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Poll: Tories once again within reach of winning a majority

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OTTAWA — One polling company is projecting the Conservatives once again within reach of winning a majority in next Tuesday's election, though other surveys showed a tighter race.

The Ekos projection is that the Conservatives would take 152 of the 308 seats in the House of Commons, three short of a majority.

The Liberals would be reduced to 60 seats, barely above the 57 the separatist Bloc Quebecois would take, while the New Democratic Party would take 39 seats.

If Friday's Ekos projection is right, it would mark a turnaround for Conservative Prime Minister Stephen Harper whose polling lead has been sharply reduced in recent days over his handling of the global financial crisis.

Ekos is showing the Conservatives with a 12 point lead over the Liberals. By contrast, Harris-Decima Friday showed an 8 point lead, smaller than Ekos but twice as large as Decima showed two days ago. However, a Nanos poll Thursday showed a lead of only 4 points.

"A Tory victory now seems quite likely if not yet certain," Ekos President Frank Graves said.

Ekos said that, if anything, its projection underestimated the Conservatives' strength since it does not take into account the fact that their support is stronger among demographic groups, such as older people, who are more likely to vote.

When the election was called last month, the Conservatives had 127 seats in the House of Commons, the Liberals 95, the Bloc 48, the NDP 30 and the Greens one. Three seats were independents and four were vacant.

The Ekos poll has the Conservatives winning 36% of the popular vote, the Liberals 24% and the NDP 19%. Harris-Decima puts them at 34%, 26% and 18% respectively.

Nanos's data on Thursday put the Conservatives at just 33%, the Liberals at 29% and the NDP at 20%.

Ekos covered Tuesday through Thursday, Harris-Decima Monday through Thursday and Nanos Monday through Wednesday.

Ekos surveyed 2,934 decided voters, with a 1.8 point margin of error 19 times out of 20. Harris-Decima interviewed 1,284 people with a 2.7 point margin of error, and Nanos surveyed 1,031 committed voters with a 3.1 point margin of error.

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*Photo: Prime Minister Stephen Harper hoists the Allan Cup, which is awarded to the national senior amateur men's ice hockey champions of Canada, during a campaign event in Brantford, Ont., Oct. 10, 2008. (Chris Wattie/Reuters)*

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by The Jones  
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1:55 PM

Never stop believing in your fellow countrymen and women! We may be able to salvage Canada from the sure economic disaster that the left parties would subject it to after all...

Is it Tuesday yet?

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by Tim Cares  
Oct 10 2008  
2:17 PM

I guess this is the one time in twenty that they are completely wrong.

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by Uphill Battle  
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Given the absolute leftist media storm that Canada faces every election, I'd even hazard a guess that Conservative support is even higher.

It's time to send the clear message... no more of the lies from the left.

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by Rocky38  
Oct 10 2008  
2:30 PM

I certainly hope that Harper has regained the momentum. What I have seen up until now has been mind boggling. A man with a proven track record in managing government, reducing taxes, and rebuilding our national pride, indeed the only candidate with workable options, has been castigated by two panic mongers apparently ignorant of the damage they are doing to our economy.

We enjoy the best banking system in the world, sit well in the G8, and are even being tapped by the Americans to help them out. Canada give your head a shake, sure we are going to suffer a bit, but when we come out of this mess --and we will, this will be a better and more prosperous country for all.

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by cardinals  
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2:31 PM

Polls can never be trusted. Ekos paints a picture of Harper that is unrealistic. They have not wavered in their numbers concerning him. While other polls seem to paint a more realistic picture.

I get the feeling the Ekos poll is more make believe than reality to try to sway voters at the last minute. Amazing it comes out when Harper is showing