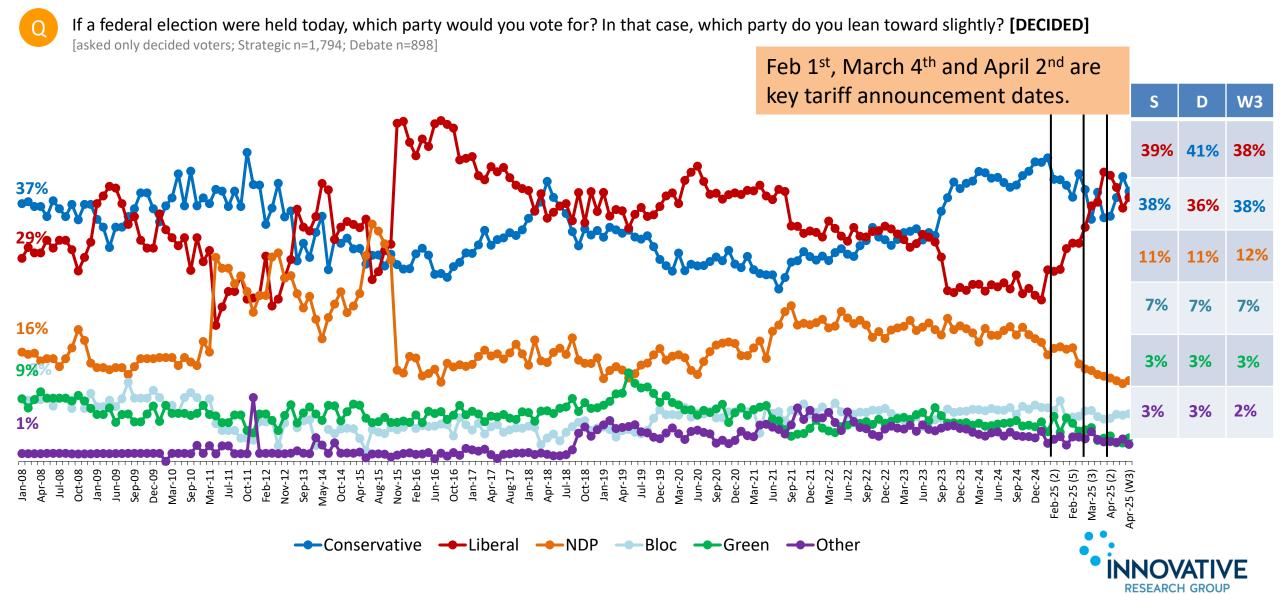




## **Federal Vote**

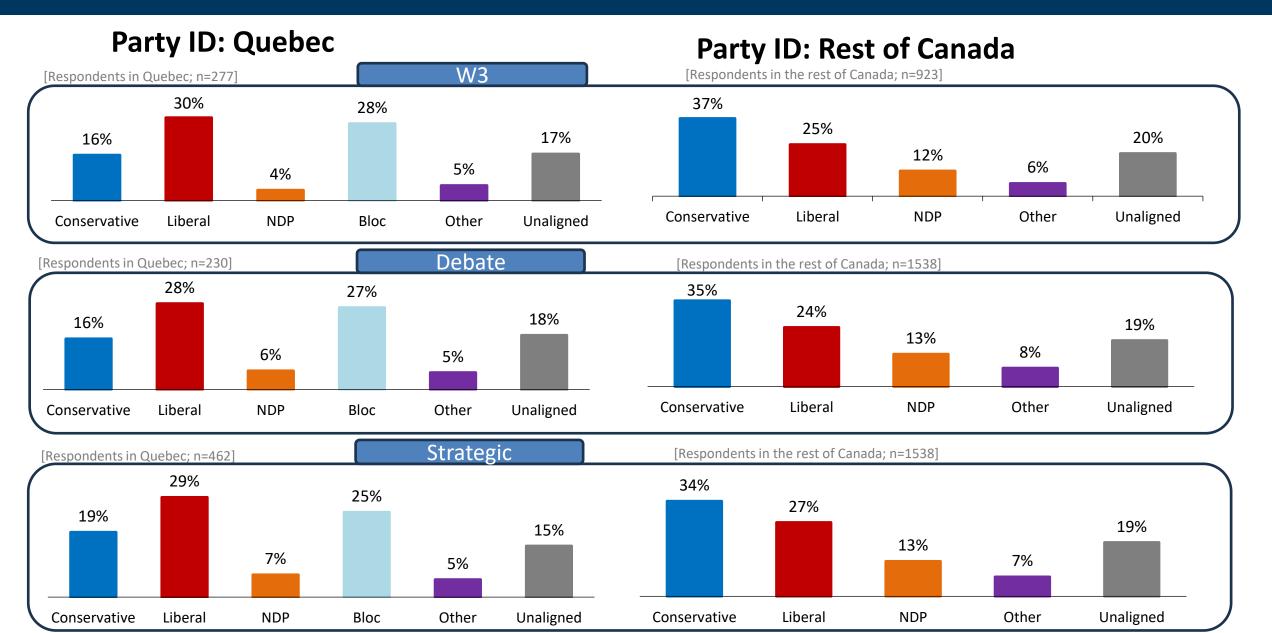
## Federal Decided Vote Tracking:

