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**Do Canadians want an election
in the next two years?**

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Introduction

On April 28th, the Liberals fell just short of a majority and will be the leading party in a minority government as has been the case in the previous two federal elections. They'll likely continue to govern with support from either one of the third parties that are unlikely to desire a near term election given the need to rebuild especially in the case of the New Democrats. At this juncture the prospects for an election in the next two years seem unlikely as a new poll conducted by Leger for the Association for Canadian Studies reveals that most NDP and Bloc voters do not want an election in the next two years. The poll further reveals that despite what ended largely as a two party contest, Canadians do not prefer a two party system as is the case de facto in the United States.

The survey also asks whether Canadians were happy with the election outcome. Not surprisingly a majority of Conservative voters were unhappy with the outcome and expected the party to obtain more seats.

NDP voters were happy with the outcome despite the considerable loss in the number of seats. On another question as to whether voters thought that their parties would do better, all indeed did. It was the Bloc Quebecois for whom the results were somewhat more in line with their expectations of their voters in terms of the number of seats the party secured.

These findings emerge from a survey conducted by Leger Marketing for the Association for Canadian Studies over the period May 1-3, 2025 with 1626 respondents in Canada. A margin of error cannot be associated with a non-probability sample in a panel survey for comparison purposes. A probability sample of 1626 respondents would have a margin of error of $\pm 2.5\%$, 19 times out of 20.

Prairie residents and Albertans are more likely to want an election in the next two years. Elsewhere in the country that is less desirable

I'd like there to be another federal election in the next two years	Total	Atl.	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
Yes	39%	33%	33%	38%	46%	50%	39%
No	44%	46%	54%	43%	34%	31%	43%
I don't know	17%	21%	14%	19%	20%	20%	17%

The majority of persons who voted for either the NDP or the Bloc don't want an election in the next two years; seven in ten Conservatives do want a rematch in the next two years

I'd like there to be another federal election in the next two years	Who did you vote for in the Canadian federal election that ended last Monday?			
	PLC	NDP	BQ	PCC
Yes	15%	23%	29%	70%
No	71%	56%	56%	15%
I don't know	14%	21%	15%	15%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Conservatives somewhat more likely than others to believe Canada would be better off with a two party system but most oppose the idea

Canada would be better off with a two party system	To begin with...Who did you vote for in the Canadian federal election that ended last Monday?			
	PLC	NDP	BQ	PCC
Yes	16.4%	13.6%	16.9%	29.8%
No	61.2%	62.5%	51.7%	42.8%
I don't know	22.4%	23.9%	31.5%	27.4%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Albertans and Prairie residents are the most unhappy about the election results. Elsewhere in the country a plurality of Canadians are pleased with the results

	Total	Atl	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
I am happy about the results of the federal election							
Yes	44%	54%	46%	46%	35%	31%	47%
No	40%	32%	40%	38%	46%	51%	36%
I don't know	16%	14%	14%	16%	19%	18%	17%

Most NDP voters are happy with the results of the Federal election despite the outcome for the New Democrats and a narrow majority of Bloc voters are unhappy

I am happy about the results of the federal election .	Who did you vote for in the Canadian federal election that ended last Monday?			
	PLC	NDP	BQ	PCC
Yes	86.4%	46.0%	36.7%	10.8%
No	7.9%	33.3%	51.1%	78.7%
I don't know	5.7%	20.7%	12.2%	10.5%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Most Canadians thought the party they voted for would do better

I thought the party for whom I voted in the federal election would do better / get more seats	Total	Atl.	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
Yes	62%	65%	56%	66%	60%	62%	61%
No	20%	18%	29%	18%	17%	19%	18%
I don't know	18%	18%	15%	17%	22%	18%	20%

Conservative voters were by far most likely to feel that the party they voted would do better while Bloc voters were most likely to feel their party met expectations

I thought the party for whom I voted in the federal election would do better / get more seats	Who did you vote for in the Canadian federal election that ended last Monday?			
	PLC	NDP	BQ	PCC
Yes	62.5%	71.3%	53.9%	78.9%
No	24.4%	23.0%	40.4%	13.8%
I don't know	13.0%	5.7%	5.6%	7.3%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Those Canadians who felt the party they voted for would do better are more likely to want an election in the next two years

I'd like there to be another federal election in the next two years	I thought the party for whom I voted in the federal election would do better / get more seats.	
	Yes	No
Yes	47%	24%
No	40%	60%
I don't know	13%	16%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

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