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Toronto, ON – A new Ipsos Reid survey conducted during the final week of Parliament indicates that the post-convention shine initially enjoyed by Stephane Dion and the Liberal Party has dimmed somewhat. Amidst the chatter of a potential spring election, the Liberals (36%, +2 points from a December 5-7th, 2006 survey) and the Conservatives (34%, +2 points) are competitively positioned, with the New Democratic Party (13%, unchanged) and the Green Party (5%, unchanged) registering further down the ladder. In Quebec, the Bloc Quebecois (44%, +1 point) are well entrenched as the leading federal party, while the Liberals seem to have a firm hold on second (31%, +1 point) with an 18 point lead over the Conservatives (13%, -5 points).

The Federal Vote: Liberals (36%, -2 Points) And Conservatives (34%, +2 Points) Competitive...

Federal Vote Support

Parties	Election '06	Aug 22-24, 06	Oct 31-Nov 2, 06	Nov 14-29, 06	Dec 5-7, 06	Dec 12-14, 06	Latest Movement	Movement Since Election
The Conservative Party	36%	38%	37%	37%	32%	34%	2	-2
The Liberals	30%	29%	29%	31%	38%	36%	-2	6
The New Democratic Party	17%	17%	19%	15%	13%	13%	0	-4
The Bloc Quebecois	11%	10%	9%	11%	11%	10%	-1	-1
The Green Party	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	0	0

Thirteen percent are undecided, or would not vote (+2 points).

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	Total	British Columbia	Alberta	Sask/Man	Ontario	Quebec	Atlantic Canada
Sample	1003	138	95	67	386	238	76
Margin of Error +/-%	3.1	8.3	10.0	12	5.0	6.4	11.2

Regional Vote Tables

Atlantic Canada	Dec 5-7, 06	Dec 12-14, 06	Movement
The Conservative Party	28%	47%	19
The Liberals	49%	36%	-13
The New Democratic Party	20%	11%	-9
The Green Party	3%	3%	0

Quebec	Dec 5-7, 06	Dec 12-14, 06	Movement
The Conservative Party	18%	13%	-5
The Liberals	30%	31%	1
The New Democratic Party	6%	8%	2
The Bloc Quebecois	43%	44%	1
The Green Party	2%	5%	3

Ontario	Dec 5-7, 06	Dec 12-14, 06	Movement
The Conservative Party	35%	37%	2
The Liberals	45%	42%	-3
The New Democratic Party	12%	16%	4
The Green Party	6%	4%	-2



Sask/Man	Dec 5-7, 06	Dec 12-14, 06	Movement
The Conservative Party	39%	42%	3
The Liberals	37%	37%	0
The New Democratic Party	17%	17%	0
The Green Party	5%	3%	-2

Alberta	Dec 5-7, 06	Dec 12-14, 06	Movement
The Conservative Party	63%	64%	1
The Liberals	22%	24%	2
The New Democratic Party	9%	5%	-4
The Green Party	5%	7%	2

British Columbia	Dec 5-7, 06	Dec 12-14, 06	Movement
The Conservative Party	26%	31%	5
The Liberals	39%	37%	-2
The New Democratic Party	24%	22%	-2
The Green Party	8%	8%	0

These are the findings of an Ipsos Reid poll conducted for CanWest News Service/Global News and fielded from December 12-14th, 2006. For this survey, a representative randomly selected sample of 1004 adult Canadians was interviewed by telephone. With a sample of this size, the aggregate results are considered accurate to within ± 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, of what they would have been had the entire adult Canadian population been polled. The margin of error will be larger within each sub-grouping of the survey population. These data were weighted to ensure the sample's regional and age/sex composition reflects that of the actual Canadian population according to Census data.



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