



British Columbia Election Polling

October 9-12, 2026



Methodology



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Online survey among BC residents 18 years of age or older: n=1,000.

Respondents were randomly recruited using LEO's online panel.



When

Data collection from October 9-12, 2026

Where available, results are compared to previous waves of research.



Margin of Error

For comparison purposes, a probability sample of n=1,000 yields a margin of error no greater than $\pm 3.1\%$ (19 times out of 20) for the total BC sample.



Weighting

Results were weighted according to **age, gender, region, and education** in order to ensure a representative sample of the population of BC.

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Significant Differences

↑ / ↓ indicates a significantly **higher** / **lower** proportion than the previous wave.

Data in **green** / **red** indicates a significantly **higher** / **lower** proportion relative to the total.

Note that the October 2025 wave of research was conducted on a sample of eligible voters only. Take caution interpreting wave over wave comparisons.



Rounded Data

The numbers presented have been rounded up. However, the numbers before rounding were used to calculate the sums presented and might therefore not correspond to the manual addition of these numbers.



Questions

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A close race as voters consolidate around the two major parties

The BC election remains closely contested, with support increasingly concentrated around the two major parties. The Conservatives hold a narrow lead over the NDP among decided voters (42% versus 40%), while Green support has fallen from 13% in September to 9%. Despite this shift toward the two leading parties, more than one-quarter of BC residents (26%) say they are still likely to change their vote, suggesting there remains room for movement as the campaign progresses.

Smaller-party voters could play an important role, particularly in ridings where their preferred party is not running a candidate. Among supporters of smaller parties, 29% say they would vote NDP if their preferred candidate were unavailable, compared with 21% who would vote Conservative. Another 22% would choose a different party, while 11% remain uncertain. Although based on a relatively small sample, these findings suggest the redistribution of smaller-party votes could become an important factor in closely contested ridings, with the NDP potentially benefiting more than the Conservatives.

Perceptions of the two leaders differ considerably, with Eby facing more negative reactions over the past week. Nearly four-in-ten BC residents (39%) say their opinion of David Eby has worsened over the past week of the campaign, compared with just 13% who say it has improved. In contrast, perceptions of Conservative interim leader Lorne Doerkson are more evenly divided, with 23% reporting an improved opinion and 20% a worsened one. However, the two leaders enter the campaign from different starting points: Eby is the incumbent premier with an established public profile and governing record, while Doerkson is relatively new to the leadership role and voters are still forming their impressions of him. This distinction is important when interpreting the differences in how BC residents are responding to each leader.

With neither party holding a commanding lead, the final weeks of the campaign could hinge on how smaller-party voters make their choices, whether the leading parties can consolidate their support, and how perceptions of their leaders continue to evolve.

THE RACE

42% vs. 40%

Conservatives narrowly lead NDP among decided voters

THE SHIFT

9% ↓

Green support falls four points since September

THE MOOD

56%

Believe BC is on the wrong track

THE WILDCARD

26%

Say they are likely to switch their vote

THE SMALLER PARTIES

29% vs. 21%

Would choose the NDP over Conservatives if their preferred candidate were unavailable

THE LEADERS

13% / 23%

Report improving opinions of Eby and Doerkson, respectively

Some key highlights
from the study
include...

The Conservatives lead a competitive race, but neither major party has consolidated its support.

The BC Conservatives hold a narrow lead over the NDP among decided voters (42% versus 40%), with the Greens trailing at 9%. Despite the Conservatives' advantage, the close race suggests neither party has established a commanding position as the campaign progresses. With 26% of BC residents saying they are likely to switch their vote, the outcome remains open to movement.

Dissatisfaction with the province's direction remains widespread, creating a challenging environment for the incumbent NDP

A majority of BC residents (56%) believe the province is on the wrong track, compared with just 34% who believe it is headed in the right direction. Negative sentiment is particularly pronounced among residents aged 35 to 54 (64%) and Conservative supporters (82%). While dissatisfaction has eased slightly since September, the prevailing public mood remains negative, presenting a significant challenge for the governing party.

Voter loyalty is far from guaranteed, and younger BC residents are particularly open to changing their minds

More than one-quarter of BC residents (26%) say they are likely to switch their vote, including 6% who say they are very likely to do so. This openness is particularly pronounced among younger residents, with 34% of those aged 18 to 34 considering a different party, compared with 21% of those aged 55 and older. With support for the two leading parties closely divided, persuading voters who have not firmly committed could prove consequential.

