



Albertans' Left-Right Ideological Perspectives

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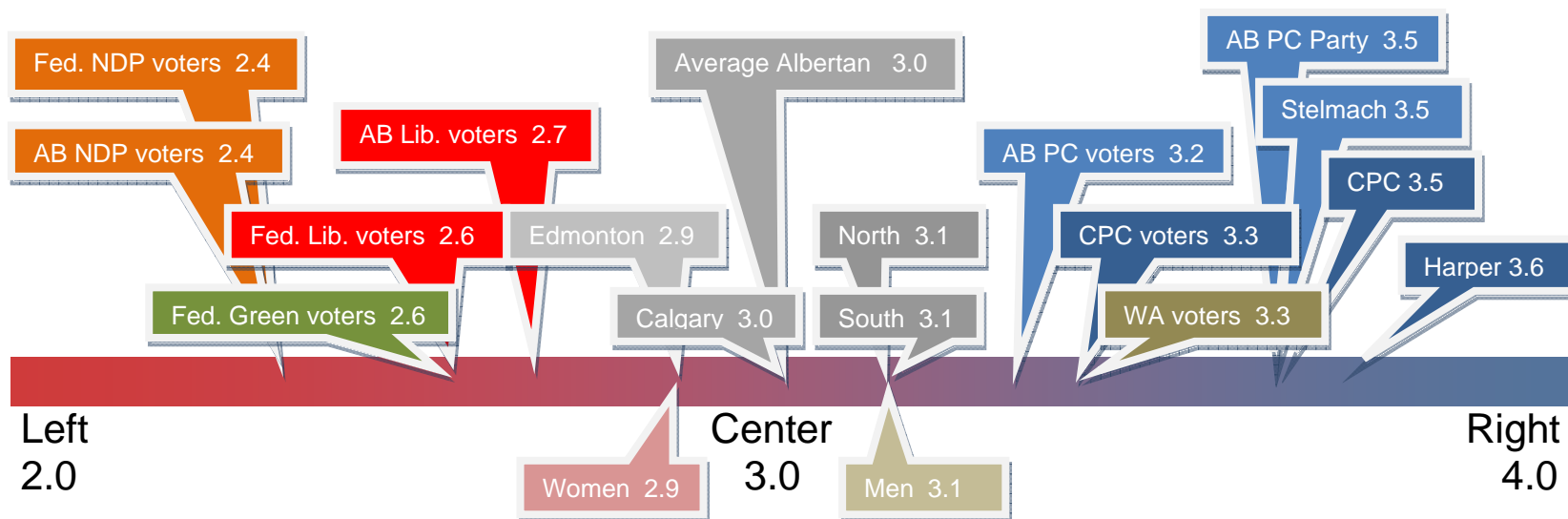


Methodology

-  **Population** The province of Alberta has a total population of 3,687,662 residents (July 1, 2009) approximately 77% of which are 18 years of age or older for an adult population of approximately 2,839,500.
-  **Sample** Data were collected by Lethbridge College and Athabasca University students enrolled in STS270 – Social Science Research Methods and PSC150 – Local Government in the fall of 2009. Students interviewed 1,201 adult Alberta residents by telephone from October 3rd to 5th 2009 under the supervision of Canadian Studies faculty members Faron Ellis PhD and Marda Schindeler MA. Telephone numbers were selected from a sample drawn from InfoCanada directories. We sincerely thank all participants who took time out of their day to respond to our inquiries. Further results from this study and results from past studies can be accessed by visiting the CSRL web pages at: www.lethbridgecollege.ab.ca/go/csrl
-  **Representativeness** Analysis of the demographic data indicates that, within acceptable limits, the sample accurately represents the demographic distribution of the adult population within the province of Alberta. The sample has been statistically weighted where necessary to even better reflect the demographic distribution of the population (gender).
-  **Confidence** The weighted sample yields a margin of error of ± 2.8 percentage points, 19 times out of 20. The margin of error increases when analyzing sub-samples of the data (Calgary 4.9, Edmonton 5.0, North 6.5, South 7.2 percentage points, 19 times out of 20).
-  **IB Commons Call Center** Students conducted interviews using the facilities of the Lethbridge College IB Commons Call Center and applications developed by the Open Source Learning Lab (OSLL). We thank Dr. James Manis and OSLL for their efforts in working with us to establish and maintain the IB Commons Call Center.
-  **Sponsorship** These data are part of a larger study of the opinions and attitudes of Alberta residents conducted by the Citizen Society Research Lab at Lethbridge College. This particular set of questions was Sponsored by the ACCESS network's Alberta Primetime nightly news program. We thank ACCESS and Alberta Primetime for their support of our research endeavors.

