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**The federal Conservatives headed into the Christmas break as the preferred ballot choice of nearly two of every five voters, pollster Nik Nanos says.**

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Despite potentially explosive allegations that surfaced as the parliamentary season ended, that Afghan insurgents captured by Canadian Forces in 2006 were handed over Afghan authorities where they faced certain torture -- a war crime if, in fact, Canadians knew the detainees were likely to be tortured -- the Conservatives remain the top choice among decided voters although both the Liberals and the NDP are edging higher as well.

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Nanos surveyed 1,003 Canadians by telephone between Dec. 10 and 13 and asked:

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For those parties you would consider voting for federally, could you please rank your top two current local preferences?

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Here is the breakdown for the first choices: (The numbers in parenthesis denote the change from the last Nanos National Omnibus survey completed between November 7th and November 10th, 2009.)

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National Decided Voters Only (n=745)  
Conservative 39.5% (-0.3)  
Liberal 30.2% (+0.2)  
NDP 18.7% (+2.1)  
BQ 7.7% (-1.2)  
Green 4.0% (NC)  
Undecided 25.7% (+8.2) of all voters surveyed

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Nanos also surveyed the opinions of Canadians on who they think the most competent political leader is; the most trustworthy; and leader with the best vision. You can read the exact results [here](#), but the bottom line is Canadians rank Harper highest on all those categories (by a long shot) while the opinion Canadians have of Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff continues to decline sharply -- and NDP Leader Jack Layton improves a bit.



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by IainGFoulds

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11:13 AM

... The handful of Canadians who are actually concerned about how Afghanis treat their own prisoners must be furious.

by Sassylassie

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11:28 AM

Whilst attending a local party I asked some of my neighbours how they felt regarding the detainee issue and not one of them gave a tinker's damn. However many of them are liberals were extremely upset that the party they vote for is trying to make hay out of clover whilst driving over our troops with a bicycle to score cheap political points. I think the detainee issue will cost Iggy any chance of getting elected, he ran the wrong pony and he'll be judge for that pony.

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by GrungyOldVan

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Get in there Iain, I would very much like to see you spark some fireworks where more eyeballs will read you.

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by hunky bill

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Man, all this, and Harper STILL can't get into majority territory. What's wrong with the guy?

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by dismayed71

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Harper should be worried, 25% undecided is a big number and generally is bad news for an incumbent government and often means 'I'm not saying who I support'.

It is the only number I pay attention to.

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by No\_Fear

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12:03 PM

"...a war crime if, in fact, Canadians knew the detainees were likely to be tortured..."

The question that remains unanswered.

And yes, like anyone who is concerned about individual rights, I do care.



by IainGFoulds

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12:06 PM

... Hunky: Harper's only real problem is that he is fighting the Liberal loving MSM- including the Post- on every issue.

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