



## QUÉBEC POLL



- 1. 76% of Quebecers say they feel betrayed by Jean Chrétien and the LPC
- 2. 54% of Quebecers would have voted for sovereignty of Quebec
- 3. Canada remains the first choice for Quebecers
- 4. The Bloc leads with 53%

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#### Methodology





This Leger Marketing poll was conducted among 1,008 respondents throughout Québec between April 20 and April 24, 2005. The maximum margin of error for a sample of this size is  $\pm 3.1\%$ , 19 times out of 20.

Using the most recent data from Statistics Canada, final results were weighted according to gender, mother tongue and region to ensure a sample representative of the Quebecois population.

## 1. Three-Quarters of Quebeckers feel Betrayed by Jean Chrétien and the LPC

76% of Quebeckers consider that Jean Chrétien and the Liberal Party of Canada have betrayed them after the 1995 referendum. This opinion is shared by a majority of voters, all political allegiances combined, i.e. 89% of Bloc supporters, 81% of Conservatives, 76% of New Democrats and 55% of Liberals. It should be noted that a majority of federalists (65%) share this opinion.

Table # 7– CONSEQUENCES OF REVELATIONS MADE DURING GOMERY COMMISSION  
 Question: Following the revelations made at the Gomery Commission, do you have the impression of having been betrayed by Jean Chrétien and the Liberal Party of Canada after the 1995 referendum?  
 (n=1008)

	Total Population	Franco.	Non-franco.				
Yes	76%	81%	58%	55%	89%	81%	76%
No	18%	14%	37%	42%	8%	14%	17%
Dnk/Refusal	6%	6%	5%	3%	2%	6%	7%

## 2. As a Result, 37% say that the Sponsorship Scandal motivates them to Vote for Sovereignty

Following the sponsorship scandal and the revelations made during the Gomery Commission, 37% of Quebeckers say that these events give them more motivation to vote “yes” in a referendum on Québec sovereignty, of which 13% are federalists. Conversely, 58% are not more motivated.

Table #8– CONSEQUENCES OF SPONSORSHIP SCANDAL  
 Question: Does the sponsorship scandal and the Gomery Commission motivate you to vote for Québec sovereignty or not?  
 (n=1008)

	Total Population	Sovereignists	Federalists
Yes	37%	59%	13%
No	58%	38%	81%
Dnk/Refusal	6%	3%	6%

## 3. And 54% of Quebeckers Would Have Voted for

## Sovereignty

If a referendum had been held last week, more than half of Quebeckers (54%) would have voted for sovereignty, while 46% would have voted against, after distribution of 5% of discrete voters. Among Francophones, 60% would have voted for sovereignty whereas 76% of Non-francophones would have voted against it.

It should be noted that the last time a majority of Quebeckers supported sovereignty dates back to October 1998 (54% for vs. 46% against).

Table #9– REFERENDUM VOTING INTENTIONS

Question: If a referendum were held today on Québec sovereignty, with an offer of economic and political partnership with the rest of Canada, would you vote for or against Québec sovereignty?  
(n=1008)

	1995 – Referendum	03-1996	03-1997	03-1998	03-1999	03-2000	03-2001	02-2002	01-2003	05-2005
For	49.4%	53%	49,6%	42%	49%	43%	46%	41%	40%	54%
Against	50.6%	47%	50,4%	58%	51%	57%	54%	59%	60%	46%

	Francophones	Non-Francophones
For	60%	24%
Against	40%	76%

## 4. 56% of Sovereignty Supporters Want Québec to Continue to be a Part of Canada

In spite of everything the choice of Quebeckers remains Canada. In fact, a majority of sovereignty supporters (56%) continue to want Québec to remain a part of Canada compared to 40% who do not.