Left-Right Ideology – Albertans' Self-Placement

- As one measure of ideology, we asked Albertans to rank themselves on a scale that ranged from (1) very left, to (2) somewhat left, (3) center, (4) somewhat right, and (5) very right. Initially, it is important to note that 84.9% of all respondents made use of the scale with only 12.0% stating they did not know how to rank themselves and 3.1% refusing to answer the question. Thus, although some legitimate arguments can be made concerning the limitations of conceptualizing ideology in terms of left and right, it is clear that the vast majority of Albertans understands this measure and can apply it to their own political dispositions. Furthermore, as the data below indicate, they apply the measure in conventional ways that correspond with the uses of left and right labels by politicians, pundits and the media.
- On average, Albertans rank themselves at the mid-point of the left-right continuum (3.0). Edmontonians consider themselves slightly left of center (2.9), while northern and southern residents consider themselves to be slightly right of center (3.1). Calgarians rank themselves at the center of the continuum (3.0). Men consider themselves slightly to the right (3.1) while women are slightly to the left (2.9).
- NDP voters consider themselves furthest to the left (2.4), followed by federal Liberal and Green voters (2.6) and Alberta provincial Liberals (2.7). Alberta PC voters place themselves slightly to the right (3.2), followed by federal Conservative and provincial Wildrose Alliance supporters (3.3).



Left-Right Ideology – Albertans' Self-Placement

- Albertans in various demographic groups also rank themselves where analysts typically place them. For example, lower income Albertans rank themselves slightly to the left (2.9) while middle and upper income residents consider themselves to be at the center (3.0). Frequent and moderate church goers rank themselves slightly to the right (3.1), while the non-religious place themselves slightly to the left (2.9). The youth (2.9) and gen-xers (2.9) are slightly left, while boomers are at the center (3.0), and seniors place themselves slightly to the right (3.1). University grads are the only educational demographic to place themselves left of center (2.9).
- For the most part, Albertans present a self-portrait of ideological moderation with majorities of most groups considering themselves to be at the center, and when some deviate either to the left or right, very few do so by considering themselves very left or very right. In most cases, less than 10% of the total respondents in the various demographic categories consider themselves to be very left or very right. Notable exceptions to this pattern are NDP voters where 15.7% of provincial NDP voters consider themselves to be far left and a further 32.6% think of themselves as somewhat left, totaling 48.4%, or slightly more than the 44.9% who rank themselves at the center. Similarly, 16.7% of federal NDP voters rank themselves as far left while 33.3% are somewhat left, combining for 50% of all federal NDP voters and topping the 47.2% who place themselves at the center.
- Wildrose Alliance supporters demonstrate the greatest ideological diversity. Although tilting distinctly to the right (30.1% somewhat right and 9.1% very right), a significant number of Wildrose Alliance supporters consider themselves somewhat left (12.9%) while a further 3.8% think of themselves as very left.

Albertans' Left-Right Ideology
by Region

	Calgary	Edmonton	North	South	All Residents
Very left	5.7	4.8	3.1	3.1	4.5
Somewhat left	18.0	19.1	13.3	15.6	17.1
Center	52.6	60.5	56.6	56.9	56.5
Somewhat right	19.7	13.7	23.5	18.1	18.2
Very right	4.0	1.9	3.6	6.3	3.7

Albertans' Left-Right Ideology
by Federal Vote Intention

	CPC	Liberal	NDP	Green	Undecided
Very left	1.7	6.6	16.7	10.4	4.1
Somewhat left	10.1	32.2	33.3	34.3	10.3
Center	53.5	53.3	47.2	44.8	77.3
Somewhat right	28.5	7.9	2.8	7.5	7.2
Very right	6.2	0.0	0.0	3.0	1.0