#### **Conservative and Liberal tied on Decided vote; both parties clustering around 38%**



## Federal Party ID (Quebec vs. ROC):

In Quebec Liberals lead, with Bloc closing the gap; Conservatives remain ahead in the ROC



#### **Decided Vote by REGION:**

Alberta shows the highest Conservative support, while the Quebec shoe highest Liberal support

W3	REGION						
	BC	AB	Prairies	ON	QC	Atlantic	
Decided Vote	(N=154)	(N=124)	(N=61)	(N=427)	(N=249)	(N=74)	
Conservative	40%	57%	32%	41%	21%	52%	
Liberal	37%	28%	49%	38%	38%	42%	
NDP	16%	10%	12%	15%	6%	4%	
Bloc	0%	0%	0%	0%	30%	0%	
Green	4%	3%	0%	4%	4%	2%	
Other	3%	2%	8%	3%	1%	0%	



### **Decided Vote by REGION:**

#### Alberta highest Conservative support; QC most likely to support Liberal

Debate	REGION							
 <b>-</b>	BC	AB	Prairies	ON	QC	Atlantic		
Decided Vote	(N=134)	(N=104)	(N=54)	(N=344)	(N=203)	(N=59)		
Conservative	39%	62%	42%	45%	23%	41%		
Liberal	35%	23%	37%	40%	34%	46%		
NDP	18%	9%	17%	10%	8%	8%		
Bloc	0%	0%	0%	0%	29%	0%		
Green	4%	3%	3%	3%	2%	0%		
Other	2%	2%	0%	2%	4%	5%		



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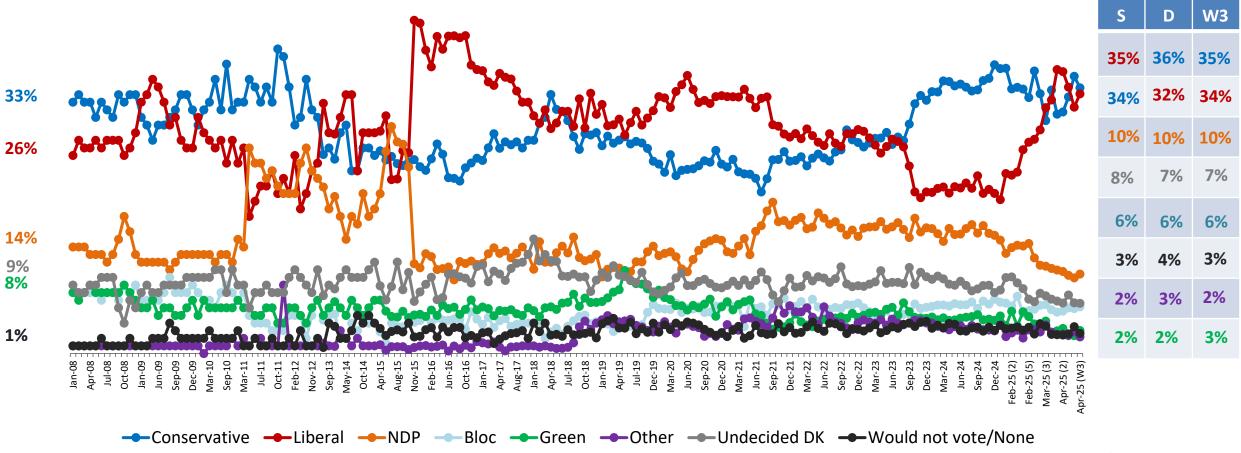
Alberta and Prairies show highest Conservative support; Atlantic and QC regions most likely to support Liberal

