

TORIES HEADED FOR WIN; NDP A STRONG SECOND

Abacus Data poll: April 28 – 29, 2011, n=1,007 online survey from representative panel of over 400,000 Canadians

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Abacus Data: Not your average pollster

Abacus Data Inc. is Canada's newest player in the public opinion and marketing research industry. Whether it's telephone or online surveys, focus groups, one-on-one interviews, or secondary data analysis, the team at Abacus Data conducts public opinion, marketing, or stakeholder research that provides strategic insight to our clients. What sets the team at Abacus Data apart is its fresh perspective on politics, business, and consumer behaviour and a commitment to its clients.

Abacus Data offers its clients a comprehensive research tool kit that includes:

- Custom quantitative studies
- Opinion leader/Decision maker consultations
- The Vertex Panel (www.vertexpanel.ca)
- Omnibus surveys
- Focus groups
- Informal discussions
- Intercept studies
- One-on-one interviews
- Custom community panel creation and management
- Secondary data analysis

Dr. David Coletto – Abacus Data's CEO

David has seven years experience listening and interpreting what voters, consumers, and opinion leaders want and expect from government, business, and the non-profit sectors. He has worked with some of Canada's largest corporations and some of its smallest issue and advocacy groups.

He received his PhD in Political Science from the University of Calgary where he taught Research Methods to undergraduate students.

David is currently a Visiting Fellow at the Arthur Kroeger College of Public Affairs. He is frequently called upon by news media for his unique perspective on public affairs, millennials, corporate citizenship, and political party finance. He co-authored a chapter in the recently released book *Money, Politics and Democracy* (eds Young and Jansen, UBC Press 2011).

Abacus Data also has a number of unique research practices.

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Methodology

From April 28 to April 29, 2011, Abacus Data Inc. conducted an online survey among 1,007 randomly selected Canadian adults from an online panel of over 400,000 Canadians.

The margin of error—which measures sampling variability—is comparable to +/- 3.2%, 19 times out of 20. Results of the survey were statistically weighted by gender, age, region, language, and immigration status using census data from Statistics Canada and by past vote using Elections Canada results from the 2008 General Election. Totals may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

Ballot Question

The ballot question was the 4th question asked of respondents following their gender, province, and their likelihood of voting in the election. Responses to the questions below are merged to create our ballot variable.

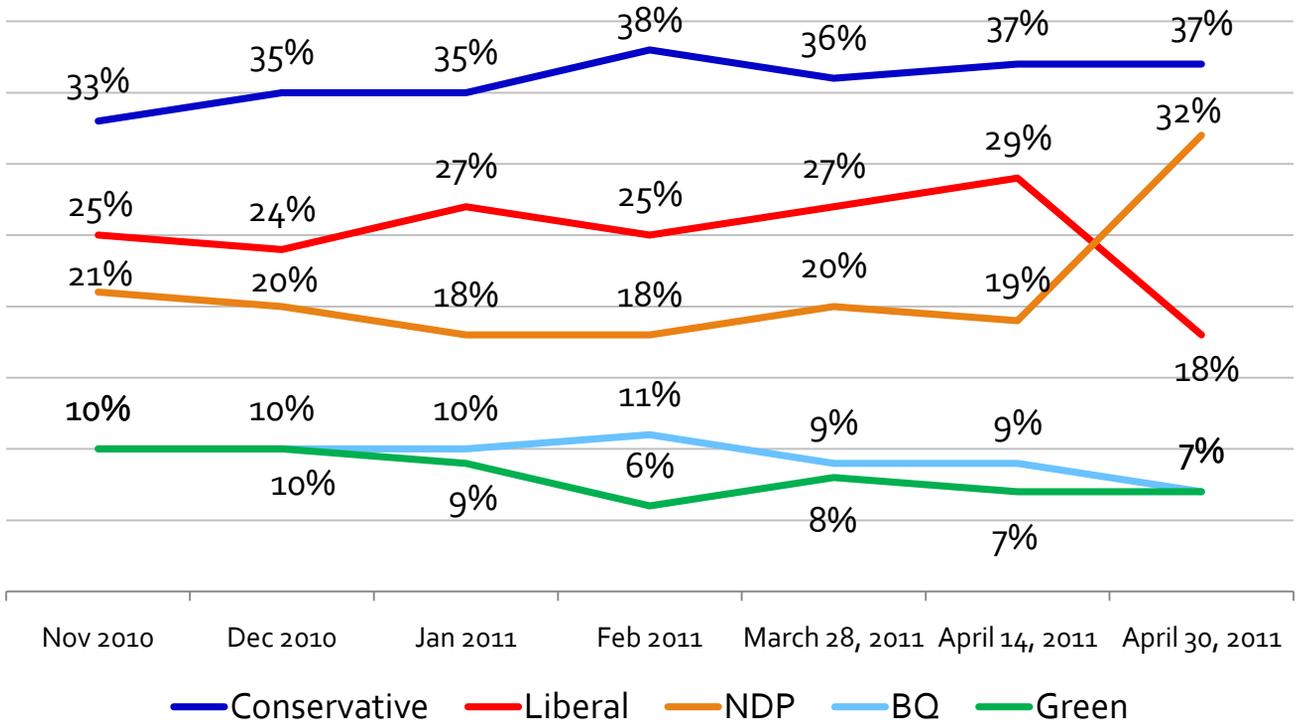
Q: If a federal election were held today, which party would you vote for in your constituency? (parties listed randomly)