Notes: Due to rounding, proportions may not total exactly 100%; * sig < 0.05

Left-Right Ideology – Albertans' Self-Placement

Albertans' Left-Right Ideology Self-Placement (mean scores)

Region	<u>Calgary</u>	<u>Edmonton</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>All Residents</u>
	3.0	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.0
Provincial Voters	<u>AB PC</u>	<u>WA</u>	<u>Liberal</u>	<u>NDP</u>	<u>Undecided</u>
	3.2	3.3	2.7	2.4	3.0
Federal Voters	<u>CPC</u>	<u>Liberal</u>	<u>NDP</u>	<u>Green</u>	<u>Undecided</u>
	3.3	2.6	2.4	2.6	2.9
Parties & Leaders	<u>AB PC</u>	<u>Stelmach</u>	<u>CPC</u>	<u>Harper</u>	
	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6	
Gender	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>			
	3.1	2.9			
Income	<u>Under \$50,000</u>	<u>\$50-\$100,000</u>	<u>Over \$100,000</u>		
	2.9	3.0	3.0		
Religious Participation	<u>1-3 per month/more</u>	<u>Several per year</u>	<u>Rarely/never</u>		
	3.1	3.1	2.9		
Age	<u>18-29</u>	<u>30-44</u>	<u>45-64</u>	<u>65 and older</u>	
	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.1	
Education	<u>High School or less</u>	<u>Some Post Secondary</u>	<u>College-Tech-Trade</u>	<u>University Grad</u>	
	3.1	3.0	3.1	2.9	

Range = 1 (very left), 2 (somewhat left), 3 (center), 4 (somewhat right), 5 (very right)

Albertans' Left-Right Ideology – Self-Placement

Region	Calgary	Edmonton	North	South	All Residents
Left	23.6	23.9	16.3	18.8	21.6
Center	52.4	60.5	56.6	56.9	56.5
Right	23.9	15.6	27.0	24.4	21.9

Gender*	Male	Female
Left	20.4	22.8
Center	50.7	62.8
Right	28.8	14.4

Household Income*	Under \$50,000	\$50-\$100,000	Over \$100,000
Left	23.4	22.3	19.4
Center	61.0	54.4	54.1
Right	15.6	23.4	26.5

Education	High School or less	Some Post Secondary	College-Tech-Trade	University Grad
Left	13.3	20.5	18.3	28.7
Center	68.5	60.0	55.8	48.0
Right	18.2	19.5	25.8	23.3

Age*	18-29	30-44	45-64	65 and older
Left	31.1	25.5	19.4	15.5
Center	46.7	53.2	58.2	62.0
Right	22.1	21.3	22.4	22.5

Religious Participation*	1-3 per month/more	Several per year	Rarely/never
Left	19.7	14.0	26.8
Center	52.3	63.4	55.3
Right	28.0	22.6	17.8

Provincial Vote Intention*	PC	Wildrose Alliance	Liberal	NDP	Undecided
Left	12.6	16.7	37.9	48.3	12.3
Center	57.5	44.1	53.4	44.9	71.9
Right	29.9	39.2	8.6	6.7	15.8

Federal Vote Intention*	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Undecided
Left	11.8	38.8	49.3	44.8	15.3
Center	53.5	53.3	47.9	44.8	76.5
Right	34.7	7.9	2.8	10.4	8.2

Notes: Due to rounding, proportions may not total exactly 100%; * sig < 0.05

Albertans' Left-Right Ideology – Self-Placement

Gender*	Male	Female	All Residents
Very left	4.1	5.1	4.5
Somewhat left	16.3	17.9	17.1
Center	50.7	62.6	56.5
Somewhat right	23.8	12.1	18.2
Very right	5.1	2.3	3.7

Household Income*	Under \$50,000	\$50-\$100,000	Over \$100,000
Very left	4.8	3.9	5.1
Somewhat left	18.6	18.3	14.3
Center	61.0	54.2	54.1
Somewhat right	12.1	19.4	23.8
Very right	3.5	4.2	2.7

Education	High School or less	Some Post Secondary	College-Tech-Trade	University Grad
Very left	2.8	5.1	2.9	5.9
Somewhat left	10.0	15.0	15.4	23.0
Center	68.9	60.3	55.6	47.8
Somewhat right	15.0	15.9	21.2	20.3
Very right	3.3	3.7	5.0	3.0

