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POLL OF THE DAY:

A surprisingly consistent picture emerged from yesterday's tracking polls. [Nanos](#), [Harris-Decima](#) and [Ekos](#) all have the Conservatives leading the Liberals by either 8 or ten points, with the NDP a further six or seven points behind.

(Nanos / Harris-Decima / Ekos)

Conservatives: 36% / 36% / 34%

Liberals: 26% / 26% / 26%

NDP: 20% / 19% / 20%

Greens: 9% / 9% / 10%

Bloc Québécois: 9% / 8% / 10%

BEST QUOTES:

Stephen Harper, on the [meltdown on financial markets](#): "Remember, Canada is not the United States. The fundamentals of the Canadian economy are sound."

Stéphane Dion, on why this week's debates will give his sagging campaign [a boost](#): "Up to now [Canadians] have seen on their TV a Stéphane Dion that does not exist, the one that Mr. Harper wants to describe to us."

Jack Layton, on the possibility his effective campaigning might be [splitting the vote](#) on the left: "I can understand some people would prefer if we weren't even on the ballot and they're couldn't be a split. We are on the ballot. And, in fact, I think would do the best job at shepherding the country through the next period that we're facing."

Elizabeth May, on her odds of [moving into 24 Sussex](#) come October 15: "I'm not going to pretend at the end of the next election I'll be prime minister. I'll let Jack [Layton] do the pretending."

Gilles Duceppe, on the [performance](#) of Stephen Harper's Quebec caucus: "We watched them cower on language in the workplace. We watched them cower on the fiscal imbalance. We're watching them cower on young offenders, on non-profit organizations, on culture. These people live on their knees."

GAFFE OF THE DAY:

Is it really a "sound" idea for Stephen Harper to be using the same turns of phrases (see above) to describe the Canadian economy that John McCain used to describe American one earlier this month?

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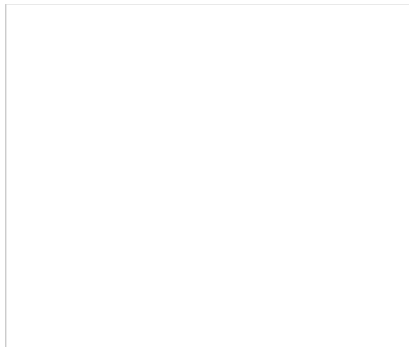
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WHERE THEY'RE AT TODAY:

Stephen Harper is in Ottawa for an early-morning photo-op.

Stéphane Dion is meeting with community groups in Gatineau, Que.

Jack Layton has no events planned for today.

Elizabeth May is travelling from Toronto to Ottawa.

Gilles Duceppe is in Gatineau attending a breakfast with party members.

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There Are 5 Responses So Far. »

1. *comment by DR* on [Tuesday, September 30, 2008 at 10:34 am](#):

I can't understand why Harper doesn't see the problem with using the same phrase that hurt McCain so much. There are elements of truth to it, but it seems designed to bite him in the butt.

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2. *comment by David* on [Tuesday, September 30, 2008 at 10:41 am](#):

"Remember, Canada is not the United States. The fundamentals of the Canadian economy are sound."

I parse that to mean "The US is up Crap Creek".

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3. *comment by boudica* on [Tuesday, September 30, 2008 at 10:42 am](#):

"Stephen Harper, on the meltdown on financial markets:
"Remember, Canada is not the United States. The fundamentals of the Canadian economy are sound."

If I hear that stupid "fundamentals" quote one more time...

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4. *comment by DR* on [Tuesday, September 30, 2008 at 10:52 am](#):

I made that comment before I knew about the Howard thing. heh.



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5. *comment by jwl* on [Tuesday, September 30, 2008 at 11:06 am](#):

Gaffe of the day

John McCain said “The fundamentals of our economy are still strong but these are very, very difficult times. I promise you we will never put America in this position again.”

And Obama/Biden parsed his sentence to make it seem like McCain was out of touch. And now partisans are trying to do same thing to Harper.

Unemployment rate held steady in August and is close to a 30 year low, 86,900 net jobs have been created this year, GDP grew 0.7% in July (the most growth in one month since 2004).

Canadian fundamentals are sound but instead of talking about this, it’s considered a gaffe when Harper doesn’t encourage us to panic and induce a recession.



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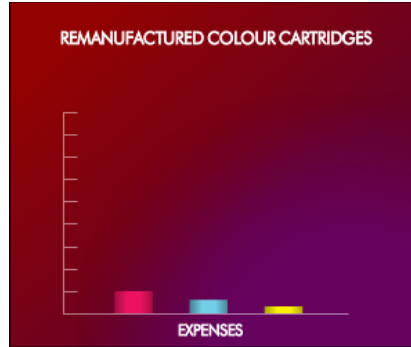
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