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A Report To
**The Globe and
Mail and CTV**

2008 Federal Election: Battleground
Tracking

September 16-18, 2008

Methodology

- ◆ The Strategic Counsel is pleased to present findings from three surveys of the Battleground Regions of Ontario (n=420), Quebec (n=405) and British Columbia (n=390)
- ◆ Forty-five of the most hotly contested ridings from Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia comprise the *Battleground 2008*.
- ◆ Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia were chosen because they possess the highest concentration of ridings where multiple Parties are likely to have the toughest competition.
- ◆ In the Federal Election of 2006 and subsequent By-Elections, these forty-five ridings were home to the tightest races in the most populous Provinces in the Country.
- ◆ The forty-five ridings consist of the 20 tightest races in Ontario, the 15 closest races in Quebec and the 10 tightest races in British Columbia from the 2006 Federal Election and subsequent By-Elections.
- ◆ Results are based on random samples of adults 18 years of age or older in each of the 45 ridings constituting the *Battleground 2008*. Results were weighted by age to be proportionate to the provincial population sampled.
- ◆ Data collection for this report was conducted between September 4th to 18th, 2008.

Note: Proportions may not sum to 100% due to rounding

The Battlegrounds

British Columbia

- ◆ Vancouver Quadra, Vancouver Island North, West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country, Fleetwood-Port Kells, Newton-North Delta, Burnaby-Douglas, Esquimalt-Juan de Fuca, Richmond, Pitt Meadows-Maple Ridge-Mission, North Vancouver.

Ontario

- ◆ Parry Sound-Muskoka, Glengarry-Prescott-Russell, St. Catharines, Hamilton East-Stoney Creek, Brant, Thunder Bay-Superior North, Oakville, Thunder Bay-Rainy River, Huron-Bruce, London-Fanshaw, Ottawa-Orléans, Simcoe North, London West, Barrie, Kitchener-Conestoga, Halton, Peterborough, Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing, Burlington, Mississauga South.

Quebec

- ◆ Louis-Hébert, Ahuntsic, Beauport-Limoilou, Brossard-La Prairie, Papineau, Charlesbourg—Haut-Saint-Charles, Hull-Aylmer, Honoré-Mercier, Saint-Hyacinthe-Bagot, Pontiac, Jeanne-Le Ber, Laval-Les Îles, Gatineau, Chicoutimi-Le Fjord, Brome-Missisquoi.

Sample Distribution and Margin of Error

		Sample Size	Margin of Error (±)
British Columbia battleground ridings	<i>(Sep 16-18)</i>	390	5.0%
Ontario battleground ridings	<i>(Sep 16-18)</i>	420	4.8%
Quebec battleground ridings	<i>(Sep 16-18)</i>	405	4.9%
Liberal held ridings		384	5.0%
Conservative held ridings		320	5.5%
Bloc Quebecois held ridings		148	8.1%

Detailed Findings

Is Canada on the right track?

BC Battleground Ridings

	Sept. 4-6	Sept. 5-7	Sept. 6-8	Sept. 7-9	Sept. 8-10	Sept. 9-11	Sept. 10-13	Sept. 11-14	Sept. 13-15	Sept. 14-16	Sept. 15-17	Sept. 16-18
n=	450	430	410	390	390	390	390	390	390	390	390	390
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
On the right track	57	54	55	54	57	54	52	52	52	52	51	52
On the wrong track	28	31	31	33	33	33	32	30	28	28	28	28
DK/NA/Ref	15	15	14	13	11	14	16	19	20	20	21	20

Ontario Battleground Ridings

	Sept. 4-6	Sept. 5-7	Sept. 6-8	Sept. 7-9	Sept. 8-10	Sept. 9-11	Sept. 10-13	Sept. 11-14	Sept. 13-15	Sept. 14-16	Sept. 15-17	Sept. 16-18
n=	480	460	440	420	420	420	420	420	420	420	420	420
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
On the right track	53	56	57	54	52	52	53	50	50	46	47	45
On the wrong track	31	28	28	31	34	34	33	31	32	33	34	36
DK/NA/Ref	17	15	15	15	15	15	14	19	18	21	18	19

