

Post-Election Poll:

October 22, 2015

As you may know, the October 19th federal election resulted in a change in government. The Conservative Party of Canada, led by Stephen Harper, was defeated. The Liberal Party of Canada led by Justin Trudeau won a majority in Parliament. We want to ask you some questions about this.

1. As mentioned earlier, the election ended with Justin Trudeau and the Liberal Party winning a majority government. Overall, would you say you are pleased or upset with this outcome?

Very pleased
Somewhat pleased
Neutral
Somewhat upset
Very upset

Harper Section:

2. How do you think Stephen Harper – as a prime minister - will go down in history?

Outstanding
Above Average
Average
Below Average
Poor
Don't know

3. Looking back, which of the following actions of the Conservative government between 2006 and 2015 would you say were its two biggest accomplishments?
(Select up to two)

[RANDOMIZE]

Balancing budgets in 2006 – 08 and in 2015
Lowering corporate tax rates from 21% to 15%
Reducing the GST from 7% to 5%
Negotiating trade deals with Europe (CETA) and the Asia-Pacific region (TPP)

Passing Bill C-51
Continuing Canada's combat role in Afghanistan
Involving Canada in a combat mission against ISIS
Moving to exert Canadian power in the Arctic

Establishing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and apologizing to First Nations for the residential schools policy

Conducting a public inquiry into the 1985 Air India bombing
Shrinking the size of government
Making the long-form census optional, rather than mandatory

Moving the country to the right, politically
Prohibiting scientists receiving government funding from speaking publicly about their research
Pulling Canada out of the Kyoto Accord on climate change

[ANCHORED] Other, specify _____

[EXCLUSIVE] None of these actions was an accomplishment

4. Looking back, which of the following actions of the Conservative government between 2006 and 2015 would you say were its two biggest failures?
(Select up to two)

[RANDOMIZE]

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[ANCHORED] Other, specify _____

[EXCLUSIVE] None of these actions was a failure

5. In the long run, do you think the accomplishments of the Conservative Government under Stephen Harper will outweigh its failures, or will the failures outweigh the accomplishments?

Accomplishments will outweigh failures
Failures will outweigh accomplishments
Too soon to tell
Don't know

6. Take a moment to think about the biggest problems facing Canada today. What do you think Stephen Harper's impact was on those problems?

Made progress solving these problems
Tried to solve these problems but failed
Didn't address these problems at all
Made the problems worse

Trudeau Section:

7. Turning to the change in government, Justin Trudeau is expected to be sworn in as Prime Minister early next month. What **two** priorities should Justin Trudeau focus on first?

The economy
Energy sector/Oil Prices
Jobs/Unemployment
Deficit/Debt/Government spending
Taxes
Cost of living

Health Care
Environment/Climate change
Crime/Justice issues
Education/Post-secondary

Foreign Affairs
Terrorism/Security
First Nations issue/Aboriginal affairs
National Unity (Quebec and Quebec Separation)

The Senate
Leadership/Politics
Integrity/Ethics

8. Do you think Trudeau has done a good job or a bad job so far explaining his policies and plans for the future to Canadians?

Very good job
Good Job
Bad Job
Very bad job
Don't know

9. Here is a list of some of the major campaign promises Justin Trudeau and the Liberals campaigned on. For each of these, please indicate if you support or oppose their implementation.

[RANDOMIZE]

Legalize marijuana

End Canada's current "first-past-the-post" electoral system

End Canada's involvement in air-bombing raids against the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS)

Order a public inquiry into murdered and missing Aboriginal women

Resettle 25,000 Syrian refugees by January 1, 2016

Cut the income tax rate for people earning \$44,700 – \$89,400 from 22% to 20.5%

Restore \$115 million in funding for CBC/Radio-Canada, then increase its budget by another \$35 million/year

Tax people earning more than \$200,000 at a rate of 33%

Cut the annual Tax-Free Savings Account (TFSA) contribution limit from \$10,000 to \$5,500

Run budget deficits of up to \$10 billion for three years to pay for \$125 billion in infrastructure investment

Repeal certain sections of Bill C-51 and increase the law's oversight of law enforcement agencies

Meet with provincial premiers within 90 days to develop a carbon pricing policy

Spend \$380 million in additional funding for the arts

Make the long-form census mandatory again, rather than optional

Don't know

Strongly oppose

Moderately oppose

Moderately support

Strongly support

10. Overall, do you expect the incoming Liberal government under Justin Trudeau will have a positive or negative impact on each of the following:

[randomize]

The Economy

Canada's reputation on the world stage
Jobs/Employment
Relationships with the provinces
Health Care
Climate change/the environment
Infrastructure – i.e. roads, ports etc.
Democracy
Trade opportunities
Relations with the US
National Unity
Energy/oil sector

Not sure
Negative Impact
No Impact
Positive Impact

11. Some people say that Justin Trudeau is too inexperienced to be prime minister and the country will pay the price as a result. Other people say he's qualified for the job and has an experienced team that will help him. Which statement is closest to your own point of view?

He's too inexperienced for the job
He and his team have the experience to do the job

12. In the long run, do you think Justin Trudeau will be a successful or unsuccessful prime minister?

Successful
Unsuccessful
Too early to tell
Don't know

13. Finally, which party's candidate did you support in this election?

Conservative Party of Canada
Liberal Party of Canada
New Democratic Party of Canada (NDP)
Bloc Quebecois [QUEBEC ONLY]
Green Party
Other Party
Rather not say
I did not vote