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Liberals Move in Front in Key Battlegrounds

The latest Canadian Press/Harris Decima measure of voting intention reveals:

According to Harris/Decima Chairman Allan Gregg "On the surface, it appears that little has changed over the last two weeks and we are still in "too-close-to-call" territory, but if you dig a little deeper, it is clear that the Liberals are making some substantial inroads in battle ground constituencies. They are emerging as the dominant federalist alternative to the BQ in Quebec and they are now ahead in riding-rich Ontario for the first time since September. Perhaps even more importantly, seats that looked to be in the Conservative's win column in the 905 area code are once again competitive and the Liberals are regaining their historic advantage with women voters. In sum, the Conservative's slow motion redrawing of the Canadian political map that we were witnessing for the better part of 2009 is now being erased in first weeks of 2010."

- **Over the last two weeks, the Liberals and Conservatives are now tied in voting intentions.** Nationally, the Conservatives stand at 32%, the Liberals 32%, while the NDP is at 15%, the BQ 10% and the Greens 9%.

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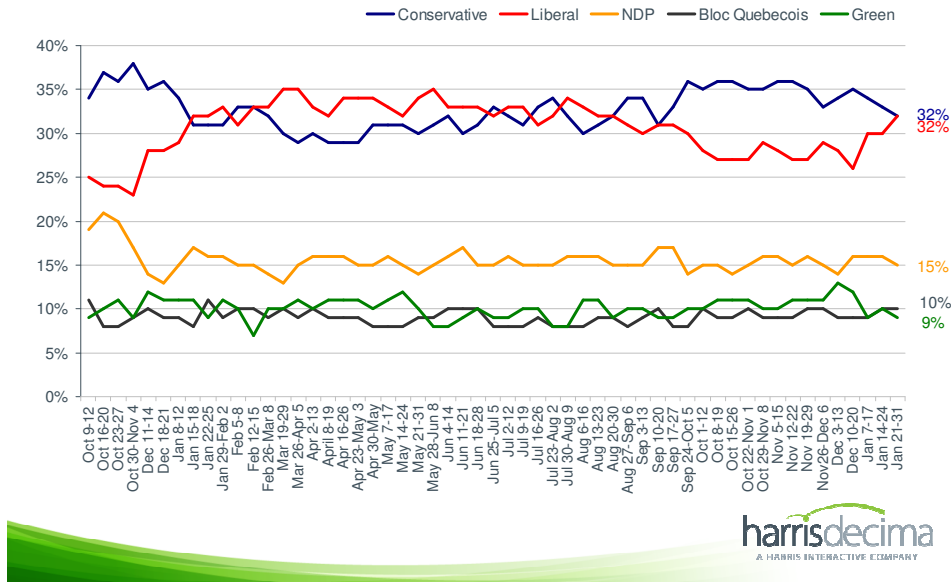
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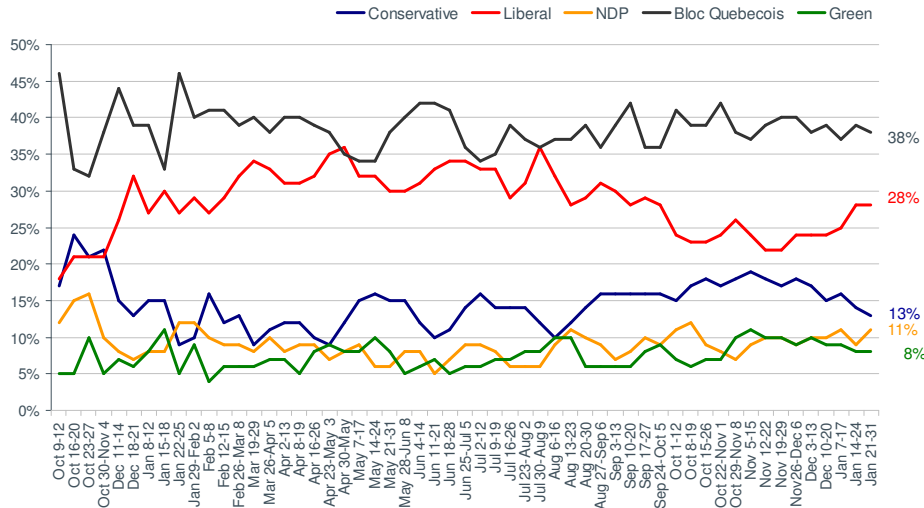
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- In Quebec, the BQ remains in front, but the Liberals are distancing themselves from the Conservatives.** The BQ stands at 38%, the Liberals 28%, the Conservatives 13%, the NDP 11%, and the Greens 8%.

