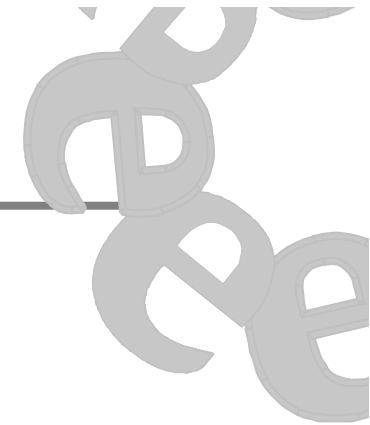


# **Poll Results: A deeply divided public ponders prorogation**

December 5, 2008





## Methodology

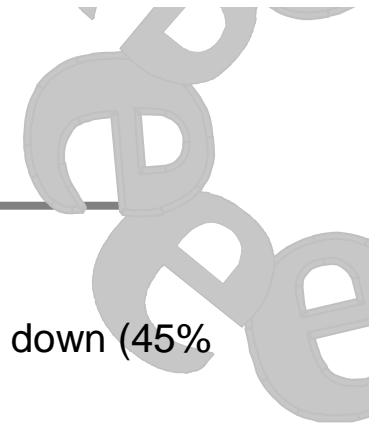
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This survey was conducted December 4, 2008 using Interactive Voice Recognition (IVR) technology, which allows respondents to enter their preferences by punching the keypad on their phone, rather than telling them to an operator.

- In total, a random sample of 1502 Canadians aged 18 and over responded to the survey.
- A sample of this size provides a margin of error of +/- 2.5 percentage points, 19 times out of 20. The margin of error increases when the results are sub-divided (i.e., error margins for sub-groups such as regions).
- All the data were statistically weighted to ensure the samples composition reflects that of the actual population of Canada according to Census data.

# Overview of Results





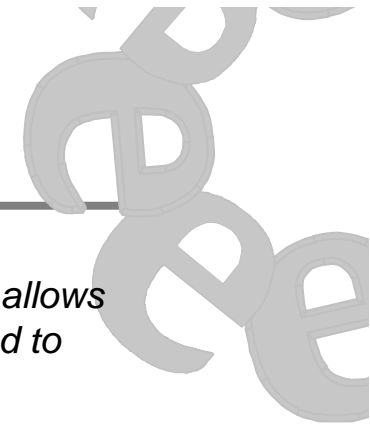
## Overview of results

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- Canadians are split on whether or not they support Parliament being shut down (45% support and 43% oppose; 12% “don’t know”)
  - Move is strongly supported by CPC supporters, but opposed by all others
  - Support also varies across the country: Westerners support it, whereas Quebeckers oppose it
- Half of the public (51%) do *not* think that Stephen Harper should resign as a result of the events that have transpired (and 37% thinks he should resign)
  - Views also strongly split along party lines, with only CPC supporters strongly in favour of his staying on
  - Interestingly, most younger voters would support his resignation
- There is much stronger support for the resignation of Stéphane Dion (60% support and 24% oppose); even a majority of LPC voters think he should leave
- While still enjoying a strong lead, Tory voter support is falling back from the highs seen during the height of this crisis