Table #4– QUÉBEC WITHIN CANADA

Question: Even if you intend to vote for Québec sovereignty, do you want Québec to continue to be a part of Canada or not?  
(n=533)

	Sovereignty supporters
Yes	56%
No	40%
Don't know	3%

## 5. But They are Divided on Renewed Federalism

48% of Quebeckers still believe in the possibility of renewed federalism in which Québec would have its rightful place, but almost as many (45%) are of the opposite opinion.

However, 64% of sovereignty supporters and 65% of Bloc supporters do not believe in renewed federalism, while 66% of those who do not support sovereignty, 77% of Liberals, 60% of Conservatives and 57% of New Democrats do.

Table #5 – CONFIDENCE IN RENEWED FEDERALISM

Question: Do you still believe in the possibility of a renewed federalism in which Québec would have its rightful place?  
(n=1008)

	Total Population	Franco.	Non-franco.	Sovereignists	Federalists
Yes	48%	43%	68%	33%	66%
No	45%	50%	23%	64%	24%
Don't know/Refusal	8%	7%	10%	3%	9%





## 6. Sovereignty Still Not at Its Maximum Possible Vote

Though sovereignty is the option that obtains the highest score (42%), 46% choose a more Canadian option, as 27% opt for renewed federalism and 19% the status quo. 12% do not have an opinion on the subject.

It should be noted that nearly one Bloc voter out of four (24%) chooses an option other than sovereignty, as do 21% of sovereignty supporters.

Table #6 – THE BEST CONSTITUTIONAL OPTION

Question: If you had the choice between Québec sovereignty, renewed federalism or the status quo, which of these options would you choose?  
(n=1008)

	Total Population	Franco.	Non-franco.				
Québec sovereignty	42%	48%	17%	10%	69%	19%	32%
Renewed federalism	27%	24%	41%	48%	16%	40%	38%
The status quo	19%	16%	30%	32%	8%	31%	25%
Don't know/Refusal	12%	12%	12%	10%	6%	10%	5%

## 7. Nearly One Quebecker Out of Two Believes that Québec will become a Sovereign

49% of Quebeckers believe that Québec will one day become a sovereign country, unlike 41% who do not. Furthermore, 70% of sovereignty supporters and 53% of Francophones are confident that Québec will become a country, while 63% of Federalists and 58% of Non-francophones are of the opposite opinion.

Table #10– POSSIBILITY OF A SOVEREIGN QUÉBEC

Question: In your opinion, will Québec one day be a sovereign country?  
(n=1008)

	Total Population	Franco.	Non-franco.	Sovereignists	Federalists
Yes	49%	53%	32%	70%	27%
No	41%	38%	58%	23%	63%
Don't know/Refusal	10%	10%	10%	7%	10%

## 8. Quebeckers are divided on when it comes to holding referendum

Also, 49% of Quebeckers want a referendum to be held on Québec sovereignty, including 54% of Francophones, 79% of sovereignty supporters and 74% of Bloc supporters. However, 46% do not want a referendum. Among them we find 70% of Non-francophones and 79% of federalists, 74% of liberal supporters, 67% of conservatives and 65% of NDP supporters.

Table #11– HOLDING A REFERENDUM

Question: Do you want a referendum on Québec sovereignty to be held or not?  
(n=1008)

	Total Population	Franco.	Non-franco.	Sovereignists	Federalists
Yes	49%	54%	26%	79%	16%
No	46%	41%	70%	19%	79%
Don't know pas/Refusal	5%	5%	4%	2%	5%





## 9. 51% of Quebeckers Consider Themselves more Quebecois than Canadian

One Quebecker out of two (51%) identifies more with Québec than Canada. In fact, 18% see themselves as Quebecois only and 32% more Quebecois than Canadian. However, 35% say they are as much one or the other, 7% say more Canadian than Quebecois and 6% Canadian only.

Furthermore, 57% of francophones and three-quarters (75%) of Bloc supporters identify more with Québec as opposed to only 21% of Liberal supporters.