Smaller parties could play a significant role in determining the election's outcome

Although the Conservatives and NDP dominate voting intentions, approximately one-in-five decided voters currently support another party. These votes may become particularly important in ridings where smaller parties are not fielding candidates. Among supporters of smaller parties asked how they would vote if their preferred candidate were unavailable, 29% would consider the NDP and 21% the Conservatives, while others would seek an alternative or remain uncertain. This suggests candidate availability and the redistribution of smaller-party support could influence closely contested races. Green party voters are also susceptible to changing their vote come election day as they represent the 'softest' vote, and also have a relatively large number of ridings with no candidate.

Eby faces more negative reactions over the past week, while perceptions of Doerkson are more evenly divided

Over the past week of the campaign, nearly four-in-ten BC residents (39%) say their opinion of David Eby has worsened, compared with 13% who say it has improved. In contrast, perceptions of Conservative interim leader Lorne Doerkson are more evenly divided, with 23% reporting an improved opinion and 20% a worsened one. However, the two leaders enter the campaign from different starting points: Eby is the incumbent premier with an established public profile and governing record, while Doerkson is relatively new to the leadership role. These differences provide important context for interpreting how voters are responding to each leader during the campaign.

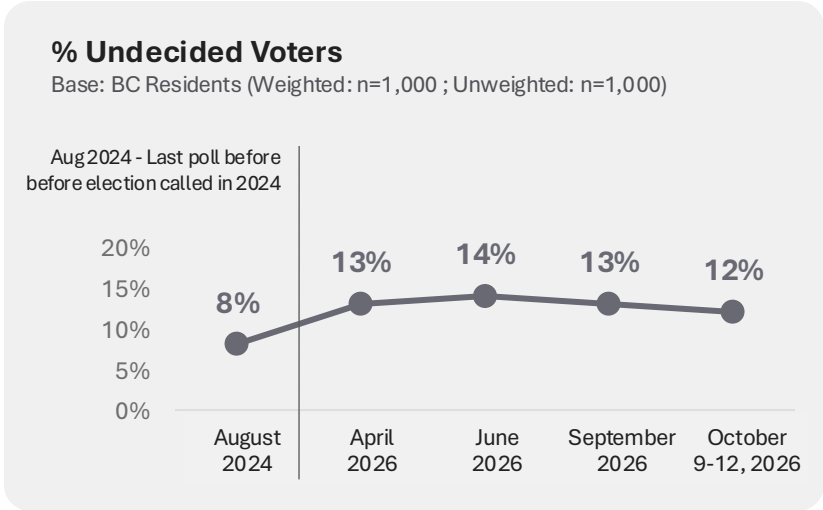
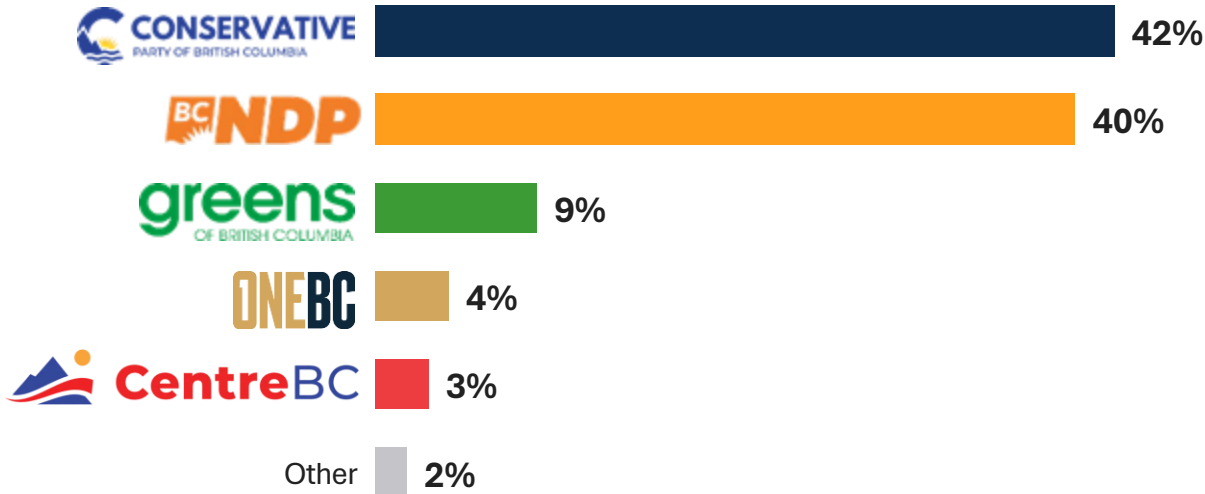
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Detailed **Results** –
Voting Intentions & Perceptions

