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

2008 Federal Election: Battleground
Tracking

September 17-20, 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 20th, 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 17-20)</i>	390	5.0%
	<i>(Sep 18,20)</i>	260	6.1%
Ontario battleground ridings	<i>(Sep 17-20)</i>	420	4.8%
	<i>(Sep 18,20)</i>	280	5.9%
Quebec battleground ridings	<i>(Sep 17-20)</i>	405	4.9%
	<i>(Sep 18,20)</i>	270	6.0%
Liberal held ridings		387	5.0%
Conservative held ridings		321	5.5%
Bloc Quebecois held ridings		155	7.9%

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	Sept. 17-20
n=	450	430	410	390	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	53
On the wrong track	28	31	31	33	33	33	32	30	28	28	28	28	29
DK/NA/Ref	15	15	14	13	11	14	16	19	20	20	21	20	18

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	Sept. 17-20
n=	480	460	440	420	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	45
On the wrong track	31	28	28	31	34	34	33	31	32	33	34	36	38
DK/NA/Ref	17	15	15	15	15	15	14	19	18	21	18	19	17

Quebec Battleground Ridings

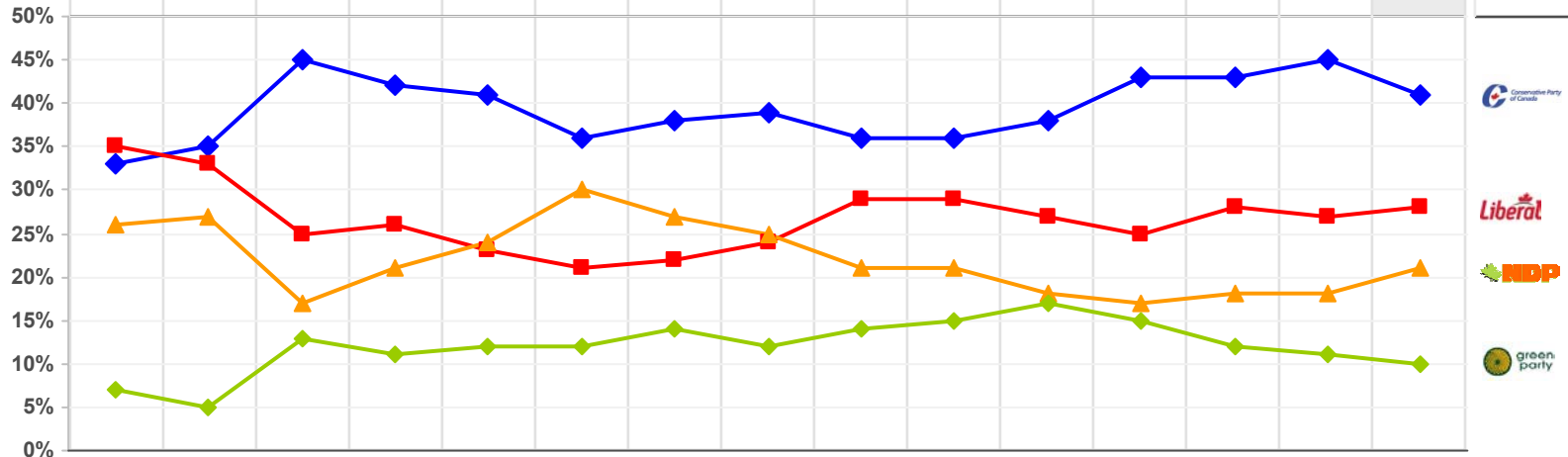
	Sept. 4-6	Sept. 5-7	Sept. 6-8	Sept. 7-9	Sept. 8-10	Sept. 9-11	Sept. 10-13	Sept. 11-14	Sept. 13-15	Sept. 14-16	Sept. 15-17	Sept. 16-18	Sept. 17-20
n=	450	435	420	405	405	405	405	405	405	405	405	405	405
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
On the right track	60	59	57	55	53	52	51	51	47	44	47	49	54
On the wrong track	32	32	32	32	34	35	35	35	38	42	40	39	32
DK/NA/Ref	8	9	11	13	13	13	14	14	15	14	13	12	14