Age*	18-29	30-44	45-64	65 and older
Very left	8.2	5.3	4.2	2.4
Somewhat left	23.0	20.2	15.2	12.7
Center	46.7	53.2	58.2	62.3
Somewhat right	18.0	19.0	18.4	17.5
Very right	4.1	2.3	3.9	5.2

Religious Participation*	1-3 per month/more	Several per year	Rarely/never
Very left	3.0	1.6	6.9
Somewhat left	16.7	12.3	19.9
Center	52.3	63.1	55.3
Somewhat right	22.7	18.2	15.5
Very right	5.3	4.8	2.3

Provincial Vote Intention*	PC	Wildrose Alliance	Liberal	NDP	Undecided
Very left	1.5	3.8	5.2	15.7	3.4
Somewhat left	11.1	12.9	32.8	32.6	9.5
Center	57.5	44.1	53.4	44.9	70.7
Somewhat right	25.1	30.1	8.0	6.7	15.5
Very right	4.8	9.1	0.6	0.0	0.9

Notes: Due to rounding, proportions may not total exactly 100%; * sig < 0.05

Left-Right Ideology – Alberta Progressive Conservatives

When asked to rank the Alberta Progressive Conservative party, Albertans demonstrate similar inclinations as do other voters, in that they tend to view others as less ideologically moderate than they view themselves. All groups rank the provincial PC party on the right of the ideological spectrum, and those voters who ranked themselves furthest to the left tend to rank the PC party furthest to the right. For example, provincial (4.0) and federal (3.9) NDP voters are most likely to view the provincial PCs as right of center while Alberta PC voters (3.4), federal Conservative voters (3.4) and Wildrose Alliance voters (3.2) are much more likely to rank the provincial PC party closer to the center, albeit still on the right.

Albertans' Left-Right Ideology Alberta Progressive Conservatives (mean scores)

Region	<u>Calgary</u>	<u>Edmonton</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>All Residents</u>
	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.5
Provincial Voters	<u>AB PC</u>	<u>WA</u>	<u>Liberal</u>	<u>NDP</u>	<u>Undecided</u>
	3.4	3.2	3.8	4.0	3.6
Federal Voters	<u>CPC</u>	<u>Liberal</u>	<u>NDP</u>	<u>Green</u>	<u>Undecided</u>
	3.4	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.5
Gender	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>			
	3.6	3.5			
Income	<u>Under \$50,000</u>	<u>\$50-\$100,000</u>	<u>Over \$100,000</u>		
	3.6	3.4	3.6		
Religious Participation	<u>1-3 per month/more</u>	<u>Several per year</u>	<u>Rarely/never</u>		
	3.6	3.5	3.5		
Age	<u>18-29</u>	<u>30-44</u>	<u>45-64</u>	<u>65 and older</u>	
	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.6	
Education	<u>High School or less</u>	<u>Some Post Secondary</u>	<u>College-Tech-Trade</u>	<u>University Grad</u>	
	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.8	

Range = 1 (very left), 2 (somewhat left), 3 (center), 4 (somewhat right), 5 (very right)

Left-Right Ideology – Alberta Progressive Conservative Party

Region	Calgary	Edmonton	North	South	All Residents
Left	16.5	14.4	18.4	19.1	16.6
Center	27.1	22.6	34.4	25.0	26.6
Right	56.4	63.0	47.2	55.9	56.7

Gender	Male	Female
Left	17.0	16.0
Center	23.8	30.5
Right	59.2	53.5

Household Income	Under \$50,000	\$50-\$100,000	Over \$100,000
Left	16.8	19.0	13.8
Center	23.6	29.5	26.1
Right	59.7	51.5	60.1

Education*	High School or less	Some Post Secondary	College-Tech-Trade	University Grad
Left	18.6	19.5	20.0	11.9
Center	32.1	32.2	30.2	19.5
Right	49.3	48.3	49.8	68.6

Age	18-29	30-44	45-64	65 and older
Left	24.7	14.8	15.3	17.1
Center	22.7	28.2	27.5	24.6
Right	52.6	56.9	57.2	58.3