Quebec Battleground Ridings

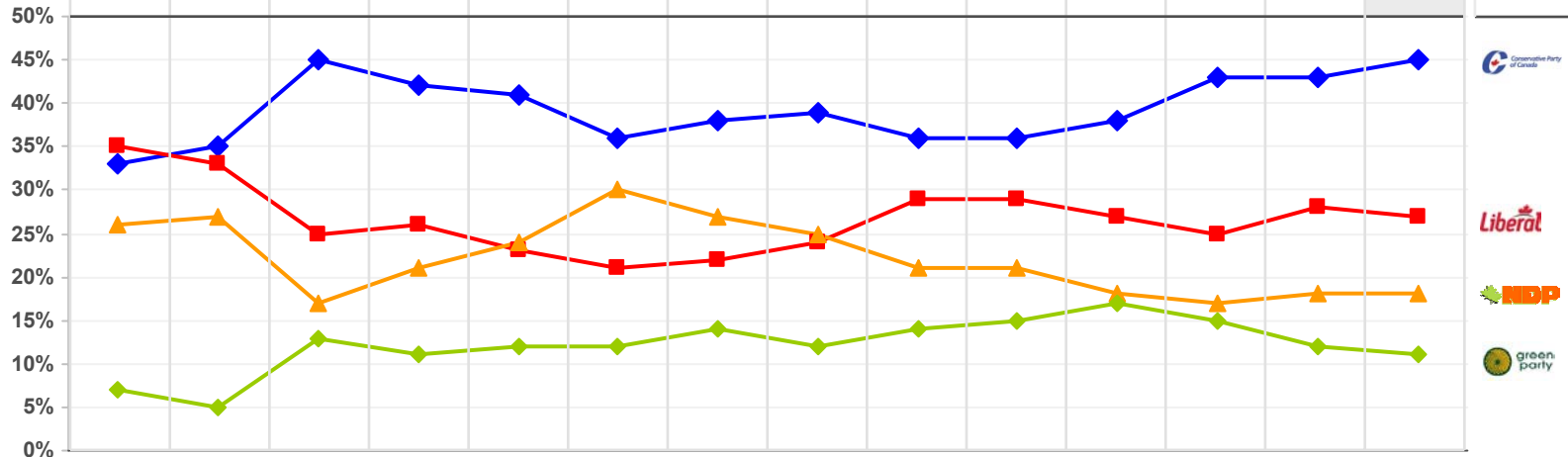
	Sept. 4-6	Sept. 5-7	Sept. 6-8	Sept. 7-9	Sept. 8-10	Sept. 9-11	Sept. 10-13	Sept. 11-14	Sept. 13-15	Sept. 14-16	Sept. 15-17	Sept. 16-18
n=	450	435	420	405	405	405	405	405	405	405	405	405
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
On the right track	60	59	57	55	53	52	51	51	47	44	47	49
On the wrong track	32	32	32	32	34	35	35	35	38	42	40	39
DK/NA/Ref	8	9	11	13	13	13	14	14	15	14	13	12

Q. Right now, do you think that overall the country is on the right track or the wrong track?

Base: All respondents

How would they vote today? BC Battleground Ridings

	2004	2006	2008												Difference from 2006 election
			Sept. 4-6	Sept. 5-7	Sept. 6-8	Sept. 7-9	Sept. 8-10	Sept. 9-11	Sept. 10-13	Sept. 11-14	Sept. 13-15	Sept. 14-16	Sept. 15-17	Sept. 16-18	
			450	430	410	390	390	390	390	390	390	390	390	390	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Conservative candidate	33	35	45	42	41	36	38	39	36	36	38	43	43	45	+10
Liberal candidate	35	33	25	26	23	21	22	24	29	29	27	25	28	27	-6
NDP candidate	26	27	17	21	24	30	27	25	21	21	18	17	18	18	-9
Bloc Quebecois candidate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Green Party candidate	7	5	13	11	12	12	14	12	14	15	17	15	12	11	+6