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	Sept 17-20	
			450	430	410	390	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	41	+6
Liberal candidate	35	33	25	26	23	21	22	24	29	29	27	25	28	27	28	-5
NDP candidate	26	27	17	21	24	30	27	25	21	21	18	17	18	18	21	-6
Bloc Quebecois candidate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Green Party candidate	7	5	13	11	12	12	14	12	14	15	17	15	12	11	10	+5



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? *BC Battleground Ridings by demographics*

BC Battleground Ridings

	Age									Education								
	18-34			35-49			50+			High school or less			Some Post-Secondary			Graduated College or University		
	Sep 4-8	Sep 10-15	Sep 15-20	Sep 4-8	Sep 10-15	Sep 15-20	Sep 4-8	Sep 10-15	Sep 15-20	Sep 4-8	Sep 10-15	Sep 15-20	Sep 4-8	Sep 10-15	Sep 15-20	Sep 4-8	Sep 10-15	Sep 15-20
n=	85	74	70	137	126	142	329	341	331	98	96	101	108	96	92	340	345	345
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Conservative candidate	34	34	36	37	32	38	48	47	49	48	43	46	42	43	36	40	37	43
Liberal candidate	27	30	25	30	35	33	22	22	24	16	18	17	22	29	34	28	30	27
NDP candidate	16	14	21	24	21	20	23	20	17	26	23	22	21	16	22	19	19	18
Bloc Quebecois candidate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Green Party candidate	23	22	17	9	13	9	8	11	10	11	16	15	15	12	8	13	15	12

BC Battleground Ridings

	Income									Gender					
	Less than \$49K			\$50K to \$99K			\$100K or more			Male			Female		
	Sep 4-8	Sep 10-15	Sep 15-20	Sep 4-8	Sep 10-15	Sep 15-20	Sep 4-8	Sep 10-15	Sep 15-20	Sep 4-8	Sep 10-15	Sep 15-20	Sep 4-8	Sep 10-15	Sep 15-20
n=	156	137	136	192	205	201	138	128	142	287	289	282	279	265	270
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Conservative candidate	36	36	36	38	37	39	48	40	50	49	40	47	34	38	37
Liberal candidate	21	21	23	27	26	27	27	39	32	24	28	27	26	28	27
NDP candidate	27	24	22	22	20	21	15	12	13	15	20	16	27	18	23
Bloc Quebecois candidate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Green Party candidate	16	19	19	13	17	13	11	10	5	12	13	10	13	17	13

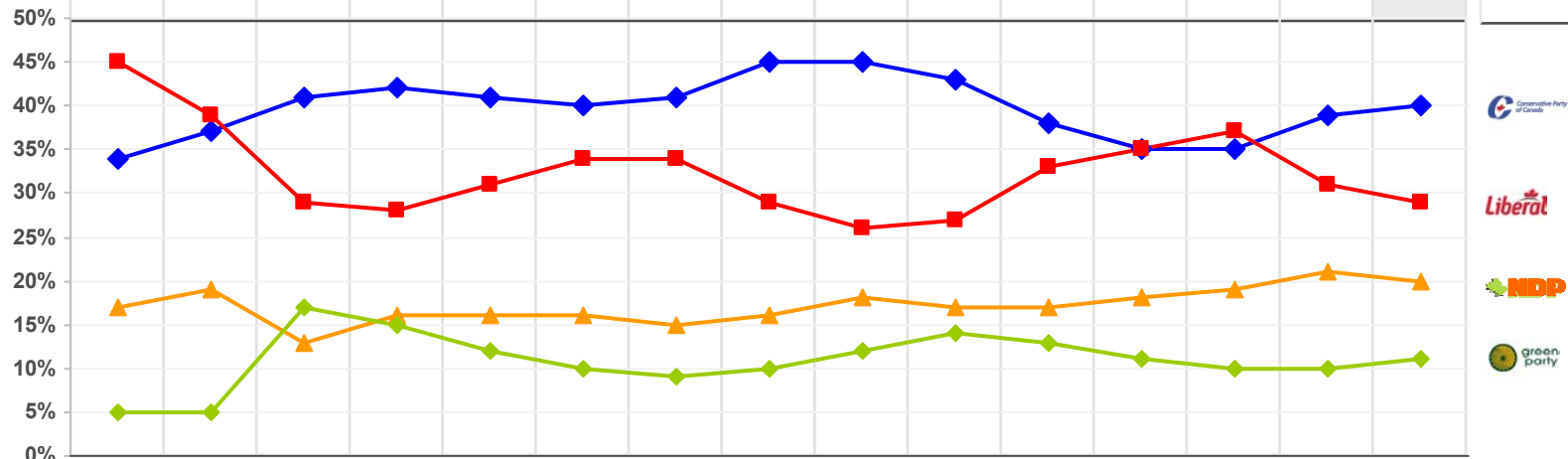
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Base: Decided Voters

