

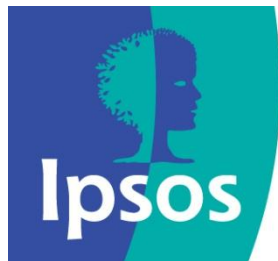
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**Toronto, ON** – The four-point lead that the Conservative enjoyed just last month has evaporated, with a new Ipsos Reid poll conducted exclusively for Global News revealing the federal Liberals and Conservatives are once again tied. This tight race appears to be the natural resting point for public opinion in Canada. When one party jumps out ahead, the advantage doesn't last long and the two leading parties return to a tie.

If the election were held tomorrow, the Liberals led by Justin Trudeau would receive 34% of the decided vote (up 3 points since January), while Harper's governing Conservatives would receive (33%, down 2 points) of the vote. In the last year, as Canadians continue to acquaint themselves with Justin Trudeau, most of vote-support fluctuation has been with the Liberal Party, ranging between 31% and 38% of the popular vote. The Conservatives, on the other hand, are the known quantity and have experienced relative stability between 31% and 35%.

Thomas Mulcair and the NDP would receive 23% of the vote (down 1 point) – a figure that has remained remarkably consistent over the last year, fluctuating by only 1 point. The Bloc, led by Mario Beaulieu, would receive 6% (unchanged) of the vote nationally (26% in Quebec). Other parties, including the Green Party led by Elizabeth May, would receive 3% of the vote (down 1 point). One in ten (13%) remain undecided.

The data reveal that the close race nationally is also reflected in some of the key seat-rich regions of the country as well, particularly Ontario and Quebec:

- In **Ontario**, the Conservatives (37%) and Liberals (37%) are in a dead heat, while the NDP (23%) and other parties trail (3%).
- In **Quebec**, a three-way race is emerging among the Liberals (31%), NDP (27%) and Bloc (26%). The governing Conservatives (15%) trail along with other parties (1%).
- In **British Columbia**, the Conservatives (39%) are leading the Liberals (34%), with the NDP (21%) and other parties (6%) behind.
- In **Alberta**, the Conservatives (54%), expectedly, have a large lead over the Liberals (27%), NDP (16%) and other parties (4%).
- In **Saskatchewan and Manitoba**, the Tories (45%) hold a healthy lead over the NDP (27%) and Liberals (26%), while other parties lag (2%).
- In **Atlantic Canada**, the Liberal (47%) lead over the NDP (26%), Conservatives (24%) and other parties (3%) is strong.

*These are some of the findings of an Ipsos Reid poll conducted between February 17 and 23, 2015 on behalf of Global News. For this survey, a sample of 2,650 Canadians (including 2,128 decided voters) from Ipsos' Canadian online panel was interviewed online. Weighting was then employed to balance demographics to ensure that the sample's composition reflects that of the adult population according to Census data and to provide results intended to approximate the sample universe. The precision of Ipsos online polls is measured using a credibility interval. In this case, the poll is accurate to within +/- 2.2 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, had all Canadian adults been polled. The credibility interval will be wider among subsets of the population. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error, and measurement error.*



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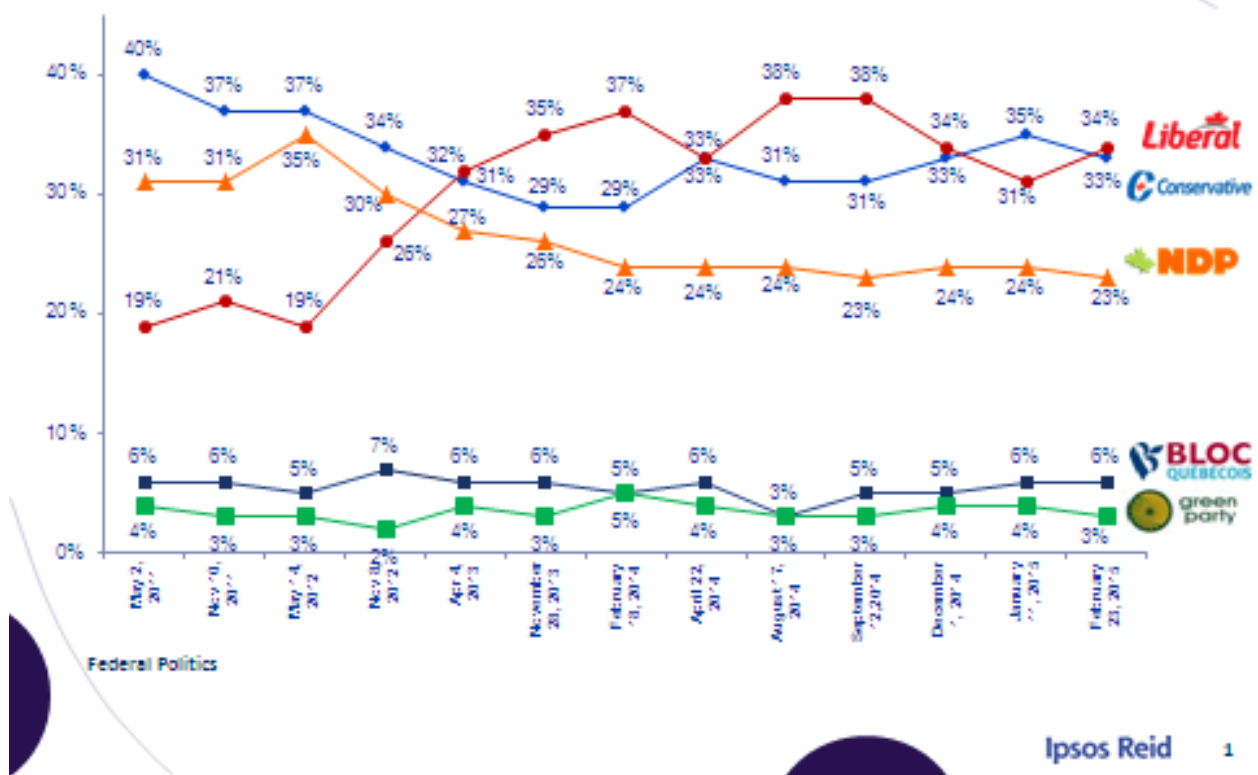
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