Religious Participation	1-3 per month/more	Several per year	Rarely/never
Left	15.2	17.4	17.0
Center	26.8	23.6	26.9
Right	58.0	59.0	56.1

Provincial Vote Intention*	PC	Wildrose Alliance	Liberal	NDP	Undecided
Left	12.8	28.5	13.7	11.9	16.2
Center	36.9	27.2	17.4	14.3	23.0
Right	50.3	44.4	68.9	73.8	60.8

Federal Vote Intention*	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Undecided
Left	17.0	14.6	17.7	13.3	14.3
Center	33.3	15.3	8.1	11.7	28.6
Right	49.8	70.1	74.2	75.0	57.1

Notes: Due to rounding, proportions may not total exactly 100%; * sig < 0.05

Left-Right Ideology – Alberta Premier Ed Stelmach

For the most part, Albertans tend to regard Premier Ed Stelmach as slightly less right of center than is his party. Although the rounded mean scores appear similar (3.5), Albertans in 22 of the 31 demographic categories rank the premier slightly less right of centre than they rank the provincial PC party. Again, those on the left (NDP, Liberal and Green supporters) are more likely to rank the premier further to the right than do Albertans who are on the right or at the center.

Albertans' Left-Right Ideology Alberta Premier Ed Stelmach (mean scores)

Region	<u>Calgary</u>	<u>Edmonton</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>All Residents</u>
	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.5
Provincial Voters	<u>AB PC</u>	<u>WA</u>	<u>Liberal</u>	<u>NDP</u>	<u>Undecided</u>
	3.3	3.2	3.8	3.7	3.6
Federal Voters	<u>CPC</u>	<u>Liberal</u>	<u>NDP</u>	<u>Green</u>	<u>Undecided</u>
	3.3	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.4
Gender	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>			
	3.4	3.5			
Income	<u>Under \$50,000</u>	<u>\$50-\$100,000</u>	<u>Over \$100,000</u>		
	3.6	3.3	3.5		
Religious Participation	<u>1-3 per month/more</u>	<u>Several per year</u>	<u>Rarely/never</u>		
	3.5	3.4	3.4		
Age	<u>18-29</u>	<u>30-44</u>	<u>45-64</u>	<u>65 and older</u>	
	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.5	
Education	<u>High School or less</u>	<u>Some Post Secondary</u>	<u>College-Tech-Trade</u>	<u>University Grad</u>	
	3.2	3.4	3.4	3.7	

Range = 1 (very left), 2 (somewhat left), 3 (center), 4 (somewhat right), 5 (very right)

Left-Right Ideology – Alberta Premier Ed Stelmach

Region	Calgary	Edmonton	North	South	All Residents
Left	17.6	16.9	20.4	17.9	17.9
Center	30.4	26.7	34.2	31.7	30.2
Right	52.0	56.5	45.4	50.4	52.0

Gender	Male	Female
Left	18.3	17.5
Center	29.9	30.4
Right	51.8	52.1

Household Income	Under \$50,000	\$50-\$100,000	Over \$100,000
Left	14.9	20.5	18.0
Center	32.0	32.0	26.9
Right	53.1	47.5	55.1

Education*	High School or less	Some Post Secondary	College-Tech-Trade	University Grad
Left	26.7	19.6	19.7	11.3
Center	33.6	29.4	31.6	27.9
Right	39.7	50.9	48.7	60.8

Age	18-29	30-44	45-64	65 and older
Left	23.3	20.9	15.5	16.8
Center	27.9	29.6	31.3	29.2
Right	48.8	49.5	53.3	54.0

Religious Participation	1-3 per month/more	Several per year	Rarely/never
Left	15.2	18.7	19.4
Center	36.0	28.4	27.4
Right	48.8	53.0	53.2

Provincial Vote Intention*	PC	Wildrose Alliance	Liberal	NDP	Undecided
Left	12.9	27.7	15.1	16.0	14.1
Center	45.2	29.1	18.9	18.5	21.1
Right	41.8	43.3	66.0	65.4	64.8

Federal Vote Intention*	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Undecided
Left	18.2	14.8	17.2	18.6	19.4
Center	36.9	23.0	15.5	15.3	27.4
Right	44.9	62.2	67.2	66.1	53.2

Notes: Due to rounding, proportions may not total exactly 100%; * sig < 0.05

Left-Right Ideology – Federal Conservative Party of Canada

Interestingly, Albertans tend to view the federal Conservative party in a similar ideological light as they view the provincial PC party, and if anything, slightly less right of center. Although the rounded mean scores of 3.5 appear similar, and 14 of the 31 demographic groups do indeed rank the federal Conservatives in the same position as they rank the provincial PC party, 10 of the demographic groups think the federal Conservatives are less right than the provincial PCs while only 4 groups believe the federal Conservatives are further to the right than their provincial counterparts.

