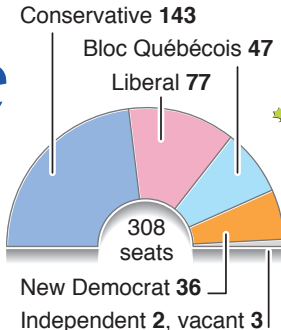


Canada's NDP surges to second place in poll

Support for Canada's centre-left New Democratic Party has whittled front-runner Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Conservative lead to just six points, according to the latest opinion poll from EKOS Research*

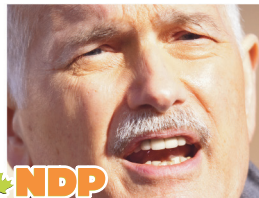
Seats at dissolution of parliament



Conservative Party **Stephen Harper**

Prime minister since 2006. Centre-right party has made economy dominant election issue

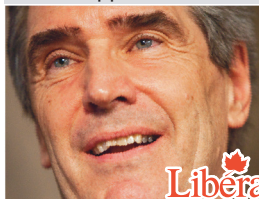
Voter support **33.7%**



New Democrat Party **Jack Layton**

Supports tax breaks for small businesses to hire new employees, plans improved health care

Voter support **28.0%**



Liberal Party **Michael Ignatieff**

Opposes corporate tax cuts. Wants cap-and-trade system to reduce greenhouse gasses

Voter support **23.7%**



Green Party **Elizabeth May**

Failed to win any seats in 2008 parliament, despite securing 6.8% of vote

Voter support **7.2%**



Bloc Québécois **Gilles Duceppe**

Believes that province of Quebec should ultimately secede from Canada

Voter support **6.2%**

*Random sample of 3,004 Canadians aged 18 and over, conducted April 22-24, 2011.

Margin of error of ± 1.8 points, 19 times out of 20

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