Quebec Voters – Two Weeks



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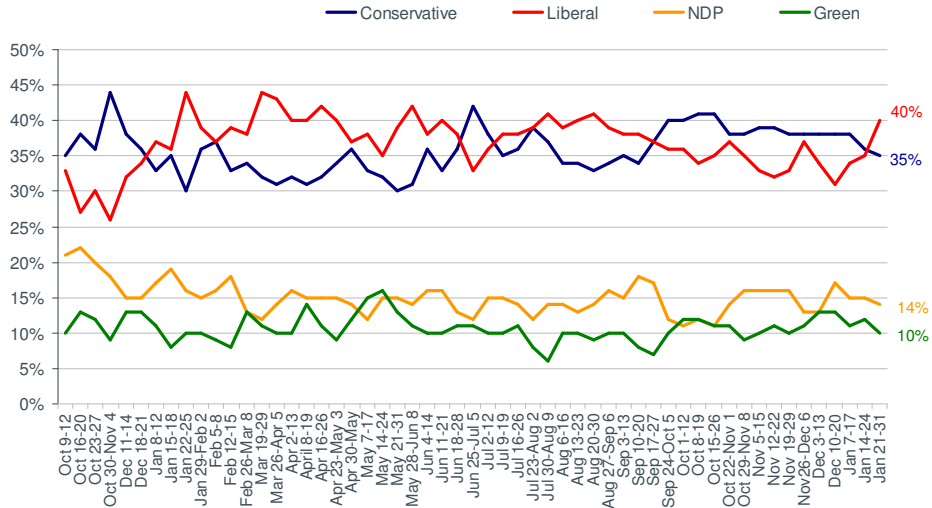
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- **In Ontario, the Liberals have moved in front of the Conservatives for the first time in months.** Here the Liberals are at 40%, the Conservatives 35%, the NDP 14% and the Greens 10%.

Ontario Voters – Two Weeks



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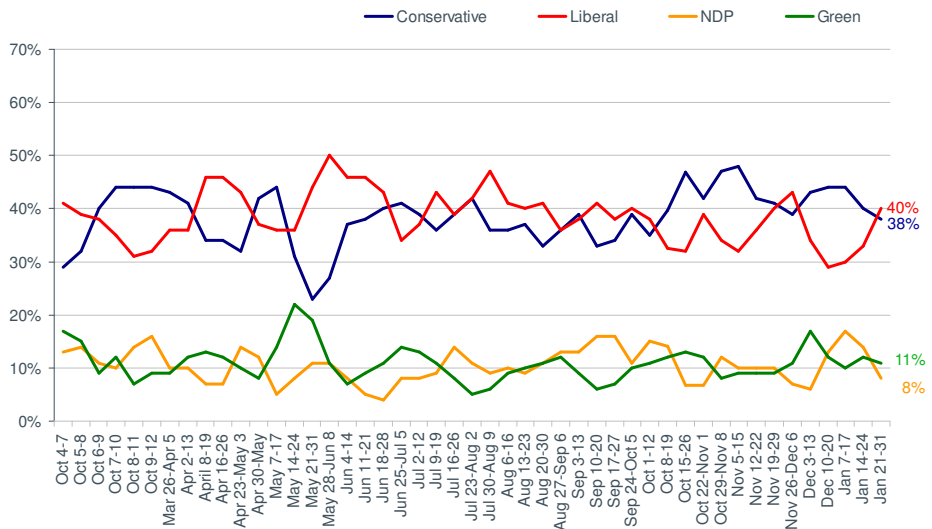
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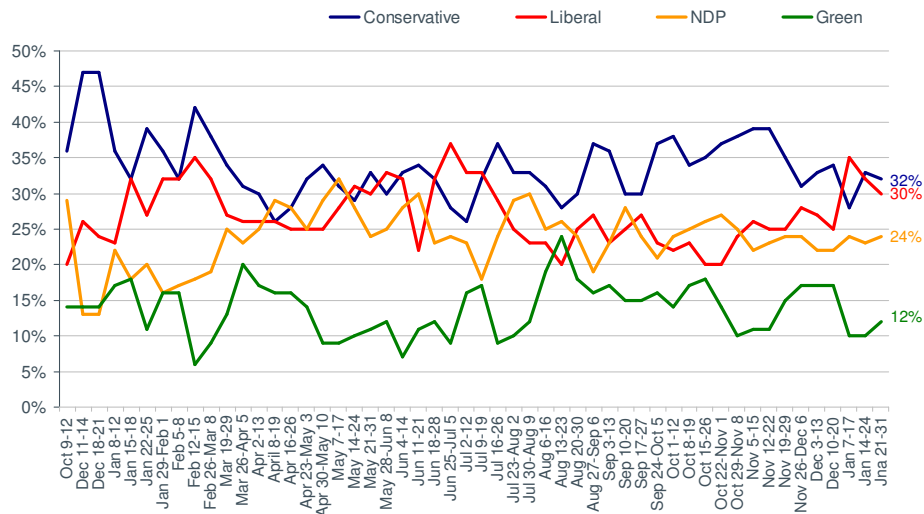
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Vote Intention – Ridings in 905 Area Code



- **In BC, the Conservatives and Liberals are neck and neck.** Here, the Conservatives stand at 32%, followed by the Liberals with 30%, the NDP 24%, and the Greens 12%.

B.C. Voters – Two Weeks



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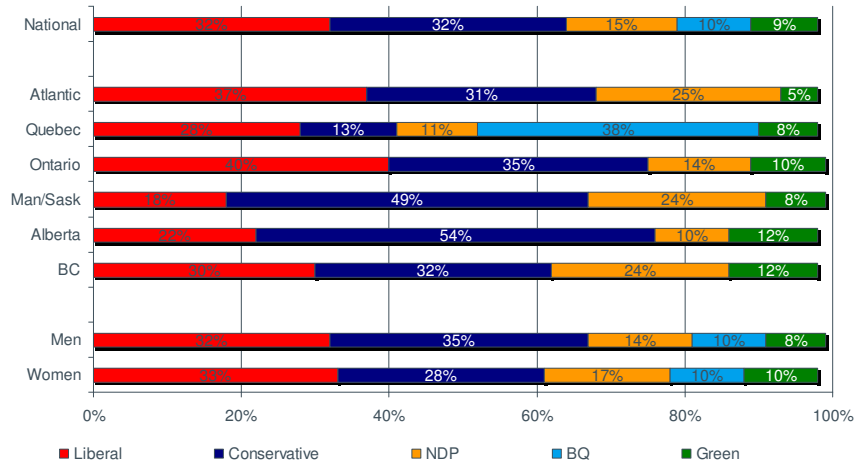
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- **The Conservatives remain the dominant party in the Prairie provinces**
 - In Manitoba and Saskatchewan the Conservatives are at 49%, followed by the NDP with 24%, the Liberals 18%, and the Greens 8%.
 - In Alberta, the Conservatives stand at 54%, the Liberals 22%, the Greens 12% and the NDP 10%.
- **The Liberals hold a six point lead in Atlantic Canada.** Here, the Liberals are at 37%, the Conservatives 31%, the NDP 25% and the Greens 5%

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- **Among women, the Liberals have opened up a five point lead.** The Liberals stand at 33%, the Conservatives 28%, the NDP 17%, the Greens 10% and the BQ 10%.