Provincial Voting Intentions (Among Decided Voters)

Q. If a BC Provincial election were held here in BC tomorrow, which party's candidate would you vote for?

Base: Decided voters (Weighted: n=816 ; Unweighted: n=832)



	Total	REGION			AGE			GENDER	
		Metro Van	Van Island	Rest of BC	18-34	35-54	55+	Men	Women
Conservative Party of BC	42%	41%	39%	45%	41%	43%	41%	47%	37%
BC New Democratic Party (NDP)	40%	42%	44%	33%	31%	38%	46%	34%	46%
BC Green Party	9%	8%	8%	12%	16%	8%	6%	8%	11%
OneBC Party	4%	4%	2%	5%	5%	6%	3%	5%	4%
CentreBC	3%	4%	1%	3%	3%	4%	3%	4%	2%
Another party / an independent candidate	2%	1%	5%	2%	3%	1%	2%	3%	1%

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Provincial Voting Intentions Over Time (Among Decided Voters)

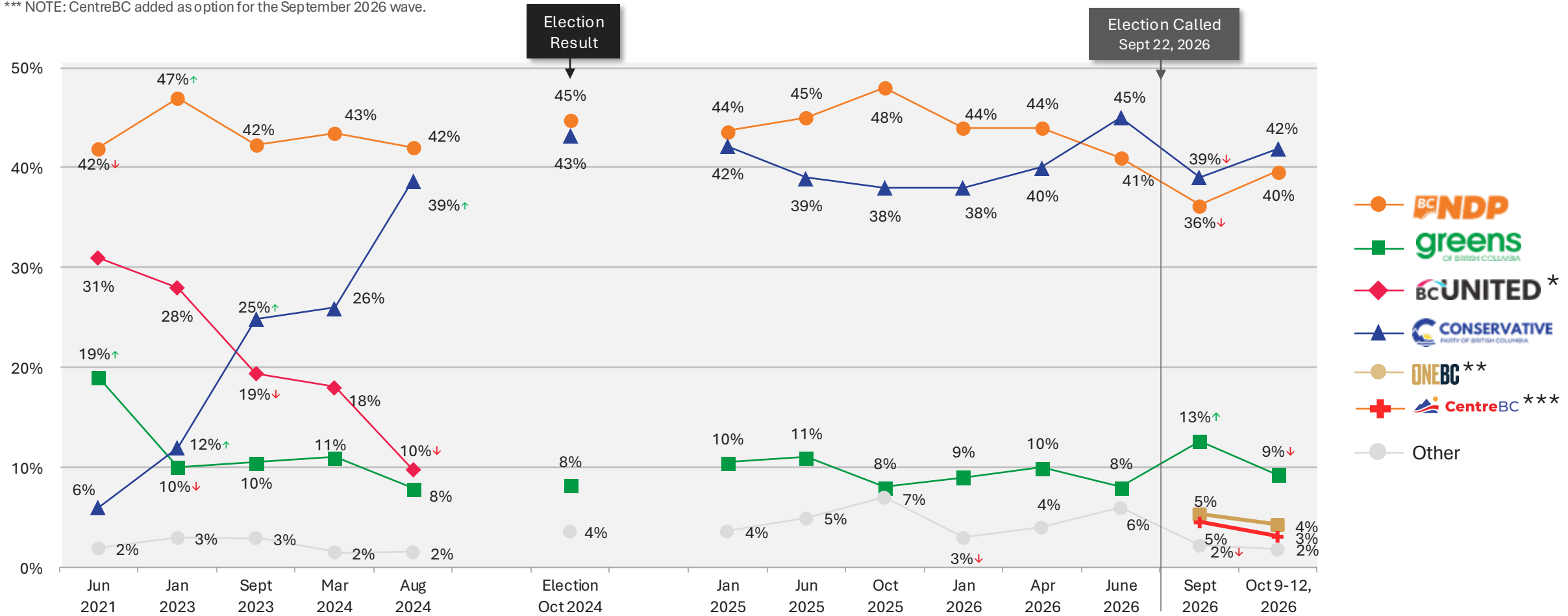
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*NOTE: BC United was removed for the January 2025 wave onward due to party being suspended.