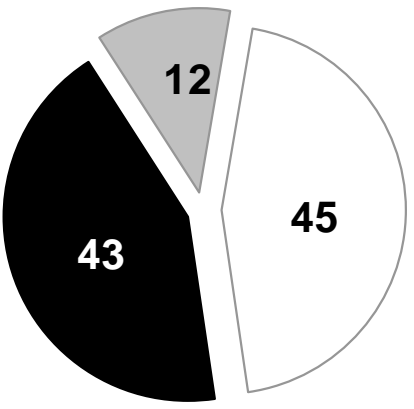
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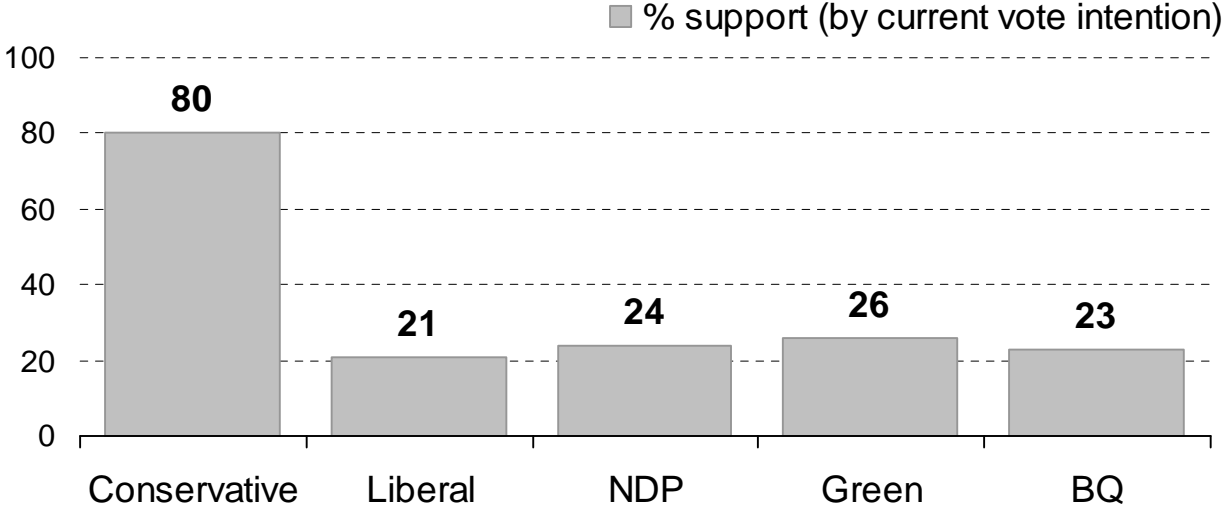


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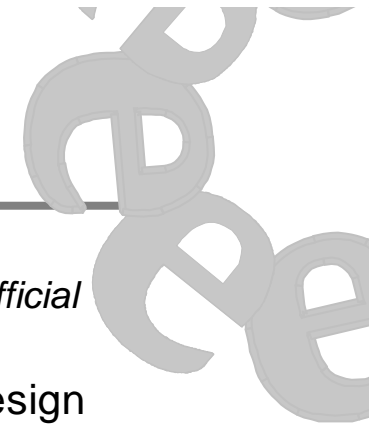
*Q. At Stephen Harper's request Parliament has been shut down until late January, which allows the Conservatives to avoid a confidence vote next week that they were widely expected to lose. Do you support or oppose Parliament being shut down temporarily?*