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		Sept. 17-20
			480	430	410	420	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	40	+3
Liberal candidate	45	39	29	28	31	34	34	29	26	27	33	35	37	31	29	-10
NDP candidate	17	19	13	16	16	16	15	16	18	17	17	18	19	21	20	+1
Bloc Quebecois candidate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Green Party candidate	5	5	17	15	12	10	9	10	12	14	13	11	10	10	11	+6



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Base: Total sample

How would they vote today? *Ontario Battleground Ridings by demographics*

Ontario Battleground Ridings

	Age									Education								
	18-34			35-49			50+			High school or less			Some Post-Secondary			Graduated College or University		
	Sep 4-8	Sep 10-15	Sep 15-20	Sep 4-8	Sep 10-15	Sep 15-20	Sep 4-8	Sep 10-15	Sep 15-20	Sep 4-8	Sep 10-15	Sep 15-20	Sep 4-8	Sep 10-15	Sep 15-20	Sep 4-8	Sep 10-15	Sep 15-20
n=	88	71	61	174	156	143	366	337	336	134	118	115	109	92	97	387	349	325
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Conservative candidate	30	27	29	43	44	38	45	45	42	38	38	31	42	49	43	41	38	38
Liberal candidate	31	33	41	31	29	32	31	30	29	28	29	24	28	21	27	33	33	38
NDP candidate	13	24	18	14	15	22	16	16	19	13	22	31	14	21	19	15	16	15
Bloc Quebecois candidate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Green Party candidate	26	17	13	12	12	8	8	10	10	22	11	15	16	10	11	11	13	9

Ontario Battleground Ridings

	Income									Gender					
	Less than \$49K			\$50K to \$99K			\$100K or more			Male			Female		
	Sep 4-8	Sep 10-15	Sep 15-20	Sep 4-8	Sep 10-15	Sep 15-20	Sep 4-8	Sep 10-15	Sep 15-20	Sep 4-8	Sep 10-15	Sep 15-20	Sep 4-8	Sep 10-15	Sep 15-20
n=	183	151	151	217	206	186	166	144	147	327	296	283	312	280	266
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Conservative candidate	34	39	33	39	38	39	51	43	39	46	47	45	34	33	31
Liberal candidate	27	28	29	31	32	31	31	33	39	27	26	29	35	35	37
NDP candidate	21	25	28	15	19	21	7	12	12	12	15	16	17	21	22
Bloc Quebecois candidate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Green Party candidate	18	9	9	15	11	10	11	12	10	15	12	10	14	11	10