For more information about the poll's methodology, visit the Abacus website at www.abacusdata.ca

The table below reports the unweighted and weighted distribution by region or province.

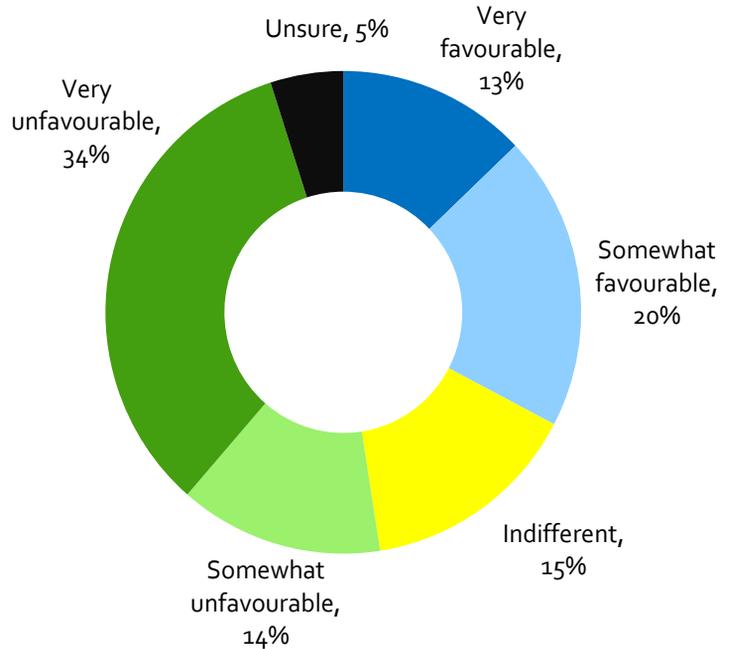
Region/Province	Unweighted Count (All Respondents)	Weighted Count (All respondents)
Atlantic Canada	83	74
Quebec	265	243
Ontario	349	386
Prairies (MB and SK)	77	65
Alberta	104	103
BC	129	134
Total	1,007	1,006

Decided Voters: Ballot (n=902, Undecided=10%)



