

# Yes Stephane, there is a north

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Wow. Astounding. With nine days to go in the campaign the Liberals have discovered there is a Northern Canada.

Again the Dion visits to Iqaluit and Churchill, Manitoba, two current Liberal seats, demonstrate concern on the Liberal side because they are worried about losing there. They are vulnerable because of a complete disconnect the Liberal party has with this vital region of the country. It is this part of Canada, like Atlantic Canada, which is most vulnerable to the punitive Carbon tax.

Lets commend Rob for not suggesting the North would be a staging ground for Canada's invasion of Iraq. That did require some restraint on his part, so well done.

What the Prime Minister wants to do in the North is to continue to unleash its potential. Such things include helping the Lower Churchill project in Labrador to be enabled and provide more clean energy options to Canadians. Or work to develop in a sustainable and responsible way the mineral resources in Baffin. Or to protect from environmental degradation our northern waters and marine life.

I see Rob is getting all hot and bothered about today's Nanos Poll. He can. That is right. We'll see what tomorrow brings. But for his reading pleasure here are three other comprehensive samples which were released yesterday.

The Ipsos Reid results were:

CPC - 37%

Liberals - 23%

NDP - 19%

Harris-Decima, October 4

CPC - 35%

Liberals - 22%

NDP - 20%

Angus Reid, October 4

CPC - 40%

Liberals - 25%

NDP - 19%

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