Strategic	REGION							
	BC	AB	Prairies	ON	QC	Atlantic		
Decided Vote	(N=253)	(N=199)	(N=114)	(N=694)	(N=417)	(N=116)		
Conservative	37%	58%	45%	40%	23%	37%		
Liberal	38%	28%	38%	43%	36%	46%		
NDP	18%	10%	14%	9%	10%	16%		
Bloc	0%	0%	0%	0%	29%	0%		
Green	3%	1%	3%	4%	2%	0%		
Other	3%	3%	1%	4%	1%	1%		



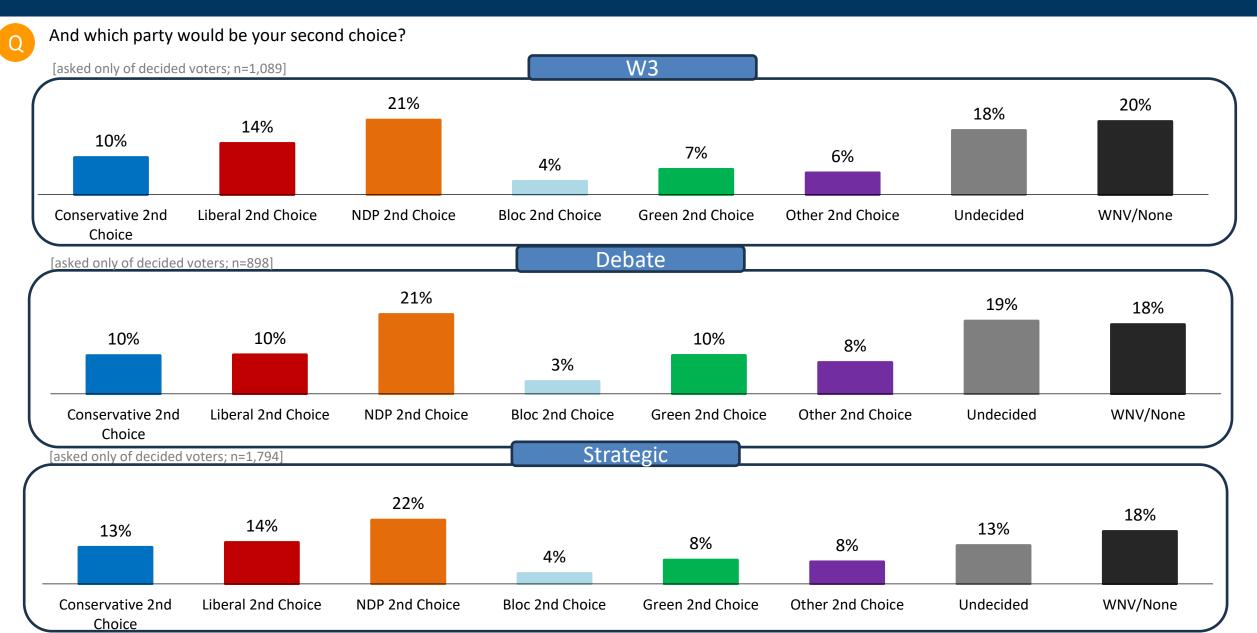
#### Federal Vote Tracking: Conservatives (35%) and Liberals (34%) are tied

If a federal election were held today, which party would you vote for? In that case, which party do you lean toward slightly? [Vote + Lean] [asked of all respondents; Strategic n=2,000; Debate n=1,000, W3 n= 1,200]





#### NDP remains preferred second vote choice at 21%



Plurality of those who prefer the Liberal or NDP as their first choice rank each other as their second choice

And which party would be your second choice? BY [Vote+Lean]

**First Choice** 

W3	Conservative 1st Choice	Liberal 1st Choice	NDP 1st Choice	Bloc 1st Choice	Green 1st Choice
Second Choice	(N=419)	(N=409)	(N=125)	(N=74)	(N=36)
Conservative 2nd Choice		18%	12%	14%	21%
Liberal 2nd Choice	19%		41%	24%	13%
NDP 2nd Choice	13%	38%		8%	19%
Bloc 2nd Choice	3%	5%	4%		4%
Green 2nd Choice	6%	6%	16%	6%	0%
Other 2nd Choice	10%	2%	5%	3%	15%
Undecided	19%	16%	12%	22%	21%
WNV/None	30%	15%	9%	24%	7%