	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Central	Alberta	BC
Conservative	31%	13%	41%	56%	67%	40%
NDP	34%	40%	29%	26%	21%	40%
Liberal	26%	14%	25%	11%	6%	10%
BQ	-	27%	-	-	-	-
Green	8%	6%	6%	7%	6%	11%
Unweighted counts	83	265	349	77	104	129
	Men	Women	18-30	31-60	60+	Immigrants
Conservative	36%	38%	28%	37%	48%	38%
NDP	32%	33%	32%	34%	27%	32%
Liberal	21%	15%	23%	17%	16%	26%
BQ	7%	6%	6%	6%	9%	1%
Green	5%	9%	11%	7%	1%	4%
Unweighted counts	496	512	155	637	216	162

Favourability - Prime Minister Stephen Harper

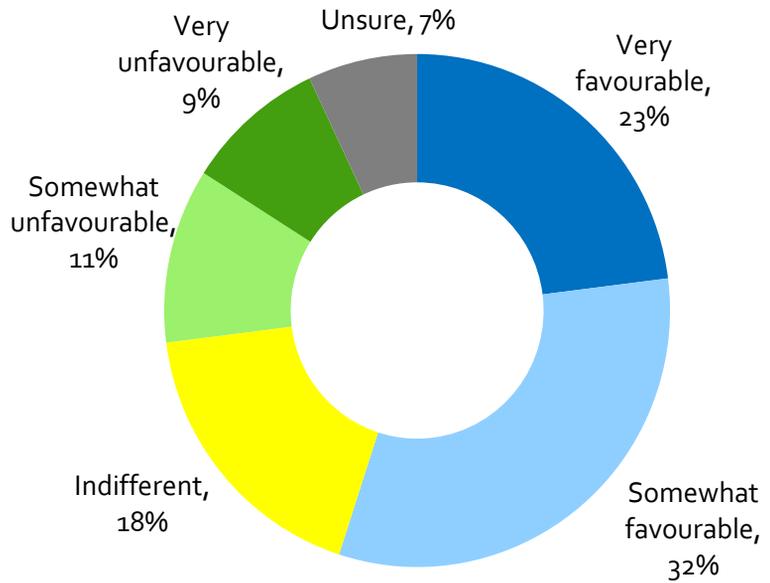


	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Central	Alberta	BC
Favourable	31%	14%	34%	48%	56%	40%
Indifferent	12%	17%	15%	17%	16%	9%
Unfavourable	53%	63%	47%	31%	24%	44%
Unsure	4%	6%	4%	5%	4%	8%

	Men	Women	18-30	31-60	60+	Immigrants
Favourable	32%	34%	22%	34%	42%	38%
Indifferent	14%	16%	17%	15%	11%	13%
Unfavourable	51%	44%	54%	46%	45%	42%
Unsure	4%	6%	6%	5%	2%	7%

	Conservatives	Liberals	NDP
Favourable	78%	8%	13%
Indifferent	11%	15%	17%
Unfavourable	8%	74%	70%
Unsure	2%	3%	1%