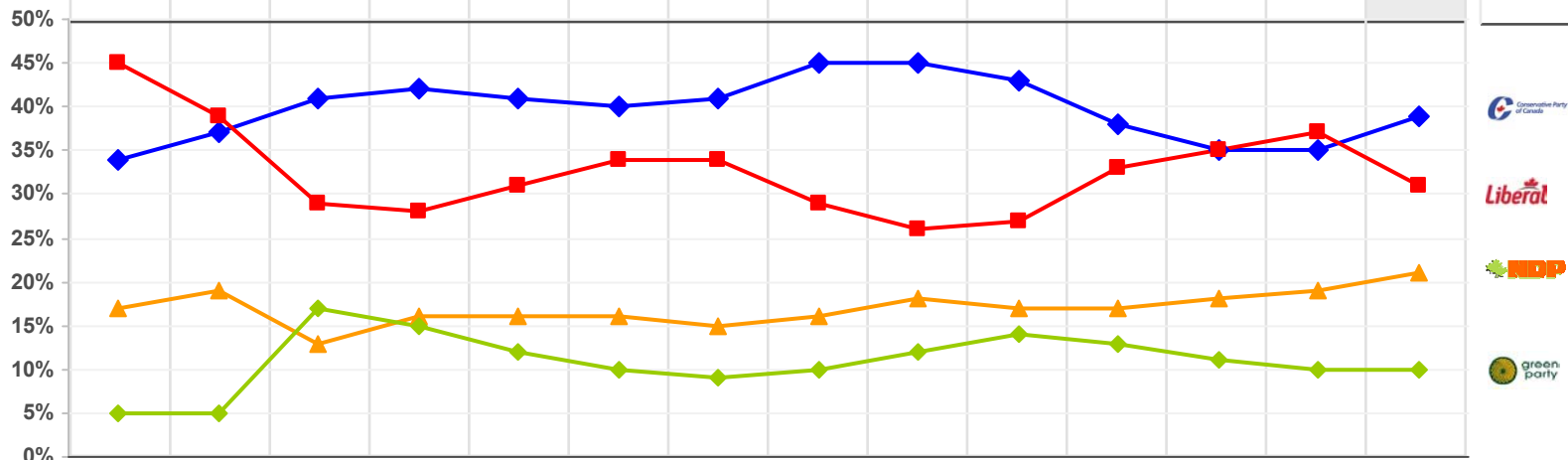
Q. If the federal election was being held tomorrow, do you think you'd be supporting the (ROTATE LIST) Liberal candidate in your area, Conservative candidate in your area, the NDP candidate in your area, or the Green Party candidate in your area or (QUEBEC ONLY) Bloc Quebecois candidate in your area?

Q. In that case, which party's candidate in your local area would you be leaning towards at this time? Would it be the (ROTATE LIST) Liberal candidate in your area, Conservative candidate in your area, the NDP candidate in your area, Green Party candidate in your area or (QUEBEC ONLY) Bloc Quebecois candidate in your area?

Base: Total sample

How would they vote today? Ontario Battleground Ridings

	2004	2006	2008												Difference from 2006 election
			Sept. 4-6	Sept. 5-7	Sept. 6-8	Sept. 7-9	Sept. 8-10	Sept. 9-11	Sept. 10-13	Sept. 11-14	Sept. 13-15	Sept. 14-16	Sept. 15-17	Sept. 16-18	
			480	430	410	420	420	420	420	420	420	420	420	420	
Conservative candidate	34	37	41	42	41	40	41	45	45	43	38	35	35	39	+2
Liberal candidate	45	39	29	28	31	34	34	29	26	27	33	35	37	31	-8
NDP candidate	17	19	13	16	16	16	15	16	18	17	17	18	19	21	+2
Bloc Quebecois candidate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Green Party candidate	5	5	17	15	12	10	9	10	12	14	13	11	10	10	+5