Albertans' Left-Right Ideology Federal Conservative Party of Canada (mean scores)

Region	<u>Calgary</u>	<u>Edmonton</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>All Residents</u>
	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
Provincial Voters	<u>AB PC</u>	<u>WA</u>	<u>Liberal</u>	<u>NDP</u>	<u>Undecided</u>
	3.3	3.5	3.8	3.9	3.4
Federal Voters	<u>CPC</u>	<u>Liberal</u>	<u>NDP</u>	<u>Green</u>	<u>Undecided</u>
	3.3	3.9	4.0	3.9	3.5
Gender	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>			
	3.5	3.5			
Income	<u>Under \$50,000</u>	<u>\$50-\$100,000</u>	<u>Over \$100,000</u>		
	3.5	3.5	3.5		
Religious Participation	<u>1-3 per month/more</u>	<u>Several per year</u>	<u>Rarely/never</u>		
	3.6	3.4	3.5		
Age	<u>18-29</u>	<u>30-44</u>	<u>45-64</u>	<u>65 and older</u>	
	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.5	
Education	<u>High School or less</u>	<u>Some Post Secondary</u>	<u>College-Tech-Trade</u>	<u>University Grad</u>	
	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.7	

Range = 1 (very left), 2 (somewhat left), 3 (center), 4 (somewhat right), 5 (very right)

Left-Right Ideology – Federal Conservative Party of Canada

Region	Calgary	Edmonton	North	South	All Residents
Left	11.5	13.4	12.8	14.6	12.9
Center	34.4	33.5	38.4	29.9	34.1
Right	54.1	53.2	48.8	55.6	52.9

Gender	Male	Female
Left	13.8	11.8
Center	32.2	36.7
Right	54.0	51.5

Household Income	Under \$50,000	\$50-\$100,000	Over \$100,000
Left	14.1	13.4	14.1
Center	33.3	32.9	34.9
Right	52.5	53.7	50.9

Education*	High School or less	Some Post Secondary	College-Tech-Trade	University Grad
Left	13.9	15.3	14.7	9.7
Center	43.7	38.4	38.7	25.3
Right	42.4	46.3	46.5	65.0

Age	18-29	30-44	45-64	65 and older
Left	22.0	10.3	13.4	9.7
Center	22.0	36.3	34.0	38.7
Right	56.0	53.4	52.7	51.6

Religious Participation	1-3 per month/more	Several per year	Rarely/never
Left	12.0	16.2	12.5
Center	32.5	36.4	34.4
Right	55.6	47.4	53.1

Provincial Vote Intention*	PC	Wildrose Alliance	Liberal	NDP	Undecided
Left	11.7	11.2	13.9	12.2	12.5
Center	44.6	36.7	23.6	15.9	39.8
Right	43.6	52.1	62.4	72.0	47.7

Federal Vote Intention*	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Undecided
Left	12.1	15.7	12.5	8.2	17.6
Center	43.2	14.3	15.6	19.7	28.4
Right	44.7	70.0	71.9	72.1	54.1

Notes: Due to rounding, proportions may not total exactly 100%; * sig < 0.05

Left-Right Ideology – Prime Minister Stephen Harper

- Albertans rank Prime Minister Harper furthest to the right and slightly further right than his party. Twenty-six of the 31 demographic groups ranked the prime minister further right than his party while 4 groups provided him with the same ranking as his party. Only one group (federal NDP voters) thought the prime minister was slightly less right of center than is the federal Conservative party. Federal Green party voters ranked the prime minister furthest to the right (4.1).