**Note:** 'Other' in Combined Vote not shown due to insufficient sample size. Current data: April 2025

#### After the debate, number of NDP that select LPC as their second choice decreased by 7-points

And which party would be your second choice? BY [Vote+Lean]

**First Choice** 

Debate Second Choice	Conservative 1st Choice	Liberal 1st Choice	NDP 1st Choice	Bloc 1st Choice	Green 1st Choice
	(N=364)	(N=324)	(N=99)	(N=59)	(N=24)
Conservative 2nd Choice		17%	13%	9%	18%
Liberal 2nd Choice	14%		33%	10%	9%
NDP 2nd Choice	10%	40%		12%	30%
Bloc 2nd Choice	4%	4%	1%		1%
Green 2nd Choice	10%	8%	20%	12%	0%
Other 2nd Choice	14%	2%	6%	3%	18%
Undecided	21%	18%	18%	24%	22%
WNV/None	27%	11%	9%	30%	2%



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And which party would be your second choice? BY [Vote+Lean]

**First Choice** 

Strategic	Conservative 1st Choice	Liberal 1st Choice	NDP 1st Choice	Bloc 1st Choice	Green 1st Choice
Second Choice	(N=674)	(N=699)	(N=206)	(N=120)	(N=47)
Conservative 2nd Choice		21%	17%	18%	13%
Liberal 2nd Choice	19%		40%	31%	14%
NDP 2nd Choice	11%	41%		6%	38%
Bloc 2nd Choice	4%	5%	2%		1%
Green 2nd Choice	6%	8%	20%	7%	0%
Other 2nd Choice	13%	4%	5%	3%	15%
Undecided	16%	11%	10%	17%	17%
WNV/None	31%	11%	6%	19%	1%



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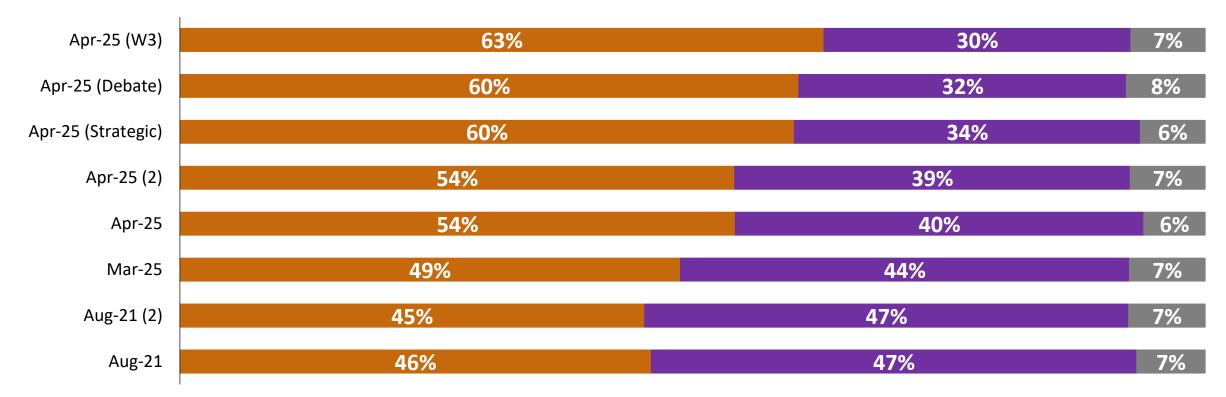
### **Firmness of Vote Tracking:**

#### Most (63%) in wave 3 say they have heard enough to make up their mind in the election; Highest record yet



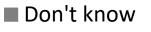
Which statement is closest to your view about the upcoming federal election?

[asked of all respondents; Strategic n=2,000; Debate n=1,000; W3 n=1,200]



I have heard all I need to make up my mind in this election

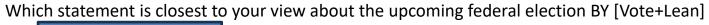
I would like to hear more before I finally make up my mind in this election





#### While at least 2-in-3 of Conservatives and Liberals are locked-in, others are open to more information

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W3	Conservative 1st Choice	Liberal 1st Choice	NDP 1st Choice	Bloc 1st Choice
Firmness of Vote	(N=419)	(N=409)	(N=125)	(N=74)
I have heard all I need to make up my mind in this election	71%	68%	57%	64%
I would like to hear more before I finally make up my mind in this election	25%	29%	35%	26%
Don't know	3%	3%	8%	10%