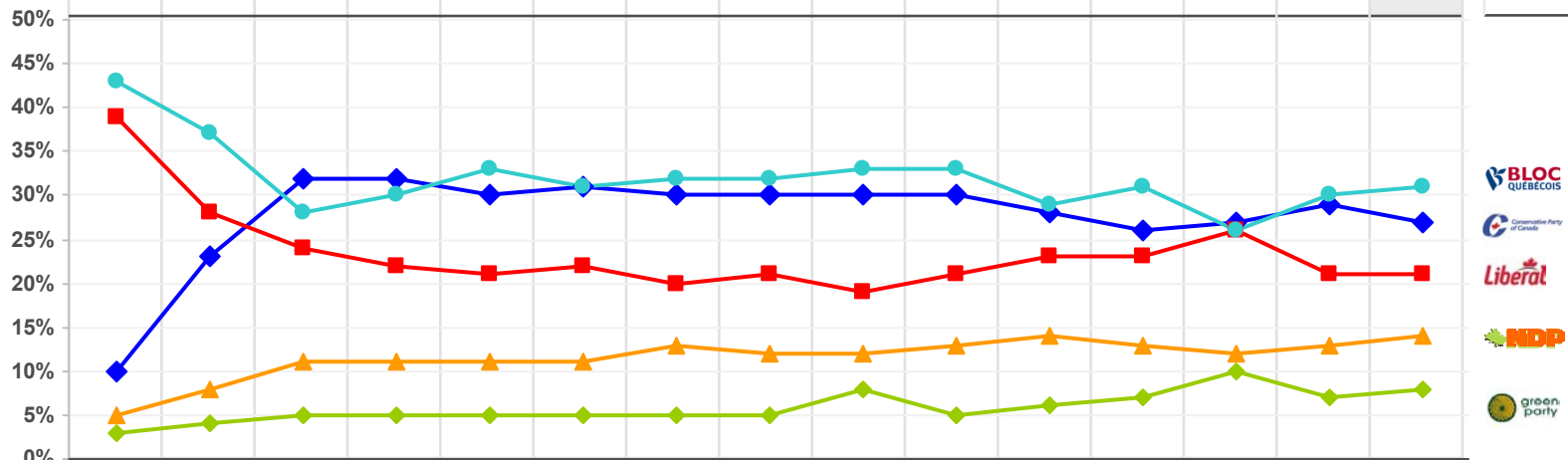
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Base: Decided Voters

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	Sept. 17-20	
			450	430	410	405	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	27	+4
Liberal candidate	39	28	24	22	21	22	20	21	19	21	23	23	26	21	21	-7
NDP candidate	5	8	11	11	11	11	13	12	12	13	14	13	12	13	14	+6
Bloc Quebecois candidate	43	37	28	30	33	31	32	32	33	33	29	31	26	30	31	-6
Green Party candidate	3	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	8	5	6	7	10	7	8	+4



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Base: Total sample

How would they vote today? *Quebec Battleground Ridings by demographics*

Quebec Battleground Ridings

	Age									Education								
	18-34			35-49			50+			High school or less			Some Post-Secondary			Graduated College or University		
	Sep 4-8	Sep 10-15	Sep 15-20	Sep 4-8	Sep 10-15	Sep 15-20	Sep 4-8	Sep 10-15	Sep 15-20	Sep 4-8	Sep 10-15	Sep 15-20	Sep 4-8	Sep 10-15	Sep 15-20	Sep 4-8	Sep 10-15	Sep 15-20
n=	112	108	100	148	159	134	292	227	239	174	135	143	51	63	46	327	296	285
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Conservative candidate	22	25	16	32	23	24	37	34	36	36	36	38	30	23	37	30	26	20
Liberal candidate	20	21	21	23	18	23	23	22	23	24	27	24	24	13	11	21	19	23
NDP candidate	14	13	17	10	18	18	9	10	7	8	7	5	12	12	17	12	17	16
Bloc Quebecois candidate	38	32	33	27	34	26	29	31	30	28	30	31	26	43	19	33	30	30
Green Party candidate	6	9	14	8	6	8	3	4	5	5	1	2	8	9	16	5	7	10