□ Support  
■ Oppose  
■ DK/NR

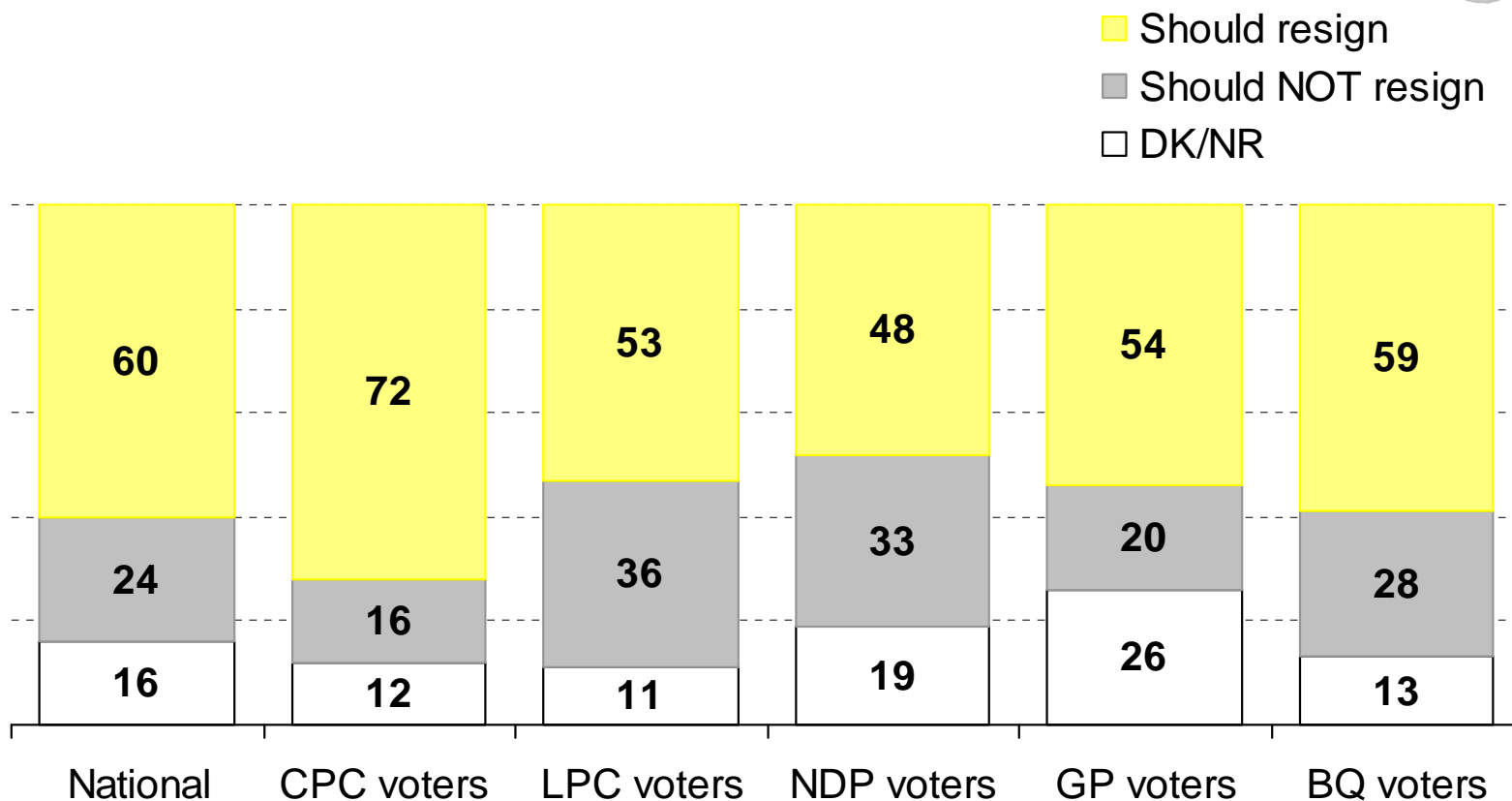


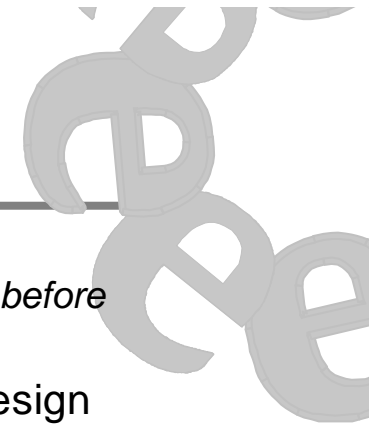