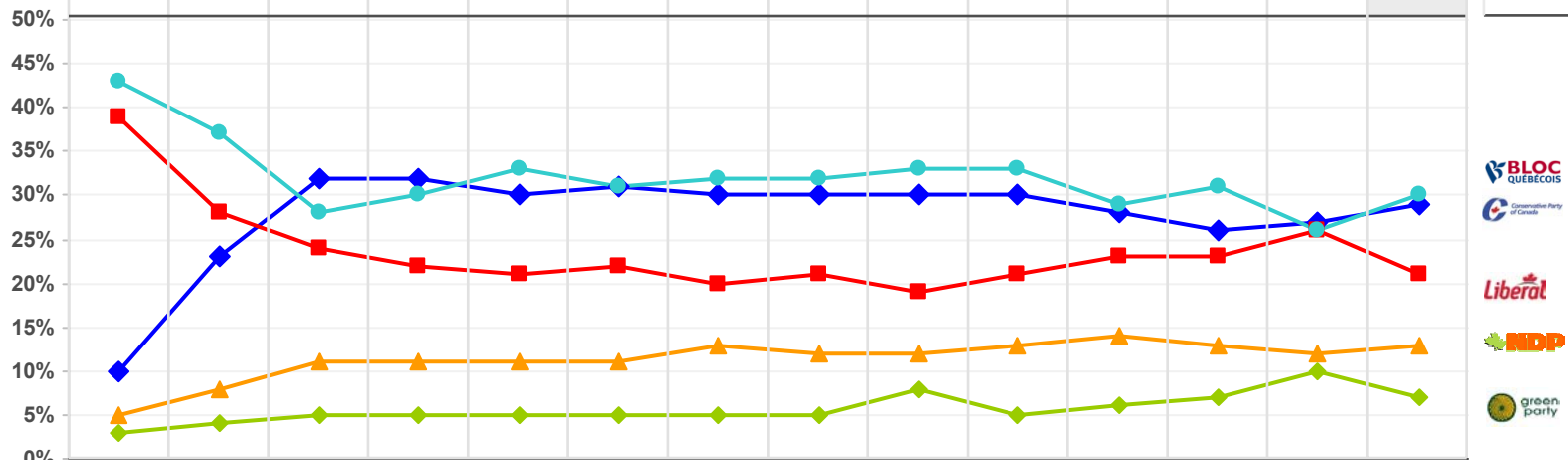
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Base: Total sample

How would they vote today? Quebec Battleground Ridings

	2004	2006	2008											Difference from 2006 election	
			Sept. 4-6	Sept. 5-7	Sept. 6-8	Sept. 7-9	Sept. 8-10	Sept. 9-11	Sept. 10-13	Sept. 11-14	Sept. 13-15	Sept. 14-16	Sept. 15-17		Sept. 16-18
			450	430	410	405	405	405	405	405	405	405	405		405
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Conservative candidate	10	23	32	32	30	31	30	30	30	30	28	26	27	29	+6
Liberal candidate	39	28	24	22	21	22	20	21	19	21	23	23	26	21	-7
NDP candidate	5	8	11	11	11	11	13	12	12	13	14	13	12	13	+5
Bloc Quebecois candidate	43	37	28	30	33	31	32	32	33	33	29	31	26	30	-7
Green Party candidate	3	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	8	5	6	7	10	7	+3



Q. If the federal election was being held tomorrow, do you think you'd be supporting the (ROTATE LIST) Liberal candidate in your area, Conservative candidate in your area, the NDP candidate in your area, or the Green Party candidate in your area or (QUEBEC ONLY) Bloc Quebecois candidate in your area?

Q. In that case, which party's candidate in your local area would you be leaning towards at this time? Would it be the (ROTATE LIST) Liberal candidate in your area, Conservative candidate in your area, the NDP candidate in your area, Green Party candidate in your area or (QUEBEC ONLY) Bloc Quebecois candidate in your area?

