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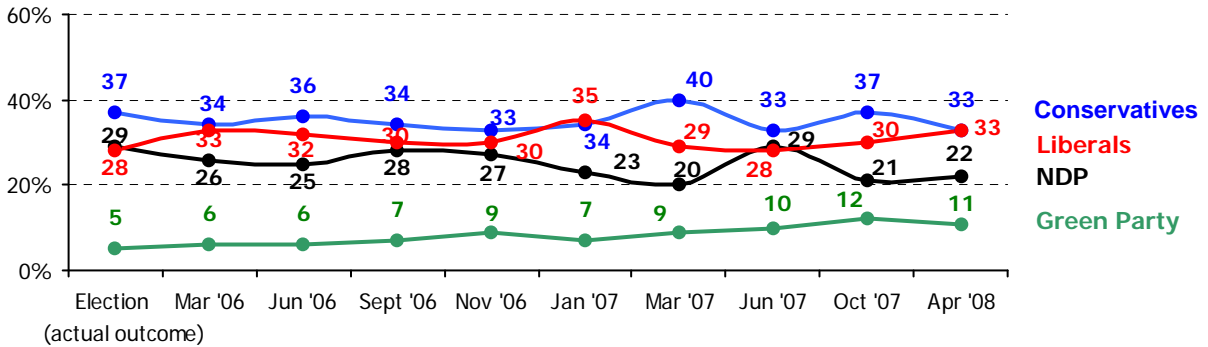
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Re: Federal Conservatives and Liberals Neck and Neck in B.C.

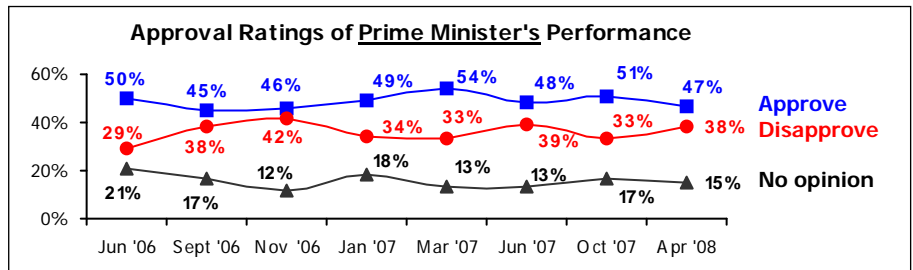
The Conservative Party and the Liberal Party are in a dead heat in BC according to a Mustel Group poll taken earlier this month among a random sample of 800 BC adults. If an election were held tomorrow, each party would garner 33% of the decided vote. These results represent a decline from a high of 40% for the Conservatives from approximately a year ago, with much of the loss coming from ridings in BC's interior.

Support has been relatively stable for the NDP at 22% and for the Green Party at 11%.

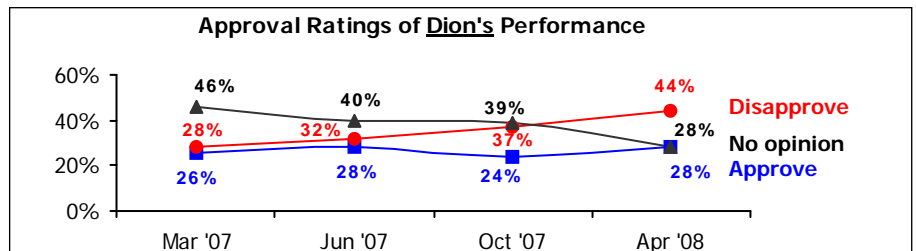
Federal Voter Intention



Approval ratings of Stephen Harper's performance as Prime Minister also have declined; 47% approve (in contrast to 51% in the last measure in October 2007); 38% disapprove (up from 33%).

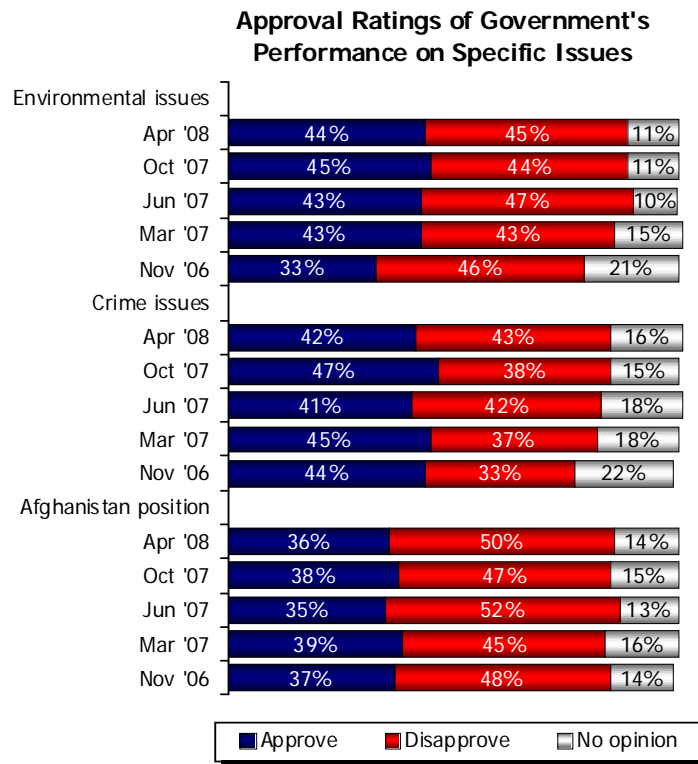


More voters have now formed an opinion of Dion as leader of the federal Liberal Party, but disapproval levels still outweigh approval (44% versus 28%).



Voters are divided in their opinions of the Conservative government's performance on environmental and crime issues, with disapproval ratings increasing on crime issues since the last measure in the fall.

With respect to Afghanistan, disapproval continues to outweigh approval (50% versus 36%).



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Survey conducted: April 10-21, 2008
Methodology: Random sample of 801 BC adults, 18 years of age and over
Margin of error: ±3.5% at the 95% confidence level;
Undecided: 15%
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