** NOTE: OneBC added as option for the September 2026 wave.

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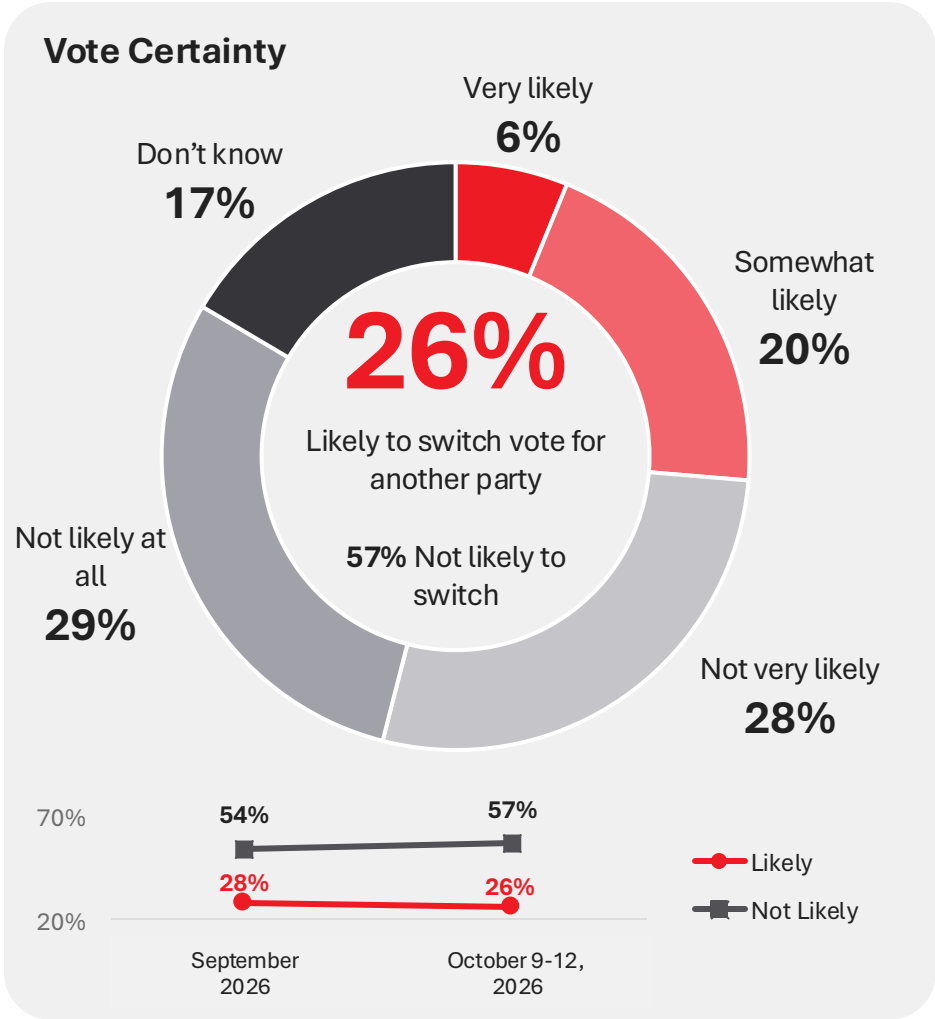
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Vote Certainty

Q. What is the likelihood of you switching your vote to vote for another party?

Base: BC Residents (Weighted: n=1,000 ; Unweighted: n=1,000)