Quebec Battleground Ridings

	Income									Gender					
	Less than \$49K			\$50K to \$99K			\$100K or more			Male			Female		
	Sep 4-8	Sep 10-15	Sep 15-20	Sep 4-8	Sep 10-15	Sep 15-20	Sep 4-8	Sep 10-15	Sep 15-20	Sep 4-8	Sep 10-15	Sep 15-20	Sep 4-8	Sep 10-15	Sep 15-20
n=	192	205	193	189	156	161	90	83	77	292	237	241	264	266	249
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Conservative candidate	31	25	29	34	29	28	35	35	17	35	31	31	27	25	23
Liberal candidate	20	22	18	24	16	19	19	24	35	21	20	20	24	22	25
NDP candidate	11	13	11	9	19	17	10	9	12	11	13	14	11	13	12
Bloc Quebecois candidate	33	36	32	27	28	30	34	27	26	28	29	30	33	34	30
Green Party candidate	4	4	9	6	9	7	4	6	11	5	7	6	5	5	11

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Base: Decided Voters

How would they vote today? *Quebec Battleground Ridings by region*

Total Quebec Battleground Ridings

n=	2006	2008						Difference from 2006 election
		Sept. 4-10	Sept 8-14	Sept 10-16	Sept 11-17	Sept 13-18	Sept 14-20	
		%	%	%	%	%	%	
		761	612	592	604	547	600	
Conservative candidate	24	31	30	28	28	28	26	+2
Liberal candidate	27	22	20	21	23	22	22	-5
NDP candidate	8	12	13	13	12	14	13	+5
Bloc Quebecois candidate	37	31	32	32	29	29	31	-6
Green Party candidate	4	5	5	7	7	7	7	+3

Montreal Battlegrounds

n=	2006	2008						Difference from 2006 election
		Sept. 4-10	Sept 8-14	Sept 10-16	Sept 11-17	Sept 13-18	Sept 14-20	
		%	%	%	%	%	%	
		304	252	249	245	239	239	
Conservative candidate	14	16	20	21	22	22	21	+7
Liberal candidate	37	28	26	24	28	27	26	-11
NDP candidate	8	13	10	12	11	14	13	+5
Bloc Quebecois candidate	37	37	40	38	35	33	34	-3
Green Party candidate	4	5	4	5	4	5	6	+2

Battlegrounds Outside Montreal

n=	2006	2008						Difference from 2006 election
		Sept. 4-10	Sept 8-14	Sept 10-16	Sept 11-17	Sept 13-18	Sept 14-20	
		%	%	%	%	%	%	
		457	360	343	359	358	361	
Conservative candidate	30	41	36	33	33	32	30	-
Liberal candidate	21	17	17	19	20	19	19	-2
NDP candidate	9	11	15	13	14	14	14	+5
Bloc Quebecois candidate	37	27	27	28	25	27	29	-8
Green Party candidate	4	5	5	8	9	8	9	+5

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.

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Base: Decided voters

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

Liberal Ridings

n=	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	Sept. 17-20	Difference from 2006 election	
		450	430	410	390	390	390	390	390	390	390	390	384		387
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%		%
Conservative candidate	31	36	34	34	34	36	37	34	32	32	33	33	32	+1	
Liberal candidate	39	29	31	32	34	32	29	29	33	35	38	37	35	-4	
NDP candidate	19	18	19	19	18	17	17	19	17	17	16	19	19	0	
Bloc Quebecois candidate	6	3	3	3	4	4	5	5	4	4	3	3	3	-3	
Green Party candidate	5	14	13	12	11	12	13	13	14	11	10	9	11	+6	

Conservative Ridings

n=	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	Sept. 17-20	Difference from 2006 election	
		480	460	440	420	420	420	420	420	420	420	420	320		321
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%		%
Conservative candidate	40	47	48	51	50	48	48	45	42	40	42	49	49	+9	
Liberal candidate	32	26	26	25	25	25	24	25	29	28	26	18	16	-16	
NDP candidate	15	10	11	12	15	15	15	12	11	12	16	16	16	+1	
Bloc Quebecois candidate	8	5	5	5	4	5	5	7	6	7	4	6	7	-1	
Green Party candidate	5	12	9	7	7	7	9	11	12	13	12	12	11	+6	

