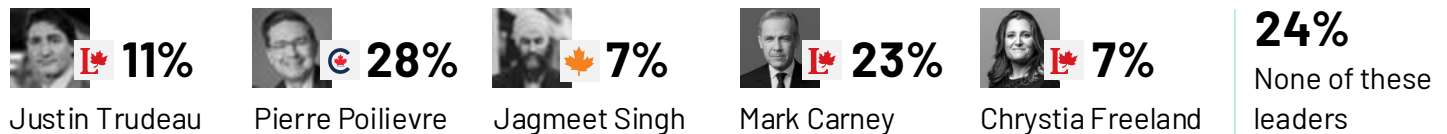


POILIEVRE AND CARNEY LEAD IN DEALING WITH TRUMP, YET DOUBTS PERSIST

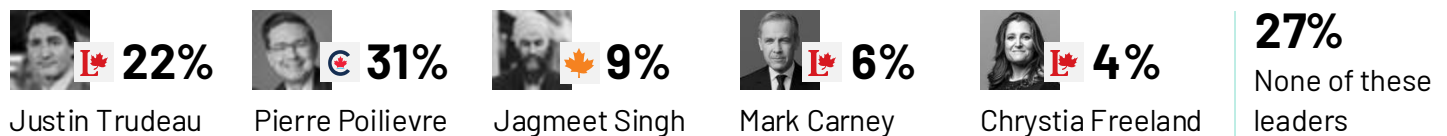
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WHAT DO CANADIANS THINK ABOUT THEIR NEXT POTENTIAL LEADER?

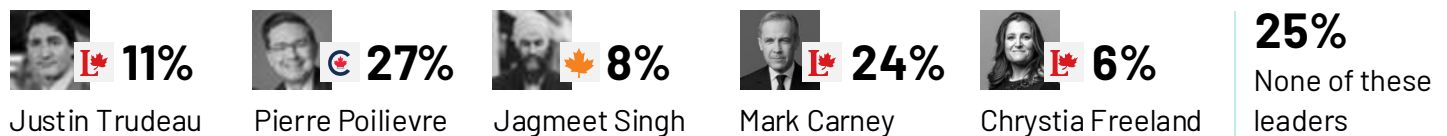
A tough negotiator who would get the best deal for Canada from President Trump



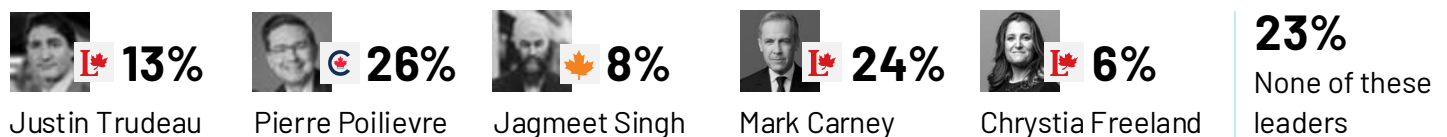
Would roll over and accept whatever President Trump demands



Would unite Canadians on the changes and investments required to make us less dependent on the US



Has the skills to put in place the right government programs to deal with the hardships Canadians will face because of the tariffs being imposed by President Trump.



When asked which potential Canadian leader would be a tough negotiator securing the best deal with President Trump, 28% of Canadians chose Pierre Poilievre, followed by 23% for Mark Carney. However, Poilievre also faces skepticism, as 31% believe he would yield to Trump's demands compared to just 6% for Carney and 4% for Chrystia Freeland. This paradox reflects complex public perceptions, where Poilievre is simultaneously seen as both a strong negotiator and a potential capitulator.

Moreover, Poilievre and Carney are perceived as leaders capable of uniting Canadians for necessary changes to reduce dependency on the US, with 27% and 24% support, respectively.

Both are also recognized for their ability to implement effective programs to counteract the challenges brought by US tariffs.

Despite these endorsements, a notable percentage of Canadians do not align with any leader – current or potential – for these roles, indicating some skepticism that any of our leaders are able to deal with the uncertainty of a Trump Presidency.

Chrystia Freeland trails Mark Carney on every positive metric, highlighting that public-opinion is solidifying around Carney as the person best able to battle Poilievre head on.

About This Study

ABOUT THE STUDY

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