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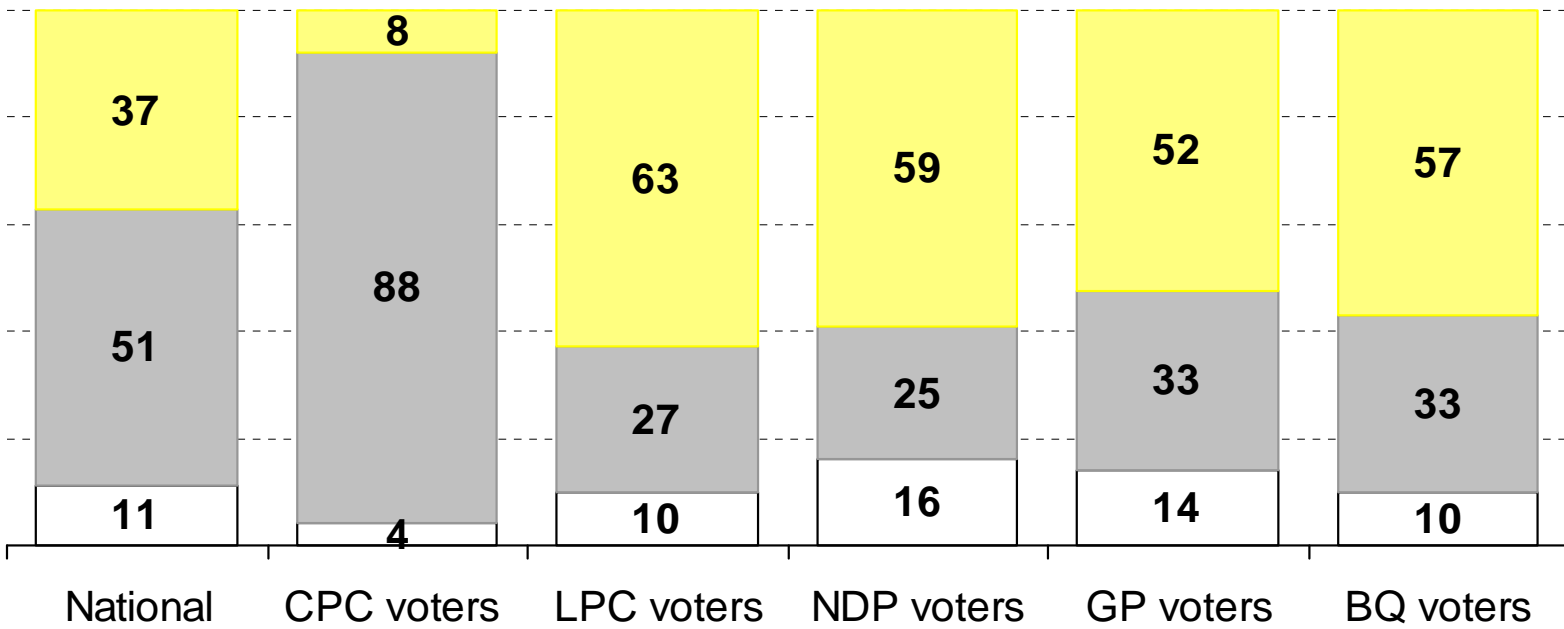




