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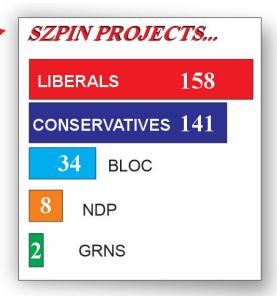
2025 Canadian Election

	2021	202	2025	
ADVANCED	5.8	7.3		
VOTERS (millions)	17.5	19.5		
POPVOTE	62%	60%		
LIBS	160	168	8,353,551	
CONS	119	144	7941684	
BLOC	32	23	1223229	
NDP	25	7	1204144	
GRN	2	1	238801	
PPC	0	0		
OTHER	0	0		

[See my projections on my website at www.szpin.ca]

These are my projections made before election night...close, eh?





Canadians may be fed up with elections, voting, or the political parties. The phrase, "Same old, same old," may not apply exactly but in some instances it is still applicable.

Some changes

There were some notable changes: the two main parties gained significantly, the Libs up by 8 seats, the Conservs up by 25 seats. The rest suffered losses. The NDP, the most and maybe the saddest.

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Some analysis

Final election numbers were not available at time of publishing. Therefore, statistics in this article may change notably when the numbers are finalized in the next few days.

LIBERALS

The LIBERALS surprised everyone, coming from the incredibly low poll numbers of Trudeau's last days to surprising victorious results winning a minority government with 168 seats with their new leader, Mark Carney. People must like Carney, maybe believing he is Canada's knight in shining armour ready to do battle with these inflationary times or take on the 'jerk from the south' and his economic assaults.

Carney appealed to the electorate from the day he became leader of the LIBERAL Party. He looked like a stateman, with the grey tinges to his hair. He projected an image of successful professional. He looked like a professional who has risen through the ranks of employment, doing very well. He reached pinnacles in his economic career: top executive of the Bank of Canada and also the Bank of England.

He looked like a winner who might be able to take on T**** with more success than any other leader. The shift in the polls favouring the LIBERALS likely is confirmation that Canadians had more confidence in Carney than in any other. The election confirmed that view.

No majority for Carney and the Liberals

The electorate was likely ambivalent about the LIBERALS. After years of LIBERAL governments, Canadians are still unhappy with Canada. Ipsos polls show that 70% of polled Canadians felt that Canada was 'broken.' These polled Canadians have lost confidence in the LIBERALS being able to successfully steer the ship of state in more acceptable ways. Regardless of their positive policies legistlated by the LIBERAL government, Canadians are not satisfied. They affirm this dissatisfaction with the 'old guard' by rejecting the NDP, voting for the LIBERALS again but not with enough confidence to give them a majority. Instead they split the vote giving the CONSERVATIVES very significant numbers.

CONSERVATIVES

The CONSERVATIVES promised change. The electorate believed them and many decided they deserved a chance to deliver what they promised. The party increased their representation by 25 seats but again a lot short of a majority.

The electorate may have liked the CONSERVATIVE PARTY, but their like for Pierre Poilievre is much less. He lost the riding of CARLETON (Ottawa) by 4,000 votes.

Voters may have been bothered by the fact that Poilievre has never held a real job. He has been a career politician all his life, never experiencing the anxiety and stress that go with a real job. Therefore, many voters may have looked at Poilievre with the view that he has no feeling for workers or in being one.

Poilievre lost his own riding, held since 2004. So he must run in a by-election. He'll choose a 'safe' or very winnable riding in order to return to the House of Commons.

NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY

The NDP suffered a serious and sad collapse, dropping to 7 seats from the previous 25. Jagmeet Singh himself was defeated, after which he has announced his resignation as NDP leader.

The explanation for the collapse of the NDP is not clear. Voters may have seen voting for a third party as a waste. Many ridings where the NDP previously had significant numbers elected CONSERVATIVES. The mindset may have been: "The NDP are never going to win. Better to vote for a party that will. Therefore, coin toss, vote for the LIBERALS or the CONSERVATIVES. Goodbye NDP."

Though it is politically incorrect to talk about the race card, sadly the card may have been a factor in the defeat of the NDP. cannot be discarded. Behind closed doors, some Canadians might admit to not voting for Singh because of how his appearance, turban, kirpan, shaggy beard. These Canadians, shielded by closed doors, might say Singh does not "look like a Canadian." They see him as a 'foreigner,' pushing some foreign culture wearing apparel not worn by "regular Canadians." I sat in a coffee discussion recently where Singh's appearance was criticized or even mocked. His head gear, his beard, his kirpan (the sheathed dagger), all foreign to most Canadians and those giving into racial epithets criticize him for them regardless of constitutional guardrails defending freedom of religion.

However, to many Canadians, Singh likely projected a sincere and principled politician who was running for a minority party with no chance of ever winning an election. Hence, votes were cast for one of the two major parties.

GREEN PARTY

The GREEN PARTY is a one note samba, environment but Canadians are listening to a different melody. Canadians are more concerned with the economy and being able to put food on the table, gas in the car, paying their rent or their mortgage. They don't see the climate changes, destructive fires, deluging floods as problems unless they occur in their community and neighbourhood. The electorate confirmed this. The GREEN Party was defeated across the entire country except for Guelph where party leader, Mike Schriner won with 57% of the cast ballots.

BLOC

The BLOC deserves special attention. Led by Yves Blanchet, a seemingly very intelligent politician as seen in the federal debates, the BLOC campaigns in Quebec only. They fight the battle for Francophone survival, a losing battle as Blanchet emphasizes. The French culture is in steady decline in Quebec, buried by the surrounding English one in the rest of Canada and seeping in from the AmeriKa.

The rest of Canada cares little about Quebec itself and its cultural erosion. They care about Quebec only when Quebecers begin shouting "separatism." But even then, when T**** attacked Canada with delusions about a new AmeriKan state, the Quebecers came to the battle, joining with Canada in defence of the nation, united as one.

The BLOC is justified in its cultural paranoia. North America is an Anglo dominated culture and society. Until T**** began his economic attacks and his AmeriKan "Manifest Destiny" threats, Canada never engaged against the relentless growth of the English speaking society. As defensive as we have become in our stand against T****, we still

watch AmeriKan TV, AmeriKan sports [though the Hockey playoffs have FOUR Canadian teams playing!!! A good chance we may stick it to the AmeriKans.] and movies made in AmeriKa.

All Canadians should support Quebec. It is a great province with wonderful people and Canada is enriched by Quebec being one of us. Canada is richer in having TWO official languages. Vive le Quebec dans le Canada!

The election seems like a waste of time and money but it was unavoidable as the resignation of Trudeau tumbled some political cards. The LIBERALS snatched victory from the jaws of defeat but it was not enough. The new parliament has no solidity because there is no majority nt. This will mean jockeying, bickering, endless debate and few concrete government policy making. Worse, this fragile House means the government of the country is skating on thin ice that will crack and break easily...tumbling the country back into another election within a year. The NDP are leaderless. The CONSERVATIVE leader does not sit in the House. The BLOC are a regional party only interested in Quebec and federal policies than benefit the province. This is not a solid

The cost of the election was approximately \$570 million. The results? No majority, a House of cards with no party with a clear winner of the government. Prepare yourself for another \$570 million dollar election likely within a year.

But as my newsletter will attest, I still prefer living in Canada to almost any other place in the world. Mind you, in January and February, that preference is a bit shakier

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