Albertans' Left-Right Ideology Prime Minister Stephen Harper (mean scores)

Region	<u>Calgary</u>	<u>Edmonton</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>All Residents</u>
	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6
Provincial Voters	<u>AB PC</u>	<u>WA</u>	<u>Liberal</u>	<u>NDP</u>	<u>Undecided</u>
	3.4	3.6	3.9	4.0	3.6
Federal Voters	<u>CPC</u>	<u>Liberal</u>	<u>NDP</u>	<u>Green</u>	<u>Undecided</u>
	3.4	4.0	3.9	4.1	3.6
Gender	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>			
	3.6	3.6			
Income	<u>Under \$50,000</u>	<u>\$50-\$100,000</u>	<u>Over \$100,000</u>		
	3.6	3.5	3.6		
Religious Participation	<u>1-3 per month/more</u>	<u>Several per year</u>	<u>Rarely/never</u>		
	3.6	3.5	3.6		
Age	<u>18-29</u>	<u>30-44</u>	<u>45-64</u>	<u>65 and older</u>	
	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.6	
Education	<u>High School or less</u>	<u>Some Post Secondary</u>	<u>College-Tech-Trade</u>	<u>University Grad</u>	
	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.9	

Range = 1 (very left), 2 (somewhat left), 3 (center), 4 (somewhat right), 5 (very right)

Left-Right Ideology – Prime Minister Stephen Harper

Region	Calgary	Edmonton	North	South	All Residents
Left	10.0	11.7	9.1	13.2	10.9
Center	35.6	32.2	39.0	29.9	34.2
Right	54.4	56.2	51.8	56.9	54.9

Gender	Male	Female
Left	10.8	11.2
Center	32.0	36.9
Right	57.2	51.8

Household Income	Under \$50,000	\$50-\$100,000	Over \$100,000
Left	14.5	10.9	9.7
Center	37.0	31.8	33.7
Right	48.5	57.2	56.6

Education*	High School or less	Some Post Secondary	College-Tech-Trade	University Grad
Left	11.5	13.5	14.9	7.1
Center	45.2	36.5	35.8	26.2
Right	43.3	50.0	49.3	66.8

Age	18-29	30-44	45-64	65 and older
Left	20.0	10.6	10.6	7.3
Center	20.0	36.1	32.5	42.0
Right	60.0	53.3	56.9	50.8

Religious Participation	1-3 per month/more	Several per year	Rarely/never
Left	11.4	13.0	10.5
Center	33.1	38.3	34.3
Right	55.5	48.8	55.1

Provincial Vote Intention*	PC	Wildrose Alliance	Liberal	NDP	Undecided
Left	11.3	6.5	12.6	13.8	8.0
Center	45.5	36.9	25.1	8.8	37.5
Right	43.2	56.5	62.3	77.5	54.5

Federal Vote Intention*	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Undecided
Left	10.2	12.6	15.6	5.2	13.9
Center	43.4	16.1	14.1	15.5	25.0
Right	46.3	71.3	70.3	79.3	61.1

Notes: Due to rounding, proportions may not total exactly 100%; * sig < 0.05

Demographics

Area of Province (%)		Gender (%)		Income (%)		Education (%)		Age (%)	
Calgary	33.4	Male	50.1	Under \$50,000	28.1	H-School/less	19.4	18-29	12.4
Edmonton	31.8	Female	49.9	\$50-\$100,000	39.7	Some P-Sec.	20.9	30-44	26.3
North	19.3			Over \$100,000	32.2	Col-Tech-Grad	24.3	45-64	39.9
South	15.5					University Grad	35.4	65 or older	21.4
									Mean age = 50 year

Religious Participation (%)	
2-3/month-more	28.6
Several/year	19.5
Rarely-never	51.9

Note: Due to rounding, proportions may not total exactly 100%

Question

We often hear people being described politically as right of center, centrist, or left of center. Thinking about your own political positions, overall, would you say you are on the left, the right or at the center?

- very left
- somewhat left
- center
- somewhat right
- very right

Using the same scale, how would you describe the Alberta provincial Progressive Conservative party?

Using the same scale, how would you describe Alberta Premier Ed Stelmach?

Using the same scale, how would you describe the national Conservative Party of Canada?

Using the same scale, how would you describe Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper?