

**Throne Speech Poll Mini-Report
December 15, 2015**

Key Findings

In a snap poll of CARP members held the evening of the Speech from the Throne, the wide majority of those who followed the Speech approve of its contents (64%).

Members are asked if promises from the Throne Speech which relate to CARP's advocacy are priorities. All issues listed are seen as priorities, including developing a new Canada Health Accord with the provinces (95% call it a priority), working with the provinces to enhance CPP (76%) and consulting on electoral reform (47% priority).

Six-in-ten CARP members approve of the new government (60%), 3-in-10 "strongly" (29%).

Since the election, the Liberals have become even more strongly favoured by members, primarily at the expense of the NDP.

Detailed Findings

Two thirds of those CARP members who followed the Throne Speech (84% in total followed it) approve of the contents (64%), and about one fifth say they strongly approve (18%).

The Governor General read the Speech from the Throne today, laying out the new government's priorities for the coming Parliament. Do you approve or disapprove of the contents of the Speech from the Throne?

APPROVE	64%
Approve strongly	18%
Approve	46%
DISAPPROVE	26%
Disapprove	18%
Disapprove strongly	8%
DON'T KNOW	8%

The most urgent priority of the three promises made in the speech which were probed is seen to be reaching a new Canada Health Accord with the provinces (45% say it is a top priority).

The Throne Speech promised the government will begin work with the provinces and territories to develop a new Canada Health Accord. Is this a priority or not?

A top priority	45%
A priority	40%
Not a priority	11%
DON'T KNOW	4%

Next after the Health Accord is seen to be enhancing CPP (28% top priority), although more are willing to concede this may be just a 'priority' (48%).

The Throne Speech promised that the government would work with the provinces to enhance CPP. Is this a priority or not?

A top priority	28%
A priority	48%
Not a priority	22%
DON'T KNOW	3%

The least prioritized promise made to our members is the reform of the electoral process, and fewer than a fifth see this as a top priority (16%), and the plurality say it is not a priority (43%).

The Throne Speech promised the government will undertake consultations on electoral reform, and that the general election of 2015 is the last that will take place under the First Past The Post system. Is this a priority or not?

A top priority	16%
A priority	31%
Not a priority	43%
DON'T KNOW	10%

Six-in-ten members approve of the new government (60%), and one half of these approve strongly (29%).

Do you approve or disapprove of the new government?

APPROVE	60%
Approve strongly	29%
Approve	31%
DISAPPROVE	30%
Disapprove	17%
Disapprove strongly	13%
DON'T KNOW	10%

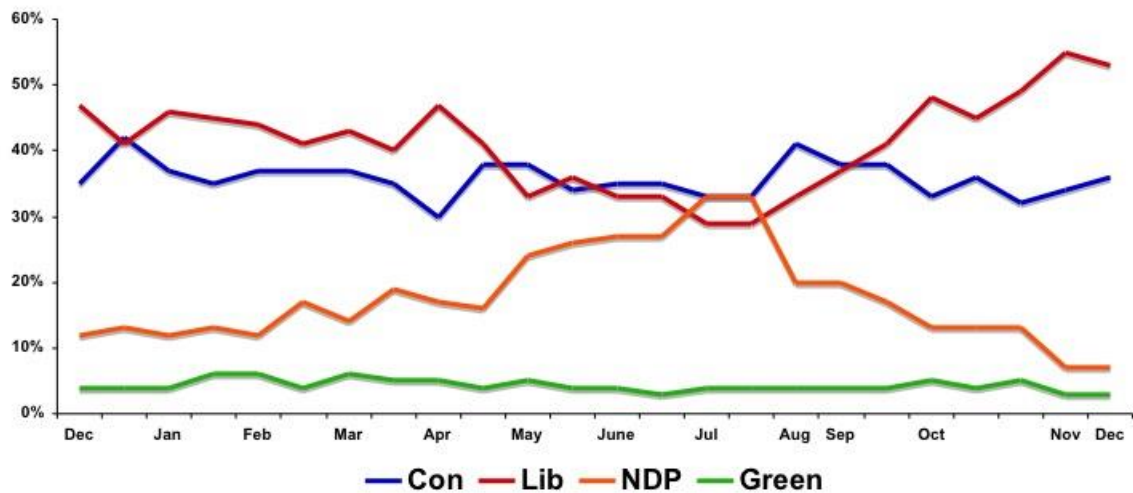
More than one half of members will vote for the Liberals if an election were held again tomorrow (54%), while just more than one third would vote Conservative (35%). Very few will now vote New Democrat (6%).

If a federal election were held tomorrow, which party's candidate would you support?

Liberal	54%
Conservative	35%
NDP	6%
Green	3%
Other	1%

Electoral Preference

The Liberals lead with more than one half the vote (53%), while the Conservatives take a third (36%). The NDP has fallen back significantly and are now the choice of fewer than one tenth (7%).



The CARP Poll™ was conducted online among a panel of more 6000 CARP members between December 4 and 8, 2015. A probability sample of this size has a margin of error of plus or minus 1%, 19 out of 20 times.