

The poll highlights include:

FEDERAL PARTY STANDINGS

- ◆ This latest poll shows the Chretien Liberals remain way out in front, but there has been some interesting movement among the Reform and Conservative parties. The Chretien Liberals are holding at 53 percent of the decided vote nationally, unchanged from last month and still a dozen points up over their election showing. The Conservatives, meanwhile, have risen 5 points to 16 percent of the decided vote – their best showing since their October 1993 election defeat (and the same level of support they received that day). Reform has dipped 3 points to 13 percent nationally (16% across English-speaking Canada). The Bloc Quebecois are at 8 percent nationally (37% in Quebec). The New Democrats are at 9 percent. All other parties hold the support of 2 percent of decided voters. (A total of 26% were undecided/refused or said they would not vote in a federal election). (Table 1A)
- ◆ The Liberals are holding a lead – albeit of varying strength – in all major regions of the country except Alberta (where they are now tied with Reform). The Reform party's support looks to have slipped in Alberta, as well as in B.C. and Atlantic Canada this past month. The Conservatives' recent gains were recorded mainly in Alberta (now at 22%, up from 13% in April) and in Ontario (also up at 22%, from 14%). In these two provinces and in Manitoba/Saskatchewan, the federal Tories currently enjoy their highest level of popular support since the October 1993 federal election. (Table 1B)