

**CARP Bill C-38 Poll Report  
May 10 2012**

**CARP MEMBERS REJECT BUNDLING OF OMNIBUS BUDGET BILL C-31,  
WILL REJECT GOVERNMENT IN NEXT ELECTION; PUT NDP IN THE LEAD  
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN FOUR YEARS OF POLLING**

**Key Findings**

**The vast majority of CARP members disagree with bundling so many controversial pieces of legislation in one Omnibus Budget Bill**

**Fully one half do not expect the government to survive the next election, and those who do are fewer than those who say they support the government**

**The clear majority, or five times as many, say they will vote against the government if it proceeds with Bill C-38 as say they will vote for the government in the next election, and the government stands to lose a significant tranche of it's core support because of this issue.**

**For the first time in four years of CARP member polling, a party other than the Conservatives leads in electoral preference, and the NDP's lead is substantial, not marginal**

## Detailed Findings

The vast majority of CARP members do not agree with the passage of Bill C-38 (85%), and as many as three quarters express their opinion in the strongest terms (disagree strongly - 74%).

***Parliament will vote on Bill C-38, the Omnibus Budget Bill, on Monday. This bill covers, among other issues, raising the age of OAS from 65 to 67, revamping Canada's immigration rules, streamlining environmental assessments, reducing Fisheries Canada's powers as well as routine budget matters. How much do you agree so many different issues should be included in one piece of legislation?***

<b>AGREE</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>Agree strongly</b>	6%
<b>Agree</b>	8%
<b>DISAGREE</b>	<b>85%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	11%
<b>Disagree strongly</b>	74%
<b>DON'T KNOW</b>	1%

Twice as many members say the current government will lose the next election (49%) as say it will win (26%). It must be noted fewer members think the Conservatives will win than actually support them (31%).

***It is unlikely we will have a federal election before spring 2015. Do you expect the current government to be re-elected in that election?***

<b>Yes</b>	26%
<b>No</b>	49%
<b>DON'T KNOW</b>	26%

Members are five times more likely to say they won't vote for the government (42%) or are less likely to do so (28%; 70% in total) than are willing to say they will support the government (15%). Once again, this is less than half the party's stated electoral support (31%).

*Would you be more likely, neither more nor less likely or less likely to vote for the current government in 2015 if they proceed to pass Bill C-38 as planned, without splitting it up and after limiting debate?*

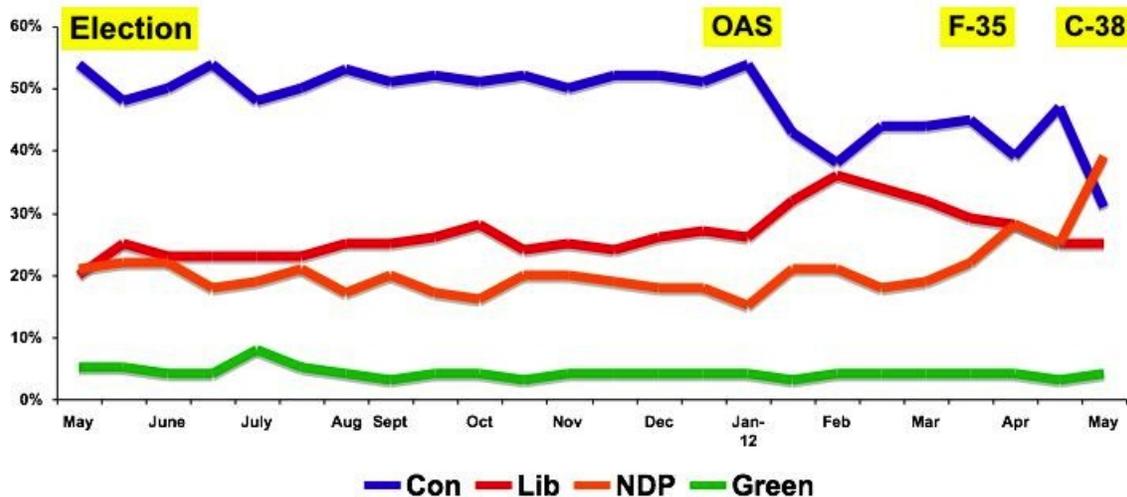
<b>WILL VOTE FOR GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Would have voted for government anyway</b>	10%
<b>More likely to vote for government</b>	5%
<b>Neither more nor less likely</b>	12%
<b>WILL NOT VOTE FOR GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>70%</b>
<b>Would not have voted for government anyway</b>	42%
<b>Less likely to vote for government</b>	28%
<b>DON'T KNOW</b>	3%

## Electoral Preference

For the first time since CARP started polling its members at the election of October, 2008, the NDP leads in voter preference (decided voters - 39%), significantly ahead of the Conservatives (31%). Considering the Conservatives have scored at 50% or better for most of the past year (and since before the 2011 election), this is a significant but not unexpected shift. The Prime Minister's surprise announcement of the change to OAS at Davos in January began a steady decline in the government's popularity which recent events have just exacerbated.

***If a federal election were held tomorrow, which party's candidate would you support? (Decided voters only)***

<b>NDP</b>	39%
<b>Conservative</b>	31%
<b>Liberal</b>	25%
<b>Green Party</b>	4%
<b>OTHER</b>	1%



***More than 2500 CARP Poll™ panel members responded to this poll on May 9 and 10. The margin of error for a probability sample this size is plus or minus 2.0%, 19 times out of 20. That is, if you asked all members of the CARP Poll™ panel the identical questions, their responses would be within 3%, either up or down, of the results shown here, 95% of the time***