*Small sample size, interpret with caution



Vote Certainty by Vote Intention

CentreBC, OneBC and Other combined due to low sample sizes



Moveable (Likely) 23%

Firm (Not likely) 74%

Sept 2025

25%

71%



Moveable (Likely) 20%

Firm (Not likely) 75%

21%

69%



Moveable (Likely) 37%

Firm (Not likely) 55%

43%

51%

NET Other Parties*

Moveable (Likely) 37%

Firm (Not likely) 45%

34%

48%

Vote Certainty – by Demographics

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	Total	REGION			AGE			GENDER	
		Metro Van	Van Island	Rest of BC	18-34	35-54	55+	Men	Women
(NET) Likely	26%	29%	22%	24%	34%	26%	21%	26%	27%
Very likely	6%	7%	4%	6%	10%	5%	5%	7%	6%
Somewhat likely	20%	22%	18%	19%	25%	22%	16%	19%	21%
(NET) Not likely	57%	54%	66%	58%	45%	56%	65%	60%	55%
Not very likely	28%	27%	32%	25%	30%	32%	23%	27%	29%
Not likely at all	29%	27%	33%	32%	15%	25%	42%	33%	26%
Don't know	17%	17%	13%	18%	20%	17%	13%	14%	19%

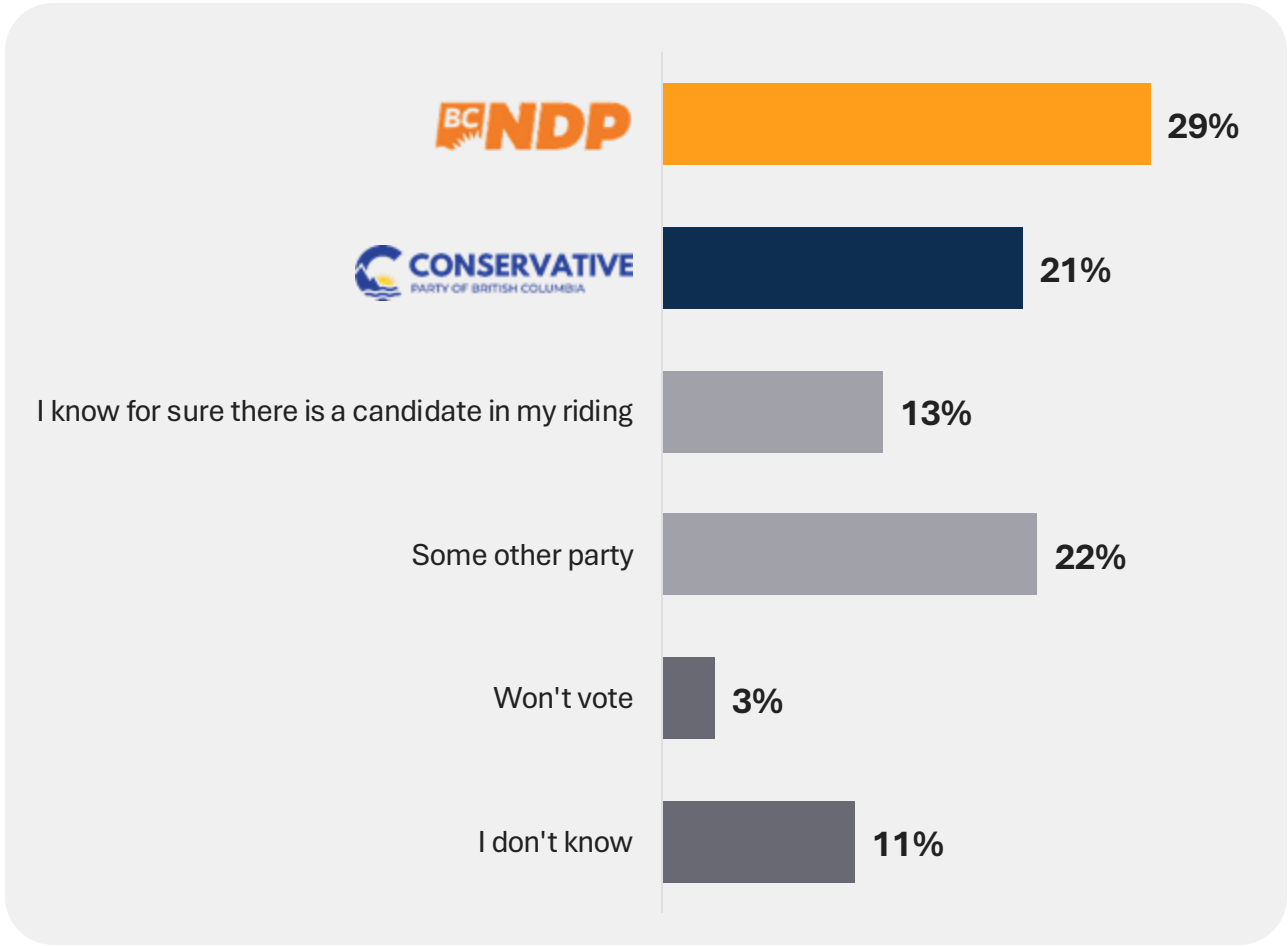
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Vote Potential if Preferred Party Not Running Candidate in Riding