Favourability – NDP Leader Jack Layton

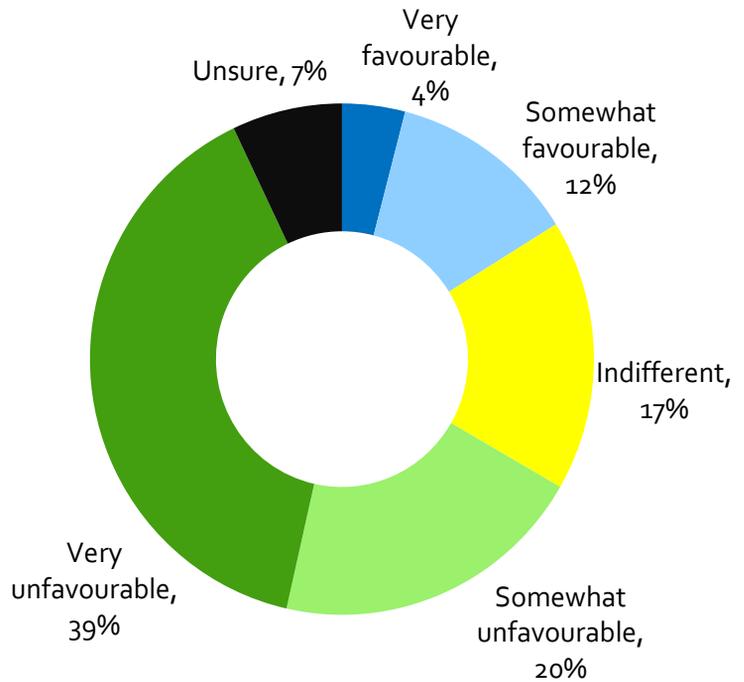
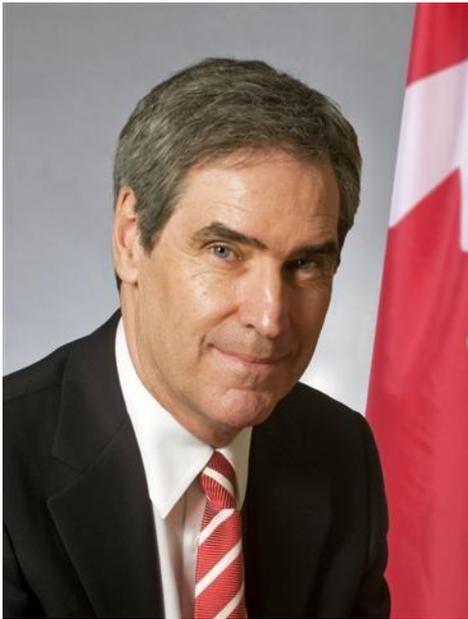


	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Central	Alberta	BC
Favourable	51%	66%	59%	42%	34%	44%
Indifferent	23%	16%	15%	21%	21%	24%
Unfavourable	20%	9%	20%	29%	39%	24%
Unsure	5%	9%	7%	8%	6%	8%

	Men	Women	18-30	31-60	60+	Immigrants
Favourable	58%	52%	58%	54%	55%	53%
Indifferent	18%	18%	21%	17%	17%	17%
Unfavourable	20%	20%	14%	21%	26%	20%
Unsure	4%	10%	7%	9%	3%	10%

	Conservatives	Liberals	NDP
Favourable	31%	63%	93%
Indifferent	23%	16%	6%
Unfavourable	42%	13%	1%
Unsure	4%	8%	-

Favourability – Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff



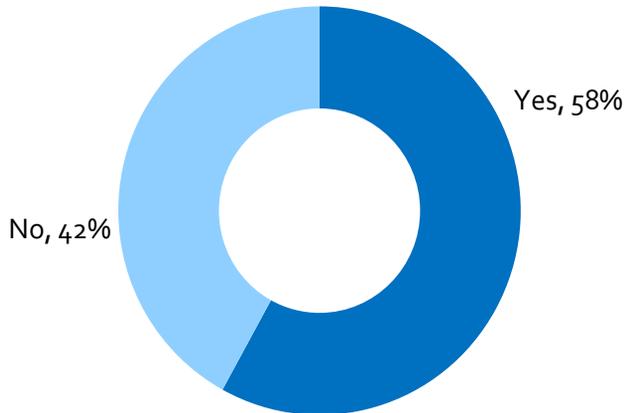
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Indifferent	27%	16%	16%	8%	8%	12%
Unfavourable	49%	59%	59%	75%	78%	64%
Unsure	5%	6%	6%	8%	5%	13%

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Indifferent	17%	18%	22%	16%	15%	22%
Unfavourable	59%	59%	47%	62%	63%	49%
Unsure	4%	10%	9%	7%	5%	10%

	Conservatives	Liberals	NDP
Favourable	3%	63%	11%
Indifferent	9%	23%	21%
Unfavourable	86%	10%	64%
Unsure	2%	3%	4%

