

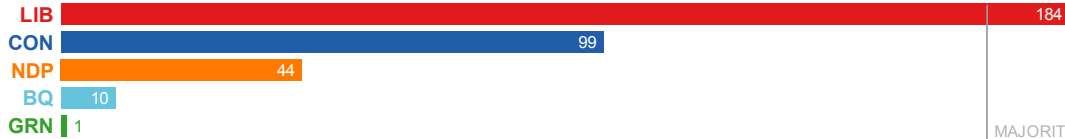


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Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau shares a laugh with the mascot Onkel Hans during an Oktoberfest celebration in Kitchener on Tuesday.

By: Evelyn Kwong Staff Reporter, Published on Tue Oct 13 2015

A new poll suggests the Liberal party has widened the gap between them and the Conservatives in the final week of the campaign,.

The EKOS research survey shows the Liberals have increased their lead at 36 per cent, while the Conservatives are down 2.2 percentage points at 31 per cent over Thanksgiving weekend. The NDP has rebounded slightly back up to 21 per cent.

Frank Graves, president of EKOS Research, said the results are quite telling: "If it is repeated tomorrow, with today's polling, it would be quite unlikely that Harper would win enough seats to survive."

Making leaps in Quebec and Ontario, the Liberal is enjoying strong support in Ontario and is in a statistical tie with the New Democrats in Quebec. Conservative strength wanes in Quebec, where they were solidly in third place when the poll was taken.

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“They are quite seat-efficient in terms of their support and they may be able to come back in coming days” Graves said. “I think the electorate are still capable of surprising but I am guessing by Thursday we will have a good fix on what is going to happen.”

According to the survey, the Conservative vote is still largely populated among seniors, while the Liberals are receiving a concentrated advantage among age groups under 65.

This study is based on a blended sample of random, interactive response using a phone keypad and telephone interviews of 1,115 adult Canadians. The margin of error associated with the total sample is plus or minus 2.9 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

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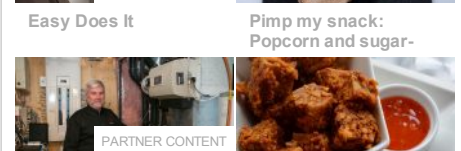
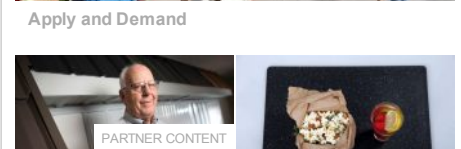
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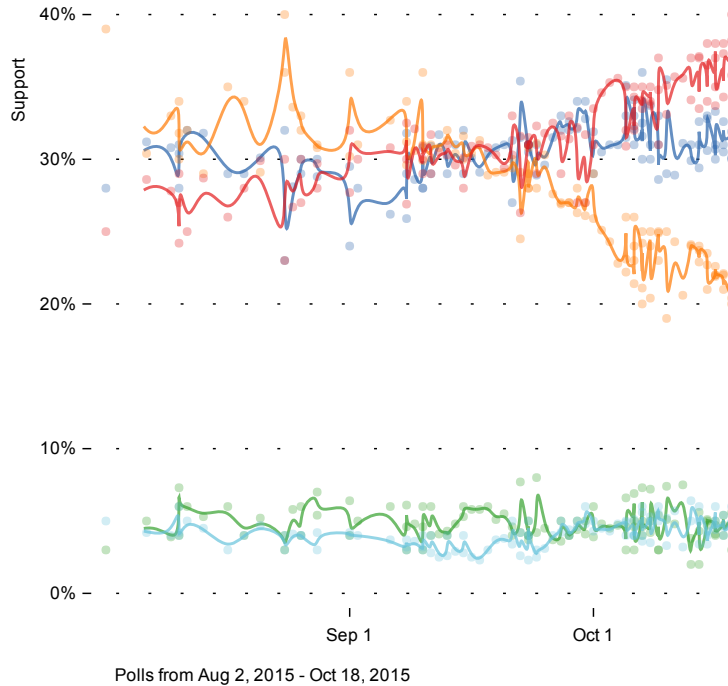


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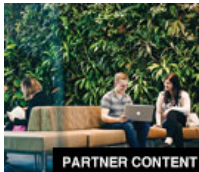
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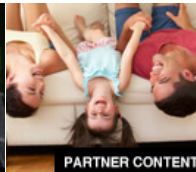
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