# Future for Harper?

Q. In light of recent events, do you think Stephen Harper should resign as Prime Minister before the New Year?

- Should resign
- Should NOT resign
- DK/NR

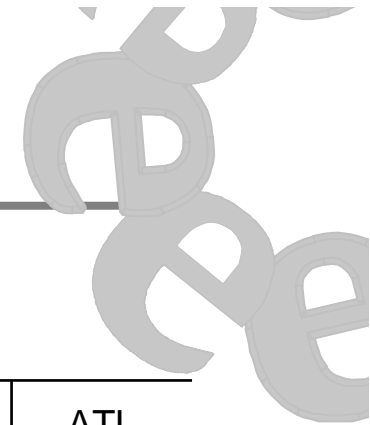


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# Vote Intention

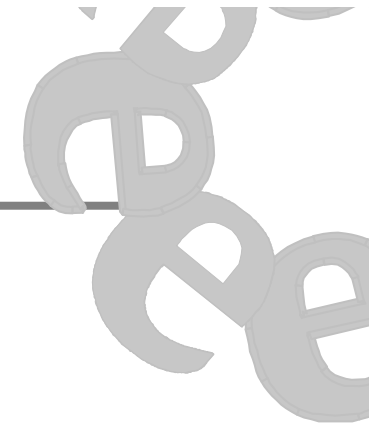




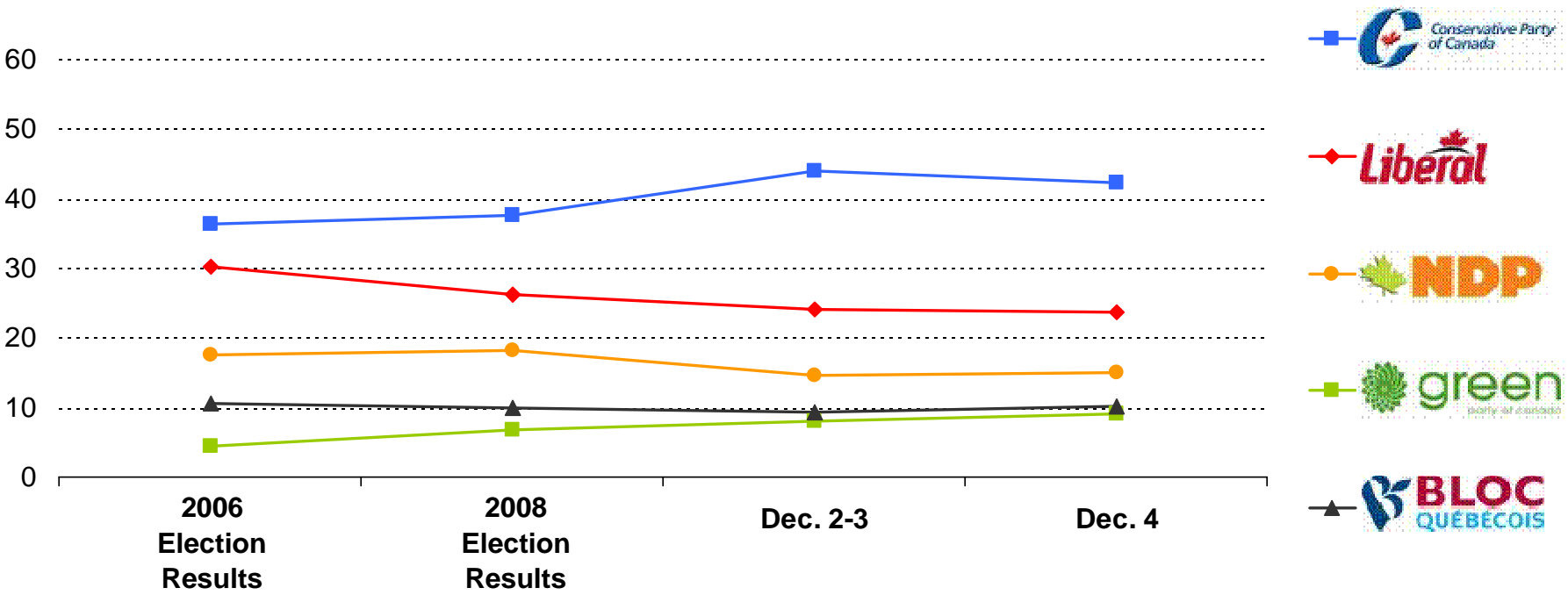
# Vote intention

Q. If a federal election were held tomorrow, which party would you vote for?

	National	BC/TER	AB	SK/MB	ON	QC	ATL
Margin of error:	+/- 2.7	+/- 7.8	+/- 8.3	+/- 8.6	+/- 4.8	+/- 5.2	+/- 7.9
	42.2	51.1	66.9	53.5	46.6	18.6	37.1
	23.6	16.8	13.3	19.8	29.1	22.5	29.3
	15.0	19.3	9.9	21.8	13.1	12.0	28.3
	9.0	12.8	9.8	4.9	11.2	5.2	5.3
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# Current vote intention vs. past election results



BASE: Most recent results – Decided voters; Dec. 4 08 n=1346

# Conclusions





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- Canadians are digging in to deeply entrenched positions in the aftermath of the historic events of the past week
- Clearly Stéphane Dion has overstayed his welcome with the public, with even the majority of Liberal supporters showing him the door
- Stephen Harper enjoys strong support from his conservative base, but little elsewhere
- The Conservatives are doing well on vote intention, but returning to election levels

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