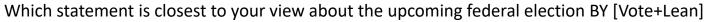




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#### First Choice Debate **Conservative 1st Liberal 1st Choice** NDP 1st Choice **Bloc 1st Choice** Choice **Firmness of Vote** (N=364) (N=324) (N=99) I have heard all I need to 69% 67% 66% make up my mind in this 50% election I would like to hear more before I finally make up my 28% 31% 30% 41% mind in this election Don't know 3% 2% 4% 10%





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#### While at least 2-in-3 of Conservatives and Liberals are locked-in, others are open to more information

#### Which statement is closest to your view about the upcoming federal election BY [Vote+Lean] First Choice Strategic **Conservative 1st Choice Liberal 1st Choice NDP 1st Choice Bloc 1st Choice Firmness of Vote** (N=674) (N=699) (N=206) I have heard all I need to make up 71% 66% 49% 65% my mind in this election I would like to hear more before I finally make up my 27% 33% 48% 27% mind in this election Don't know 3% 1% 3% 8%



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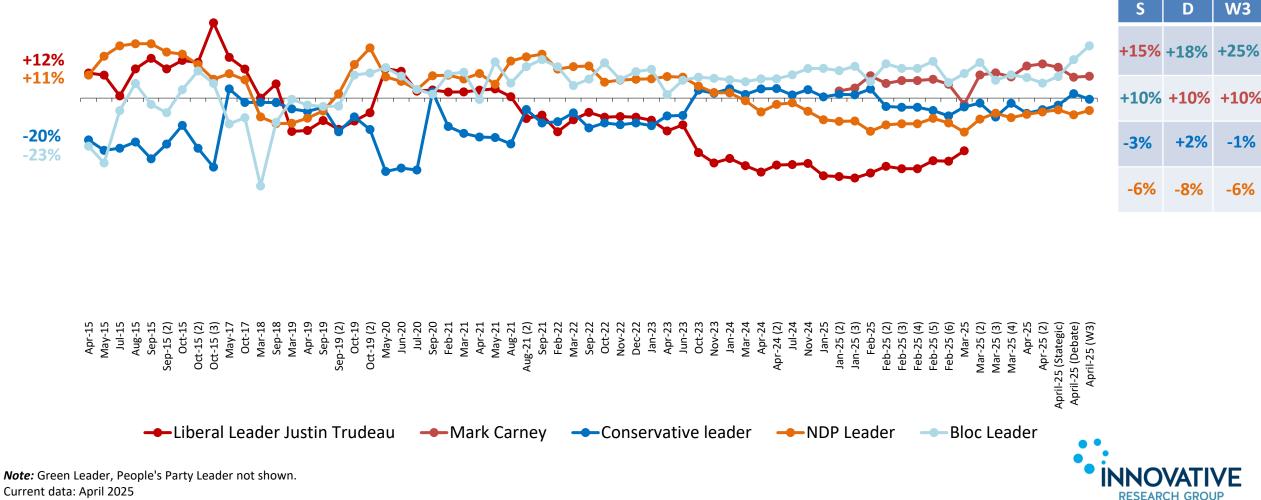
## Leadership

## **Party Leader NET Favourables Tracking:**

#### Carney's NET favourability declines slightly, while Poilievre's remains steady; Blanchet's favourability is up 7-pts

Now we are going to provide you with several names of public figures. Please indicate whether you have heard of that person and, if so, whether you have a favourable or unfavourable impression of that person. If you do not recognize the name, just indicate that.

[asked of all respondents; Strategic n=2,000; Debate n=1,000]