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Base: BC Residents (Weighted: n=135 ; Unweighted: n=149)
**Very small sample size, interpret with extreme caution.



NDP
Conservative
I know for sure there is a candidate in my riding
Some other party
Won't vote
I don't know

Total	VOTE INTENTION		
	Green	OneBC**	CentreBC**
NDP	37%	11%	24%
Conservative	3%	60%	22%
I know for sure there is a candidate in my riding	17%	12%	3%
Some other party	24%	8%	47%
Won't vote	3%	3%	3%
I don't know	15%	6%	-

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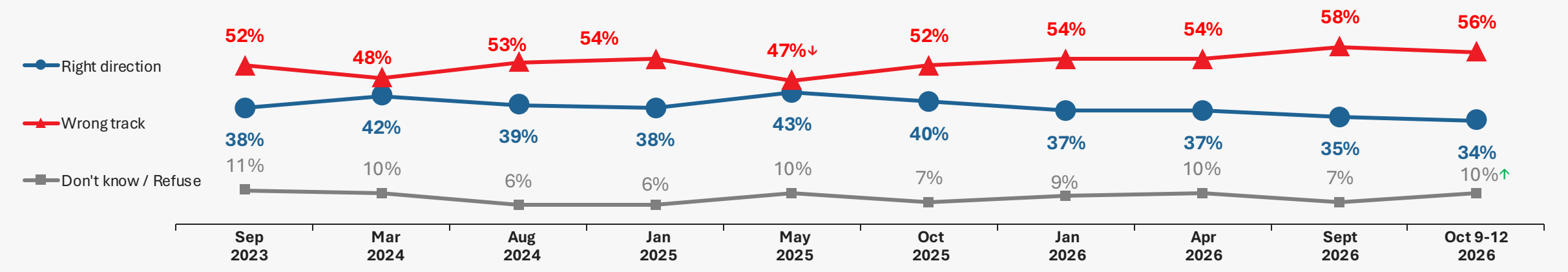
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		Metro Van*	Van Island**	Rest of BC*	18-34**	35-54*	55+ *	Men	Women*
NDP	29%	34%	31%	20%	36%	23%	26%	23%	35%
Conservative	21%	19%	15%	26%	11%	22%	33%	26%	16%
I know for sure there is a candidate in my riding	13%	16%	15%	8%	10%	14%	16%	13%	13%
Some other party	22%	19%	14%	30%	36%	18%	9%	23%	22%
Won't vote	3%	2%	-	5%	1%	6%	3%	4%	2%
I don't know	11%	9%	25%	11%	5%	18%	13%	11%	12%

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Mood of Voters: Right Direction-Wrong Track

Q. Taking everything into account how do you feel things are going these days in BC? Are things going in the right direction or are they off on the wrong track?
Base: BC residents (Weighted: n= 1,000 ; Unweighted: n= 1,000).