Base: Total sample

Voting preferences in Quebec Battleground Ridings by region

Total		2006	2008					Difference from 2006 election
			Sept. 4-10	Sept 8-14	Sept 10-16	Sept 11-17	Sept 13-18	
n=			761	612	592	604	547	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
	Conservative candidate	24	31	30	28	28	28	+4
	Liberal candidate	27	22	20	21	23	22	-5
	NDP candidate	8	12	13	13	12	14	+6
	Bloc Quebecois candidate	37	31	32	32	29	29	-8
	Green Party candidate	4	5	5	7	7	7	+3

Montreal Battlegrounds		2006	2008					Difference from 2006 election
			Sept. 4-10	Sept 8-14	Sept 10-16	Sept 11-17	Sept 13-18	
n=			304	252	249	245	239	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
	Conservative candidate	14	16	20	21	22	22	+8
	Liberal candidate	37	28	26	24	28	27	-10
	NDP candidate	8	13	10	12	11	14	+6
	Bloc Quebecois candidate	37	37	40	38	35	33	-4
	Green Party candidate	4	5	4	5	4	5	+1

Battlegrounds Outside Montreal		2006	2008					Difference from 2006 election
			Sept. 4-10	Sept 8-14	Sept 10-16	Sept 11-17	Sept 13-18	
n=			457	360	343	359	358	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
	Conservative candidate	30	41	36	33	33	32	+2
	Liberal candidate	21	17	17	19	20	19	-2
	NDP candidate	9	11	15	13	14	14	+5
	Bloc Quebecois candidate	37	27	27	28	25	27	-10
	Green Party candidate	4	5	5	8	9	8	+4

Note: Montreal ridings: Ahuntsic, Brossard-La Prairie, Papineau, Honoré-Mercier, Jeanne-Le Ber, Laval-Les Îles
 Outside Montreal: Louis-Hébert, Beauport-Limoilou, Charlesbourg—Haut-Saint-Charles, Hull-Aylmer, Saint-Hyacinthe-Bagot, Pontiac, Gatineau, Chicoutimi-Le Fjord, Brome-Missisquoi.

- Q. If the federal election was being held tomorrow, do you think you'd be supporting the (ROTATE LIST) Liberal candidate in your area, Conservative candidate in your area, the NDP candidate in your area, or the Green Party candidate in your area or (QUEBEC ONLY) Bloc Quebecois candidate in your area?
- Q. In that case, which federal party's candidate in your local area would you be leaning towards at this time? Would it be the (ROTATE LIST) Liberal candidate in your area, Conservative candidate in your area, the NDP candidate in your area, Green Party candidate in your area or (QUEBEC ONLY) Bloc Quebecois candidate in your area?

Base: Decided voters

How well are the parties doing in ridings they won in the previous election?

Liberal Ridings

	2006	Sept. 4-7	Sept. 5-8	Sept. 6-9	Sept. 7-10	Sept. 8-11	Sept. 10-13	Sept. 11-14	Sept. 13-15	Sept. 14-16	Sept. 15-17	Sept. 16-18	Difference from 2006 election
n=	450	430	410	390	390	390	390	390	390	390	390	384	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Conservative candidate	31	36	34	34	34	36	37	34	32	32	33	33	+2
Liberal candidate	39	29	31	32	34	32	29	29	33	35	38	37	-2
NDP candidate	19	18	19	19	18	17	17	19	17	17	16	19	0
Bloc Quebecois candidate	6	3	3	3	4	4	5	5	4	4	3	3	-3
Green Party candidate	5	14	13	12	11	12	13	13	14	11	10	9	+4

Conservative Ridings

	2006	Sept. 4-7	Sept. 5-8	Sept. 6-9	Sept. 7-10	Sept. 8-11	Sept. 10-13	Sept. 11-14	Sept. 13-15	Sept. 14-16	Sept. 15-17	Sept. 16-18	Difference from 2006 election
n=	480	460	440	420	420	420	420	420	420	420	420	320	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Conservative candidate	40	47	48	51	50	48	48	45	42	40	42	49	+9
Liberal candidate	32	26	26	25	25	25	24	25	29	28	26	18	-14
NDP candidate	15	10	11	12	15	15	15	12	11	12	16	16	+1
Bloc Quebecois candidate	8	5	5	5	4	5	5	7	6	7	4	6	-2
Green Party candidate	5	12	9	7	7	7	9	11	12	13	12	12	+7

