

Nanos Poll Puts Conservatives and Liberals in Dead Heat

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The federal Tories and Liberals continue their neck-and-neck race according to the latest Nanos tracking poll completed April 9th, 2008. The Conservatives are up by five points, and the Liberals are up by three points according to the data.

"Of note, NDP support is down five points nationally since February. Support in Ontario for the Liberals is up and support in Ontario for the NDP is down. Regardless of the Dion leadership perception problems, the past few weeks have seen the Grits win the Ontario by-elections, former Ontario NDP leader Bob Rae enter the House and the Lukiwski comments," states Nanos. "It's important to remember, this poll was conducted at a time of media focus on the Lukiwski anti-gay comments made 17 years ago. It's quite possible that some soft Ontario New Democrats have strategically parked with the Liberals to block the Tories".

"Tory support is up in the West - no negative fallout from Lukiwski there. The increase in support may also be part of a post by-election halo effect in Saskatchewan and British Columbia".

Methodology

Polling between April 4th and April 9th, 2008. (Random Telephone Survey of 827 Canadians, 18 years of age and older). The Nanos Research Survey of 827 Canadians is accurate to within 3.4 percentage points, plus or minus, 19 times out of 20. The subset of committed voters is accurate to within 3.4 percentage points, plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.

Question: For those parties you would consider voting for federally, could you please rank your top two current local preferences? (Committed Voters Only - First Choice)

The numbers in parenthesis denotes the change from the previous Nanos Research Survey completed in February, 2008.

Canada (N=827, MoE \pm 3.4%, 19 times out of 20)

Conservative Party 36% (+5)

Liberal Party 36% (+3)

NDP 14% (-5)

BQ 8% (-2)

Green Party 6% (-2)

Ontario (N=251, MoE \pm 6.3%, 19 times out of 20)

Liberal Party 50% (+7)

Conservative Party 32% (+1)

NDP 13% (-6)

Green Party 6% (-1)