Note: Results for Yves-Francois Blanchet for Quebec respondents only

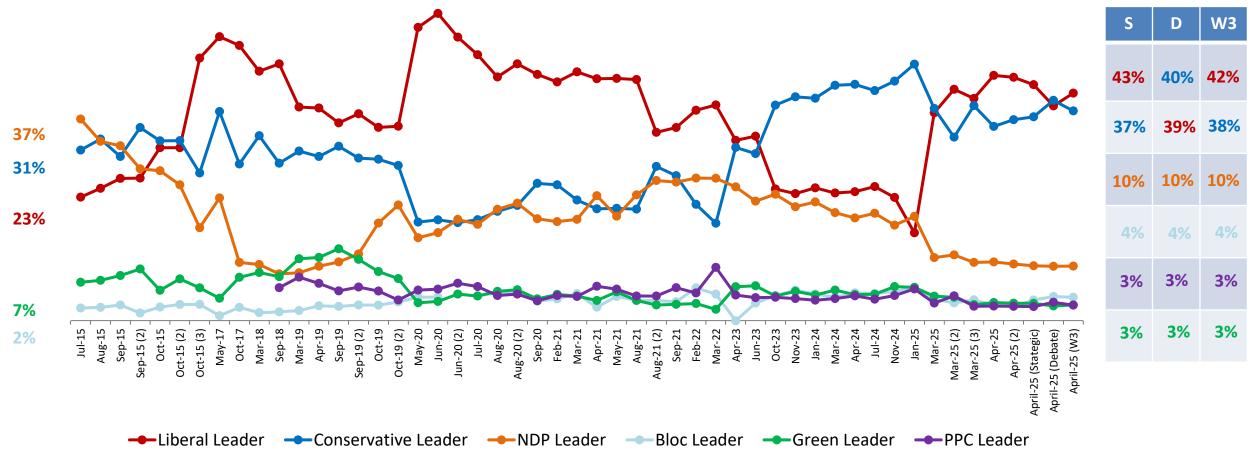
## **Best Prime Minister Tracking (Decided):**

#### Carney in the lead by 3-points as Poilievre trails close behind; NDP support remains steady



Which of the following party leaders would make the best Prime Minister of Canada?

[asked all decided voters; Strategic n=2,000; Debate n=1,000]





## **Survey Methodology**



## These are the results of an online survey conducted between April 21<sup>st</sup> and April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.

**Method:** This online survey was conducted and sponsored by Innovative Research Group Inc. using INNOVATIVE's Canada 20/20 national research panel with additional respondents from Lucid, a leading provider of online sample. Each survey is administered to a series of randomly selected samples from the panel and weighted to ensure that the overall sample's composition reflects that of the actual Canadian population according to Census data.

**Sample Size:** n=1,584 Canadian citizens, 18 years or older. The results are nationally weighted to n=1,200 based on Census data from Statistics Canada.

Field Dates: April 21<sup>st</sup> to April 23rd, 2025.

**Weighting:** Results for Canada are weighted by age, gender, region, education, and self-reported federal past vote to ensure that the overall sample's composition reflects that of the actual population according to Census data. Weighted and unweighted frequencies are reported in the table.

**Margin of Error:** This is a representative sample. However, since the online survey was not a random probability-based sample, a margin of error cannot be calculated. Statements about margins of sampling error or population estimates do not apply to most online panels.

**Note**: Graphs may not always total 100% due to rounding values rather than any error in data. Sums are added before rounding numbers.

	Unweighted (n)	Unweighted (%)	Weighted (n)	Weighted (%)
Men 18-34	189	12%	161	13.5%
Men 35-54	271	17.2%	191	16%
Men 55+	253	16%	226	18.9%
Women 18-34	234	14.8%	160	13.5%
Women 35-54	296	18.8%	199	16.7%
Women 55+	334	21.2%	256	21.5%
British Columbia	217	13.7%	167	13.9%
Alberta	189	11.9%	133	11.1%
Prairies	105	6.6%	77	6.4%
Ontario	597	37.7%	465	38.7%
Québec	358	22.6%	277	23.1%
Atlantic	118	7.4%	81	6.7%

## **Survey Methodology**

#### Debate



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	Unweighted (n)	Unweighted (%)	Weighted (n)	Weighted (%)
Men 18-34	144	11.1%	135	13.5%
Men 35-54	198	15.2%	158	15.9%
Men 55+	288	22.1%	194	19.5%
Women 18-34	153	11.8%	130	13.1%
Women 35-54	233	17.9%	165	16.5%
Women 55+	285	21.9%	214	21.5%
British Columbia	208	15.9%	142	14.2%
Alberta	179	13.7%	111	11.1%
Prairies	88	6.7%	64	6.4%
Ontario	458	35.1%	386	38.6%
Québec	274	21%	230	23%
Atlantic	98	7.5%	67	6.7%

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Men 35-54	334	14.5%	309	15.6%
Men 55+	480	20.9%	389	19.6%
Women 18-34	317	13.8%	263	13.2%
Women 35-54	395	17.2%	328	16.5%
Women 55+	531	23.1%	432	21.8%
British Columbia	329	14.2%	278	13.9%
Alberta	302	13.1%	222	11.1%
Prairies	175	7.6%	129	6.4%
Ontario	828	35.8%	774	38.7%
Québec	491	21.2%	462	23.1%
Atlantic	186	8%	135	6.7%

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