Table #3– IDENTIFICATION WITH QUÉBEC

Question: Do you consider yourself... ?  
(n=1008)

	Total Population	Franco.	Non-franco.				
...Quebecois only	19%	22%	5%	6%	29%	7%	7%
...More Quebecois than Canadian	32%	35%	18%	15%	46%	26%	29%
...As much one or the other	35%	33%	44%	51%	20%	46%	43%
...More Canadian than Quebecois	7%	3%	20%	13%	2%	5%	9%
...Canadian only	6%	5%	10%	11%	2%	12%	10%
Don't know/Refusal	2%	2%	4%	2%	1%	4%	1%





## 10. The Bloc Leads the LPC by 31 Points

Despite Paul Martin's commitments during his address to the nation, the majority of Quebecers (54%) support the Bloc Québécois, which has a 31-point lead over the Liberal Party of Canada with 21% of the votes, while the Conservative Party garners 12% and the NDP 10% after distribution of undecided voters.

The Liberal Party's situation is not any better among Francophones with 62% of them saying they would vote for the Bloc - a 6-point increase in the last 2 weeks - as opposed to 15% who would vote for LPC, a gap of 47 points.

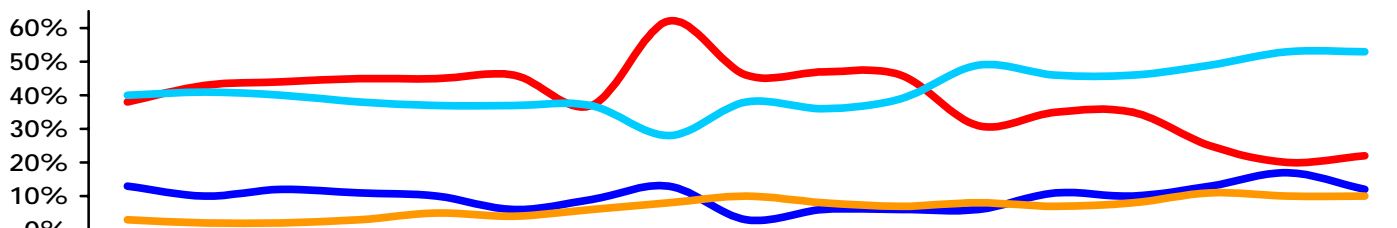
Table #1 – FEDERAL VOTING INTENTIONS IN QUÉBEC

Question: If federal elections were held today, for which of the political parties would you vote for? (In the event a respondent did not have an opinion, the following prompting question was asked): Even if you have not yet made up your mind, which political party would you be most likely to vote for?

	Before distribution n=1008	After distribution n=873	Francophones	Non-francophones
	47%	53%	62%	15%
	19%	22%	15%	52%
	11%	12%	12%	13%
	9%	10%	9%	16%
Other	3%	3%	3%	4%
Would abstain/spoil ballot	7%			
Don't know	4%			
Refusal	2%			

\* Distribution of undecided voters was done proportionately to voting intentions.

**Table #2 - Evolution of Federal Voting Intentions in Québec  
June 2000 - April 2005**



	06-2000	11-2000	Elections 2000	05-2001	08-2001	04-2002	06-2002	06-2003	12-2003	01-2004	02-2004	03-2004 (IR)	03-2004	11-2004	02-04-2005	13-04-2005	25-04-2005
LPC	38%	43%	44%	45%	45%	46%	37%	62%	46%	47%	46%	31%	35%	35%	25%	20%	22%
BQ	40%	41%	40%	38%	37%	37%	37%	28%	38%	36%	39%	49%	46%	46%	49%	53%	53%
CPC	13%	10%	12%	11%	10%	6%	9%	13%	3%	6%	6%	6%	11%	10%	13%	17%	12%
NDP	3%	2%	2%	3%	5%	4%	6%	8%	10%	8%	7%	8%	7%	8%	11%	10%	10%