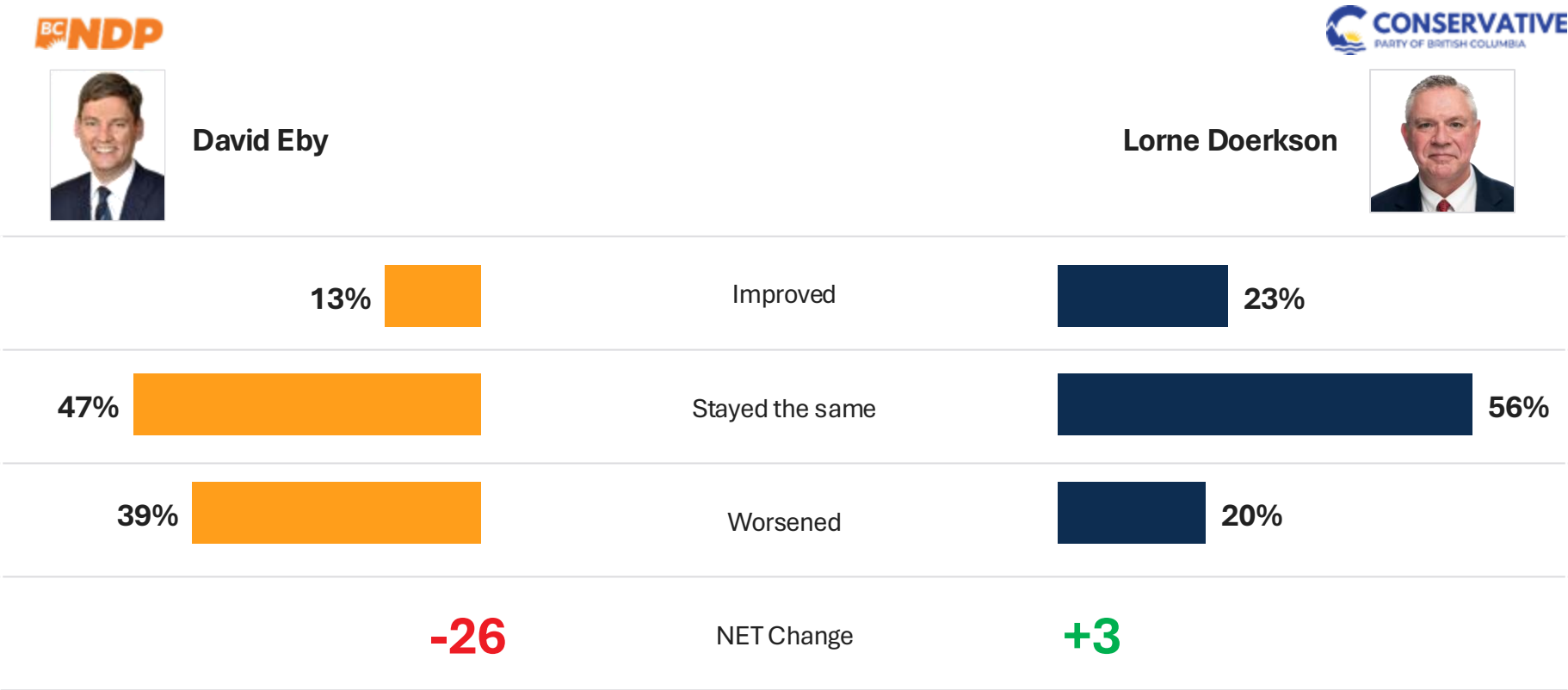
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(NET) Right direction	34%	33%	42%	30%	41%	26%	35%	33%	34%	70%	25%	12%	21%	38%
Strongly right direction	3%	3%	3%	3%	5%	2%	3%	3%	3%	7%	3%	1%	2%	3%
Somewhat right direction	31%	30%	40%	28%	36%	24%	33%	30%	31%	64%	23%	10%	18%	36%
(NET) Wrong track	56%	57%	51%	58%	45%	64%	58%	59%	54%	24%	62%	82%	79%	62%
Somewhat wrong track	27%	30%	23%	23%	25%	29%	26%	23%	30%	21%	39%	24%	18%	41%
Strongly wrong track	30%	28%	28%	35%	21%	34%	32%	36%	24%	4%	24%	59%	62%	21%

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Change in Opinion of Leaders

Q. Thinking about the past week of the campaign, has your opinion of the following leaders improved, worsened or stayed the same?
Base: BC residents (Weighted: n= 1,000 ; Unweighted: n= 1,000).



Sample Profile

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BC Residents (Unweighted Base n=1,000; Weighted Base n=1,000 unless noted otherwise)

Gender		
	Unweighted	Weighted
Men	475	486
Women	525	514

Region		
	Unweighted	Weighted
Metro Van	500	535
Van Island	210	173
Rest of BC	290	292

Age		
	Unweighted	Weighted
18-34	169	264
35-54	304	317
55+	527	419

Provincial Vote Intention		
	Unweighted	Weighted
	<i>n=832</i>	<i>n=816</i>
NDP	355	299
Conservative	265	316
Green	79	72
OneBC	33	34
CentreBC	22	21
Other	7	9

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