

EKOS SEAT PROJECTION






[OTTAWA – April 19, 2011] From time to time, EKOS offers seat projections based on its opinion polling. The projections are based on national, regional and, in some cases, sub-regional polling projected onto the results of the last election. They do not pretend to predict individual ridings.

It is remarkable how similar these seat projections are to the current composition of Parliament. While the Liberals are poised to lose several seats to the NDP (mostly in Quebec), the Conservative and Bloc numbers are relatively stable.

It is interesting to note the voter inefficiency of the NDP vote in Quebec. While Bloc support has plummeted ten percent in the last few weeks, the party has benefited immensely from seat splitting among the other parties. The current projections put them only one seat behind their performance in the last election.

It also appears that the modest shift in Conservative fortunes in Ontario from last week's tie has resulted in big seat dividends. While last week's projections suggested a significantly diminished Conservative minority, this week's results suggested that the Liberals may not even succeed in putting a dent in the Conservative Party's pre-election numbers.

Seat projection: April 15-17, 2011

						Other	Total
CANADA	146	69	44	0	48	1	308
Atlantic Canada	11	17	4	0	0	0	32
Quebec	9	8	9	0	48	1	75
Ontario	56	37	13	0	0	0	106
Manitoba	9	1	4	0	0	0	14
Saskatchewan	13	1	0	0	0	0	14
Alberta	27	1	0	0	0	0	28
British Columbia	21	3	12	0	0	0	36
Yukon/NWT/Nunavut	0	1	2	0	0	0	3