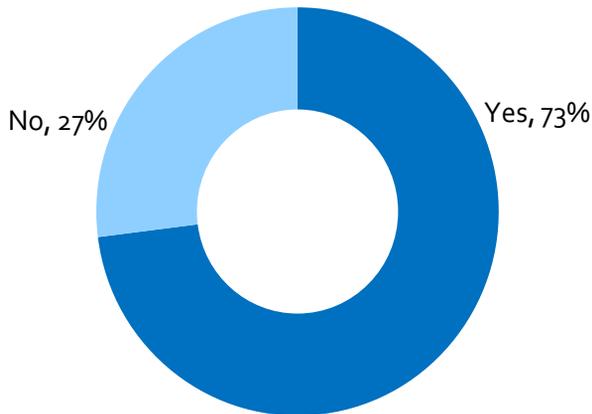
Future of Stephen Harper and Michael Ignatieff

If Stephen Harper fails to get a majority government, do you think he should resign as Conservative Party leader?



	Conservatives	Liberals	NDP
Yes	19%	79%	73%
No	81%	21%	27%

If Michael Ignatieff fails to win more seats for the Liberal Party, do you think he should resign as Liberal Party leader?



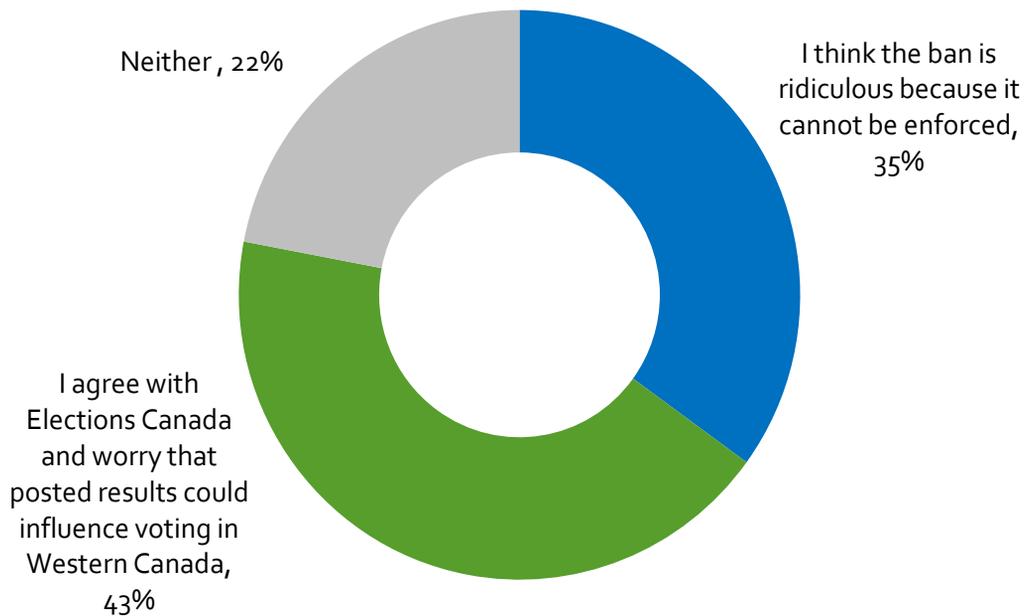
	Conservatives	Liberals	NDP
Yes	85%	55%	72%
No	15%	45%	28%

Elections Canada Results and Twitter

As Facebook and Twitter usage has increased dramatically since the last Federal election, Elections Canada has reminded Canadians that subject to the Canada Elections Act, transmitting election results prior to the closure of all polling stations across the country is not permitted.

Elections Canada says that public posts via Facebook or Twitter could be considered as breaking the ban because voters in Western Canada may find out results before they vote. Opponents say that the ban cannot realistically be enforced and goes against freedom of speech anyway.

Which of the following statements, if either, best describes your view?



	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Central	Alberta	BC
I think the ban is ridiculous because it cannot be enforced.	42%	28%	34%	35%	40%	40%
I agree with Elections Canada and worry that posted results could influence voting in Western Canada.	35%	45%	48%	30%	38%	38%
Neither	23%	26%	18%	35%	22%	22%
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