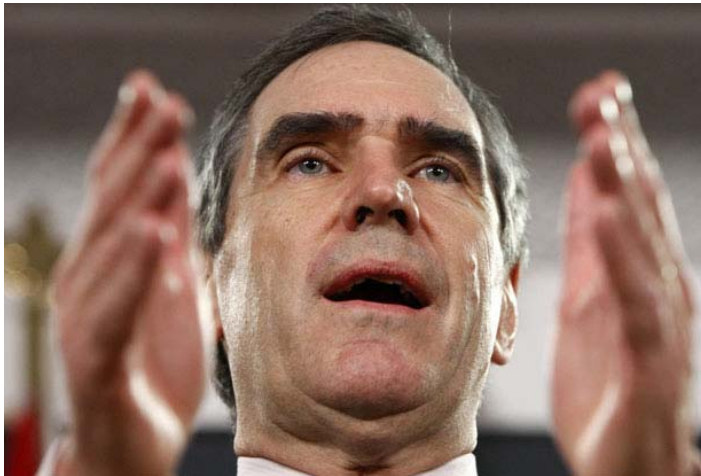


Poll: Ignatieff Liberals move into tie with Tories
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It's an exclusive, so we won't quote them too much, but [a new Nanos Research survey for The Canadian Press](#), shows the Liberals and their newly minted leader Michael Ignatieff are in a dead heat with the governing Conservatives.

Liberal support stood at 34 per cent, one point ahead of the Conservatives and up eight points from the Liberals' dismal showing in the Oct. 14 election under the leadership of Stephane Dion.

The poll suggests the **Liberal resurgence was particularly pronounced in Quebec**, where **the party vaulted into the lead with 39 per cent support to 29 per cent for the Bloc Quebecois, 17 per cent for the Tories and 14 per cent for the NDP.**

[Also from CP](#), Mr. Ignatieff came out of a town hall meeting in Halifax and outlined his tests for the Conservative budget, to be delivered January 27, 2009.

He told reporters that jobs were the most urgent area in need of help from the budget, emphasizing retraining the unemployed and improving Canada's productivity.

Over in [Full Comment](#), [Steven Janke](#) posits that Ignatieff may have more to worry about inside his own party:

If Rae was leader, he'd be saying that the Liberal Party, like the NDP, would vote down the upcoming budget, no matter what.

So these Liberals (formerly Dion Liberals, now Rae Liberals) are going to be vocal. They can have power ...now. They can have high taxes...now. They can implement draconian environmental measures...now. That can massively increase spending on social programs...now. They can support terrorist organizations that are sufficiently anti-American...now.

Why wait? Indeed, why wait for May?

How is Michael Ignatieff going to marginalize these Liberals? And if he tries to, can the party contain the pressure

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that builds up until one side or the other emerges victorious, or will the party explode before that happens?

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Not a surprise in the least. Having a leader that is centrist, a thinker, a good listener and a consensus builder seems to be helping the Liberals. Clearly Dion missed the boat on many of these important traits.

by ZeeBC

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With Harper's complete boondoggle of the economy in the November budget update, do Conservatives really expect Canadians to keep handing them the keys?

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Shafting his base with his retreat on section 13 is a surefire way to lose.

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repealing section 13 is a dead horse, always was if you understood the framework of Canadian law, no more than a vote for me issue, exploited by Harper to appease the right wing nut jobs in the CPC

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So is freedom of speech a dead horse. Never used to be but then the NDP created it to silence Canadians and appease the nutcases in the farleft.

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When were the NDP in a position of power to create sec 13, never. Sec 13 was simply a clarification of existing laws.

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freedom of speech is alive and well the spreading of disinformation is dead, of course right wing nut jobs like you will never understand that.I know for homophobic hate mongers like you that is hard to take but who cares what you think. I certainly don't.

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In 1993 the NDP passed bill 33 which begat section 13.

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You don't care what I think? Gosh you hurt my feelings.

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–First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win.

Mohandas Gandhi

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