Bloc Ridings

	2006	Sept. 4-7	Sept. 5-8	Sept. 6-9	Sept. 7-10	Sept. 8-11	Sept. 10-13	Sept. 11-14	Sept. 13-15	Sept. 14-16	Sept. 15-17	Sept. 16-18	Difference from 2006 election
n=	450	435	420	405	405	405	405	405	405	405	405	148	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Conservative candidate	19	29	26	24	23	25	26	29	24	24	23	25	+6
Liberal candidate	30	20	20	20	16	19	19	19	23	24	29	23	-7
NDP candidate	8	12	12	13	14	13	14	14	16	12	10	13	+5
Bloc Quebecois candidate	40	35	37	39	41	39	37	35	33	36	31	35	-5
Green Party candidate	3	5	5	4	6	5	5	3	4	4	6	5	+2

Q. If the federal election was being held tomorrow, do you think you'd be supporting the (ROTATE LIST) Liberal candidate in your area, Conservative candidate in your area, the NDP candidate in your area, or the Green Party candidate in your area or (QUEBEC ONLY) Bloc Quebecois candidate in your area?

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Base: Decided voters

Momentum towards the election

BC Battleground Ridings

	Sept. 4-6	Sept. 5-7	Sept. 6-8	Sept. 7-9	Sept. 8-10	Sept. 9-11	Sept. 10-13	Sept. 11-14	Sept. 13-15	Sept. 14-16	Sept. 15-17	Sept. 16-18
n=	450	430	410	390	390	390	390	390	390	390	390	390
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Conservative candidate	43	42	41	41	40	38	36	38	40	42	40	43
Liberal candidate	17	15	11	11	11	10	10	8	9	9	12	13
NDP candidate	10	12	11	12	11	12	13	12	13	13	16	16
Bloc Quebecois candidate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Green Party candidate	6	5	5	6	7	11	11	11	8	8	7	7
Other/None/Don't know	25	26	31	31	31	28	30	30	29	29	26	22

Ontario Battleground Ridings

	Sept. 4-6	Sept. 5-7	Sept. 6-8	Sept. 7-9	Sept. 8-10	Sept. 9-11	Sept. 10-13	Sept. 11-14	Sept. 13-15	Sept. 14-16	Sept. 15-17	Sept. 16-18
n=	480	460	440	420	420	420	420	420	420	420	420	420
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Conservative candidate	42	42	42	41	44	44	45	41	43	40	43	40
Liberal candidate	15	14	14	12	14	13	15	13	13	12	13	14
NDP candidate	8	8	8	11	10	7	7	7	10	12	12	11
Bloc Quebecois candidate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Green Party candidate	5	6	7	7	7	9	11	11	10	8	7	7
Other/None/Don't know	30	31	29	29	26	28	22	28	25	29	26	28

Quebec Battleground Ridings

	Sept. 4-6	Sept. 5-7	Sept. 6-8	Sept. 7-9	Sept. 8-10	Sept. 9-11	Sept. 10-13	Sept. 11-14	Sept. 13-15	Sept. 14-16	Sept. 15-17	Sept. 16-18
n=	450	435	420	405	405	405	405	405	405	405	405	405
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Conservative candidate	53	51	51	54	50	50	45	49	50	51	51	54
Liberal candidate	15	13	11	9	11	12	12	9	10	12	14	11
NDP candidate	7	8	9	8	7	7	8	9	9	9	8	7
Bloc Quebecois candidate	5	6	7	8	9	9	8	7	5	7	8	8
Green Party candidate	2	2	1	2	3	4	4	4	3	3	4	4
Other/None/Don't know	18	21	20	19	20	19	23	22	23	19	15	16

Q. From what you can tell, which party, if any, is gaining the most popularity and momentum leading up to a possible federal election?

Base: All respondents

Is it time for change?

