

# Quebec separatists look set for election win

The separatist Parti Quebecois is on course to win the election in Canada's province of Quebec, according to the latest opinion poll, with the governing Liberals trailing in third place

## POLL RESULTS\*

Parti Quebecois 33%

Coalition for the  
Future of Quebec 28%

Quebec  
Liberal  
Party  
26%

Quebec  
Solidaire  
7%

\*CROP poll of 1,002  
adults conducted  
Aug 24-26



### Quebec Liberal Party (PLQ):

In power since 2003. Premier **Jean Charest** (pictured) has made economy and jobs top priority. Many Liberal campaign promises linked to "**Plan Nord**" – C\$80 billion, 25-year project to develop Quebec's largely desolate but mineral-rich north



### Coalition for the Future of Quebec (CAQ):

Right-leaning party founded in 2011, led by **François Legault**. Pledges to tackle corruption and cut public spending, with extra funding for healthcare and education



### Parti Quebecois (PQ):

Seeks independence from Canada. Party leader **Pauline Marois** vows to hold referendum on secession if she wins power but declines to say when it would occur

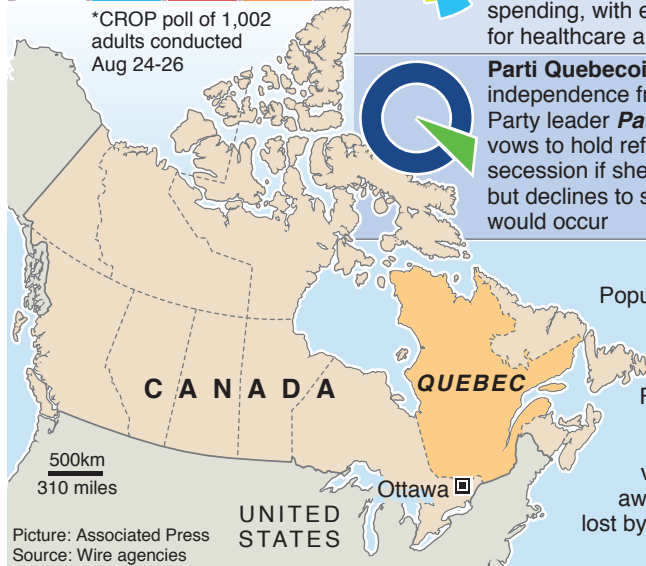
### Quebec

Population: 8 million.

Only Canadian province with predominantly French-speaking population.

Province-wide vote on breaking away from Canada lost by just 1% in 1995

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