Bloc Ridings

n=	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	Sept. 17-20	Difference from 2006 election	
		450	435	420	405	405	405	405	405	405	405	405	148		155
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%		%
Conservative candidate	19	29	26	24	23	25	26	29	24	24	23	25	20	+1	
Liberal candidate	30	20	20	20	16	19	19	19	23	24	29	23	22	-8	
NDP candidate	8	12	12	13	14	13	14	14	16	12	10	13	15	+7	
Bloc Quebecois candidate	40	35	37	39	41	39	37	35	33	36	31	35	36	-4	
Green Party candidate	3	5	5	4	6	5	5	3	4	4	6	5	7	+4	

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

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	Sept. 17-20
n=	450	430	410	390	390	390	390	390	390	390	390	390	390
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Conservative candidate	43	42	41	41	40	38	36	38	40	42	40	43	39
Liberal candidate	17	15	11	11	11	10	10	8	9	9	12	13	14
NDP candidate	10	12	11	12	11	12	13	12	13	13	16	16	17
Bloc Quebecois candidate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Green Party candidate	6	5	5	6	7	11	11	11	8	8	7	7	10
Other/None/Don't know	25	26	31	31	31	28	30	30	29	29	26	22	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	Sept. 17-20
n=	480	460	440	420	420	420	420	420	420	420	420	420	420
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Conservative candidate	42	42	42	41	44	44	45	41	43	40	43	40	40
Liberal candidate	15	14	14	12	14	13	15	13	13	12	13	14	15
NDP candidate	8	8	8	11	10	7	7	7	10	12	12	11	9
Bloc Quebecois candidate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Green Party candidate	5	6	7	7	7	9	11	11	10	8	7	7	9
Other/None/Don't know	30	31	29	29	26	28	22	28	25	29	26	28	26

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	Sept. 17-20
n=	450	435	420	405	405	405	405	405	405	405	405	405	405
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Conservative candidate	53	51	51	54	50	50	45	49	50	51	51	54	56
Liberal candidate	15	13	11	9	11	12	12	9	10	12	14	11	8
NDP candidate	7	8	9	8	7	7	8	9	9	9	8	7	6
Bloc Quebecois candidate	5	6	7	8	9	9	8	7	5	7	8	8	6
Green Party candidate	2	2	1	2	3	4	4	4	3	3	4	4	4
Other/None/Don't know	18	21	20	19	20	19	23	22	23	19	15	16	19

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	Sept. 17-20
n=	450	430	410	390	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	50
Now would be the wrong time to make a change	51	49	48	45	44	42	42	49	48	46	39
DK/NA/Ref	9	10	10	9	7	8	9	10	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	Sept. 17-20
n=	480	460	440	420	420	420	420	420	429	420	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	48
Now would be the wrong time to make a change	48	49	46	46	46	43	41	40	40	41	40
DK/NA/Ref	9	7	7	6	7	13	13	18	16	15	12

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	Sept. 17-20
n=	450	435	420	405	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	54
Now would be the wrong time to make a change	49	44	44	45	46	40	39	40	42	38	35
DK/NA/Ref	6	6	9	9	8	11	10	8	7	11	12

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 following the election closely?

BC Battleground Ridings

	Total Sept 17-20	Conservative Vote	Liberal Vote	NDP Vote
n=	390	143	93	68
	%	%	%	%
NET Closely	66	76	66	78
Very closely	24	29	24	33
Somewhat closely	42	47	43	45
Not very closely	24	17	28	18
Not at all	8	6	5	3
NET Not Closely	32	23	33	21
DK/NA/Ref	2	1	1	2

Ontario Battleground Ridings

	Total Sept 17-20	Conservative Vote	Liberal Vote	NDP Vote
n=	420	137	92	67
	%	%	%	%
NET Closely	64	74	73	67
Very closely	21	27	27	18
Somewhat closely	42	47	46	49
Not very closely	23	24	20	22
Not at all	12	3	7	10
NET Not Closely	36	26	27	31
DK/NA/Ref	1	-	-	1