BC Battleground Ridings

	Sept. 4-6	Sept. 5-7	Sept. 6-8	Sept. 7-9	Sept. 8-10	Sept. 11-14	Sept. 13-15	Sept. 14-16	Sept. 15-17	Sept. 16-18
n=	450	430	410	390	390	390	390	390	390	390
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
It's time for a change and a new government should be voted in	40	41	42	46	49	50	49	42	42	44
Now would be the wrong time to make a change	51	49	48	45	44	42	42	49	48	46
DK/NA/Ref	9	10	10	9	7	8	9	10	10	10

Ontario Battleground Ridings

	Sept. 4-6	Sept. 5-7	Sept. 6-8	Sept. 7-9	Sept. 8-10	Sept. 11-14	Sept. 13-15	Sept. 14-16	Sept. 15-17	Sept. 16-18
n=	480	460	440	420	420	420	420	420	429	420
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
It's time for a change and a new government should be voted in	43	44	47	48	47	45	46	43	45	44
Now would be the wrong time to make a change	48	49	46	46	46	43	41	40	40	41
DK/NA/Ref	9	7	7	6	7	13	13	18	16	15

Quebec Battleground Ridings

	Sept. 4-6	Sept. 5-7	Sept. 6-8	Sept. 7-9	Sept. 8-10	Sept. 11-14	Sept. 13-15	Sept. 14-16	Sept. 15-17	Sept. 16-18
n=	450	435	420	405	405	405	405	405	405	405
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
It's time for a change and a new government should be voted in	45	49	48	46	45	49	51	52	51	51
Now would be the wrong time to make a change	49	44	44	45	46	40	39	40	42	38
DK/NA/Ref	6	6	9	9	8	11	10	8	7	11

Q. Some people have been saying it's time for a change and that a new government should be voted in. Other people have said that now would be the wrong time to make a change and we should return the Conservatives to power. Which one of these two views best represents your own?

Base: All respondents

Are voters concerned about the US financial industry crisis?

BC Battleground Ridings	Total Sept 16-18	Conservative Vote	Liberal Vote	NDP Vote
n=	390	150	88	60
	%	%	%	%
NET Concerned	84	85	83	87
Very concerned	38	40	32	50
Somewhat concerned	46	45	51	37
Not very concerned	9	9	12	9
Not at all concerned	5	5	4	3
NET Not concerned	14	14	16	12
DK/NA/Ref	2	1	1	1

Ontario Battleground Ridings	Total Sept 16-18	Conservative Vote	Liberal Vote	NDP Vote
n=	420	134	95	71
	%	%	%	%
NET Concerned	81	84	89	91
Very concerned	39	37	42	44
Somewhat concerned	43	48	47	47
Not very concerned	10	10	5	4
Not at all concerned	7	6	1	3
NET Not concerned	16	16	6	7
DK/NA/Ref	3	-	4	2

Quebec Battleground Ridings	Total Sept 16-18	Conservative Vote	Liberal Vote	Bloc Vote
n=	405	87	62	84
	%	%	%	%
NET Concerned	74	80	75	72
Very concerned	30	33	33	24
Somewhat concerned	43	47	42	48
Not very concerned	14	13	13	17
Not at all concerned	11	6	12	10
NET Not concerned	25	19	25	27
DK/NA/Ref	2	2	-	1

Q. As you may know there has been a crisis in the financial industry in the United States. Would you say you are: very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned, or not at all concerned about the impact of this crisis on the Canadian economy?

Base: All respondents

Which party is best able to handle the US financial industry crisis?

BC Battleground Ridings

	Total Sept 16-18	Conservative Vote	Liberal Vote	NDP Vote
n=	390	150	88	60
	%	%	%	%
Conservative	45	84	26	20
Liberal	21	4	53	26
NDP	9	2	4	40
Green Party	1	-	-	-
Other/None/Don't know	24	10	17	15

Ontario Battleground Ridings

	Total Sept 16-18	Conservative Vote	Liberal Vote	NDP Vote
n=	420	134	95	71
	%	%	%	%
Conservative	37	88	20	8
Liberal	21	4	55	23
NDP	10	2	6	46
Bloc Quebecois	-	-	-	-
Green Party	1	-	-	-
Other/None/Don't know	31	7	20	23

Quebec Battleground Ridings

	Total Sept 16-18	Conservative Vote	Liberal Vote	Bloc Vote
n=	405	87	62	84
	%	%	%	%
Conservative	32	79	18	17
Liberal	21	2	59	23
NDP	4	1	-	5
Bloc Quebecois	6	4	2	18
Green Party	1	-	2	-
Other/None/Don't know	35	14	20	37

Q. Which political party would be best able to handle the negative consequences of this US financial crisis on the Canadian economy?

