

Conservatives remain behind Liberals in June Nanos poll

More Conservative Party supporters could now be undecided, phone survey suggests

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A new poll suggests that federally the Conservatives aren't closing the gap on the Liberals as summer begins.

The Nanos survey conducted in mid-June, after the House of Commons had wrapped for the summer, suggests the Liberals had support of 34.2 per cent of 816 committed voters, down 1.2 percentage points from an early April survey.

Support for the Conservatives dropped 1.9 percentage points in those two months, from 31.3 per cent of committed voters to 29.4 per cent.

The New Democrats gained almost two full percentage points in support from survey to survey, up 1.7 points from 23.6 per cent to 25.3 per cent.

However, the Official Opposition in the House of Commons continues to sit in third place, displaced again by the Liberals as the top-ranked alternative to the governing Conservatives.

The numbers are considered accurate within 3.5 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

The Liberal lead of 4.8 percentage points over the Conservatives in this poll is beyond the margin of error and up from the 4.1 percentage point lead in April's survey.

Before April's poll, the Liberals hadn't led a Nanos survey since the spring of 2009.

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“I would say the change is a factor of a number of things ... it is the expense scandal, the election of Justin Trudeau and also the malaise in the economy,” said Nik Nanos, president and CEO of Nanos Research.

“Roll those three things up and it provides for a very difficult environment for the Conservatives politically.”

‘Grumpy former Conservatives’



Nik Nanos goes beyond the numbers every Wednesday on CBC News Network's Power & Politics with host Evan Solomon. (Nanos Research)

The Green Party saw the biggest gain in this poll, up to 6.4 per cent support from 4.2 per cent.

Bloc Québécois support dipped from 4.8 per cent to 3.7 per cent.

The number of respondents who said they were undecided rose from 11.2 per cent in April to 18.4 per cent in June.

“A significant portion of those new undecided are probably former Conservatives; people don’t usually switch from one political tribe to another overnight, they kind of move into the undecided category,” Nanos said.

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“It’s important to re-convert those undecided voters, what I’ll call ‘grumpy former Conservatives,’ out of the undecided column back into the Conservative category.”

These results came from a random national telephone survey of 1,000 Canadians age 18 and older held between June 16 and June 19. The margin of error for the survey is 3.5 percentage points 19 times out of 20.

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I guess Canadians are romanticizing with the reincarnation of Trudeau mania, with respect I think ole Diefenbaker might be turning in his grave about now.

How could the Conservative's supporters expect anything different in the form of a national barometer test of what Canadians think?

My answer is ... Love is blind.



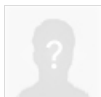
James in Kanata

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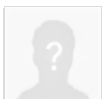
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I previously voted Conservative last 2 elections, seeing Harper and the Senators with all the hypocrisy? my vote will go back to the Liberals and Trudeau.



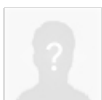
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Why not vote for someone other than our two right-wing, special interest-beholden parties?



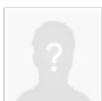
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Maybe I am way out in left field here but I really think the core conservative voters out there will not even try to defend a Prime Minister that would spend the better part of a million tax payer dollars to fly two Cadilacs to India rather than use the armoured Mercedes they routinely provide. I don't think it will be disgruntled Liberals supporters staying away from the poles this time. I also do note think real conservatives support the efforts to hide the Duffy, Wallin details nor the ... » more



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29% of canadians support this govt? more proof of how much these private media sponsored polls are indeed nothing but a propoganda sham.



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conservatives, liberals. liberals, conservatives. big private media/corporate money wouldn't have it any other way. when are average canadians going to constantly quit buying into this agenda, and finally elect a govt that truly represents their best interests?



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Ribber

I'm surprised that we keep playing this game of bouncing back and forth between the same political parties, thinking each time that it will be different than the last...



bootselectric

@Ribber exactly, nothing will ever change if average Canadians continue to vote for those that don't represent their best interests. It's just one corrupt govt after another...



JordanThornton

Indeed. Much like the RepubliCrats down south. But this is only a result from one of the private pollsters that failed to predict (or perhaps report) the ascendancy of the NDP in the last election, and the implosion of the Neo-Liberals.

Independent pollsters and the independent media called it exactly as it came about, but went ignored by the corporate media - which endorsed Harper before the last election. They've gone ignored since, suggesting this is deliberate.

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