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Statement by Frank Graves on the Federal Election 21 January 2006

"The use of seat projection models can provide a rough guide as to electoral outcomes. They are only useful to the degree that voting intention data are fresh and reliable. We have collected some 4000 cases this week and we polled until Friday night. The overall patterns seem fairly stable."

"Consequently we feel comfortable in forecasting a conservative minority of about 125 seats plus or minus 5 seats. We also predict a Liberal lead opposition with modestly strengthened representation for both the Bloc and NDP. Obviously any major last weekend shifts could alter the outcome (particularly in Ontario)."

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