Quebec Battleground Ridings

	Total Sept 17-20	Conservative Vote	Liberal Vote	Bloc Vote
n=	405	86	64	91
	%	%	%	%
NET Closely	59	75	65	57
Very closely	12	17	17	10
Somewhat closely	47	58	48	47
Not very closely	28	14	24	34
Not at all	12	9	11	8
NET Not Closely	39	23	35	42
DK/NA/Ref	2	2	-	2

2006 Election Tracking

	Dec 7-8 2005*	Jan 14,15 2006	Jan 15-17 2006	Jan 16-18 2006
West Region	297	297	446	446
	%	%	%	%
	69	67	69	69
	18	22	24	23
	51	45	45	46
	20	27	25	24
	11	6	6	7
	31	33	31	31

	Dec 7-8 2005*	Jan 14,15 2006	Jan 15-17 2006	Jan 16-18 2006
Ontario Region	379	379	568	569
	%	%	%	%
	71	71	74	73
	20	25	27	28
	51	46	47	45
	21	25	23	23
	8	4	3	4
	29	29	26	27

	Dec 7-8 2005*	Jan 14,15 2006	Jan 15-17 2006	Jan 16-18 2006
Quebec Region	247	247	370	370
	%	%	%	%
	59	66	65	63
	15	15	13	14
	44	51	52	49
	29	29	28	30
	12	5	7	7
	41	34	35	37

Q. How closely have you been following the federal election, very closely, somewhat closely, not very closely or not at all?

Base: All respondents

* Question wording (Dec 7-8 2005): Are you following events and developments of the election very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely or not at all closely

Which party...

“...is best able to manage health care?”

BC Battleground Ridings

	Total Sept 17-20	Conservative Vote	Liberal Vote	NDP Vote
n=	390	143	93	68
	%	%	%	%
Conservative	24	56	11	2
Liberal	22	10	56	9
NDP	25	10	15	73
Green Party	2	1	1	-
Other/None/Don't know	27	23	17	16

Ontario Battleground Ridings

	Total Sept 17-20	Conservative Vote	Liberal Vote	NDP Vote
n=	420	137	92	67
	%	%	%	%
Conservative	23	54	13	11
Liberal	24	10	56	23
NDP	16	8	9	47
Green Party	2	1	1	1
Other/None/Don't know	35	26	22	18

Quebec Battleground Ridings

	Total Sept 17-20	Conservative Vote	Liberal Vote	Bloc Vote
n=	405	86	64	91
	%	%	%	%
Conservative	19	66	2	6
Liberal	24	7	64	17
NDP	9	1	4	9
Bloc Quebecois	8	2	-	29
Green Party	1	-	-	-
Other/None/Don't know	40	24	30	39

Q. And which one of the political parties do you think ...

Base: All respondents

Which party...

“...has values that most reflect your own?”

BC Battleground Ridings

		Total Sept 18-20
	n=	260
		%
Conservative		33
Liberal		22
NDP		20
Green Party		13
Other/None/Don't know		12

Ontario Battleground Ridings

		Total Sept 18-20
	n=	280
		%
Conservative		29
Liberal		23
NDP		22
Green Party		6
Other/None/Don't know		20

Quebec Battleground Ridings

		Total Sept 18-20
	n=	270
		%
Conservative		17
Liberal		15
NDP		14
Bloc Quebecois		23
Green Party		7
Other/None/Don't know		24

Q. And which one of the political parties do you think ...

Base: All respondents

Which party...

“...has the best team?”

BC Battleground Ridings

		Total Sept 18-20
n=		260
		%
Conservative		33
Liberal		19
NDP		13
Green Party		3
Other/None/Don't know		32

Ontario Battleground Ridings

		Total Sept 18-20
n=		280
		%
Conservative		31
Liberal		16
NDP		16
Green Party		4
Other/None/Don't know		33

Quebec Battleground Ridings

		Total Sept 18-20
n=		270
		%
Conservative		28
Liberal		16
NDP		4
Bloc Quebecois		19
Green Party		1
Other/None/Don't know		33

Q. And which one of the political parties do you think ...

Base: All respondents