Base: All respondents

Is the US financial industry crisis affecting how Canadians vote?

BC Battleground Ridings	Total Sept 16-18	Conservative Vote	Liberal Vote	NDP Vote
n=	390	150	88	60
	%	%	%	%
NET Likely	22	16	25	34
Very likely	5	3	2	18
Somewhat likely	17	13	23	16
Not very likely	36	38	35	37
Not at all likely	35	41	32	27
NET Not likely	70	80	67	63
DK/NA/Ref	7	5	8	3

Ontario Battleground Ridings	Total Sept 16-18	Conservative Vote	Liberal Vote	NDP Vote
n=	420	134	95	71
	%	%	%	%
NET Likely	29	22	39	34
Very likely	8	3	15	9
Somewhat likely	21	19	25	25
Not very likely	29	31	29	36
Not at all likely	34	41	28	26
NET Not likely	63	72	56	62
DK/NA/Ref	9	6	4	4

Quebec Battleground Ridings	Total Sept 16-18	Conservative Vote	Liberal Vote	Bloc Vote
n=	405	87	62	84
	%	%	%	%
NET Likely	26	12	29	23
Very likely	6	3	6	6
Somewhat likely	20	8	23	17
Not very likely	20	28	16	16
Not at all likely	48	55	50	59
NET Not likely	68	83	67	75
DK/NA/Ref	6	5	4	2

Q. Are you very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not all likely to reconsider how you will vote in the Canadian election as a result of the current financial crisis in the United States?

Base: All respondents

Is the US financial industry crisis affecting how Canadians vote?

All Battlegrounds	Liberal Pool			Conservative Pool			NDP Pool		
	Hard	Soft	Potential	Hard	Soft	Potential	Hard	Soft	Potential
n=	147	98	81	275	96	52	84	80	55
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
NET Likely	21	51	51	9	39	62	21	51	51
Very likely	8	11	14	1	9	7	13	10	12
Somewhat likely	13	40	37	9	30	55	8	42	38
Not very likely	28	27	28	34	30	24	34	31	36
Not at all likely	46	17	16	53	21	13	43	14	14
NET Not likely	74	44	44	87	51	37	77	45	50
DK/NA/Ref	5	6	6	4	9	1	2	3	-

Q. Are you very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not all likely to reconsider how you will vote in the Canadian election as a result of the current financial crisis in the United States?

Base: All respondents

Has the Conservative government been a competent manager of the Canadian economy?

BC Battleground Ridings

	Total Sept 16-18	Conservative Vote	Liberal Vote	NDP Vote
n=	390	150	88	60
	%	%	%	%
Conservative government's management of the Canadian economy will keep it from following the US into crisis	53	75	39	38
Conservative government has done nothing to protect the Canadian economy and we are more vulnerable	32	15	52	52
Other/None/Don't know	16	11	9	10

Ontario Battleground Ridings

	Total Sept 16-18	Conservative Vote	Liberal Vote	NDP Vote
n=	420	134	95	71
	%	%	%	%
Conservative government's management of the Canadian economy will keep it from following the US into crisis	47	76	27	41
Conservative government has done nothing to protect the Canadian economy and we are more vulnerable	37	18	52	53
Other/None/Don't know	16	6	21	6

Quebec Battleground Ridings

	Total Sept 16-18	Conservative Vote	Liberal Vote	Bloc Vote
n=	405	87	62	84
	%	%	%	%
Conservative government's management of the Canadian economy will keep it from following the US into crisis	37	52	29	35
Conservative government has done nothing to protect the Canadian economy and we are more vulnerable	45	29	59	53
Other/None/Don't know	18	20	13	12

Q. Some people say that the Conservative government's competent management of the Canadian economy will keep our economy from following the US into crisis. Other people say that the Conservative government has done nothing to protect the Canadian economy and that we are more vulnerable as a result. Which view is closer to your own?

Base: All respondents