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Forget Ottawa - Albertans growing alienated from their own leaders, too

There is no shortage of new irritants in the relationship between Ottawa and the three Prairie provincial governments. In recent years they have faced off over the carbon tax, pipeline construction, energy exports, federal spending and vaccine mandates. Western alienation may have deep historical roots, but current events never fail to rejuvenate the sentiment.

Consider these findings from the Confederation of Tomorrow 2022 survey - the country's largest annual study of how Canadians feel about the federation, with 5,461 respondents, including 564 in Alberta. Residents of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba are among the most likely to say they don't get the respect they deserve, have too little influence on important national decisions, and receive less than their fair share of federal spending.

And across the region, two in five feel that westerners get so few benefits from being part of Canada that they might be better off separating - a proportion that has remained relatively consistent for decades.

A new type of western alienation

Yet this focus on grievances with Ottawa is increasingly ill-suited to fully capturing the region's political mood. Prairie residents are certainly among the least satisfied with Canadian federalism - although levels of dissatisfaction have actually declined somewhat since 2019.

But what stands out most right now is that it is a region marked by growing dissatisfaction with their provincial governments as well. With western alienation, the call is coming from inside the house.

Which government do you believe best represents your interests?

In each of the three Prairie provinces, the proportion saying their provincial government is the one that best represents their interests has declined significantly over the past two years. In no other province has there been a similar steady decline.

Strikingly, the proportion seeing their provincial government as their best representative is only 21 per cent in Alberta and Manitoba - lowest in the country. (When a similar question was asked in the mid-1980s, the opposite was true: Prairie residents were among the most likely in Canada to see their provincial government as their best representative.)

The provincial government best represents my interests

Some of this change is likely related to perceptions about how well governments have managed the pandemic. Yes, residents of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta are the least likely to approve of Ottawa's handling of the pandemic. But they are also the least likely to approve of their own provincial government's performance.

Both this year and last, in each of the three Prairie provinces, residents thought more highly of the federal pandemic response than their own province's.

On this issue, provincial leaders in the Prairies put themselves between a

Ontario international students, families making 'massive sacrifices' for the Canadian dream

The death of an Indian student in Toronto last month made international headlines, but while Kartik Vasudev's story ended in tragedy, his parents' sacrifices offer a glimpse into the hardships that many international students and their families face to achieve the dream of a future in Canada.

Vasudev's father, Jitesh Vasudev, told CBC News he and his wife spent their entire life savings and mortgaged their house to take out a loan of \$50,000, just to afford the first year of his son's education in Canada, before he was shot and killed.

"The only mistake of my innocent child was that he dreamt big of studying in a foreign country, and he wanted to make a name of himself while representing India," said Vasudev's mother, Pooja Vasudev, in a video posted to Instagram. "We had a lot of dreams and expectations with our child, he was going to be our support in our old age."

International students who spoke to CBC News say those kinds of sacrifices are common, and can take a major toll.

They say international students can pay almost four times more in tuition fees than domestic students, and are calling for change.

An Ontario Auditor General's report from last year highlighted the reliance of Ontario colleges on international student tuition.

The report showed that while international students represented only 30 per cent of the total enrolment in public colleges, they accounted for 68 per cent of tuition fee revenue at a total of \$1.7 billion. A majority of students - 62 per cent - were from India.

According to a 2020 report from

Ontario international students, families making 'massive sacrifices' for the Canadian dream

Global Affairs Canada, international students contributed \$16.2 billion and \$19.7 billion to Canada's GDP in 2017 and 2018.

Students and advocates told CBC News that many international students from India come to Canada to become permanent residents and build a better future for themselves as well as their families.

They say there are limited employment opportunities in India compared to Canada, leading their parents to go to great lengths to send them abroad.

Johanpreet Singh knows that struggle firsthand.

"[Vasudev's family] sacrificed a lot to send their child to Canada for a brighter future," the 22-year-old international student said. "I can't imagine how painful it must have been for them."

Born and raised in a farmer's family in Punjab, India, Singh came to Canada as an international student in August 2021, where he is studying at the Academy of Learning Career College in Toronto.

For his first year in Canada, his family spent around \$30,000 on his tuition and living expenses.

Singh said his family spent all their savings, took out massive loans and sold assets just to be able to pay for his first year of college.

"[International students] have work stress, school stress, and we have



extremely high tuition fees, which is topped off with the fact that we can only work 20 hours a week," he said.

Singh said it is very difficult to handle expenses and living costs in Toronto while working those limited hours.

According to a statement from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), "limiting off-campus work to 20 hours per week reflects the fact that the focus for international students in Canada is their studies."

Tuition gap between domestic and international students

Saron Rho from advocacy group Migrant Students United says international students who come to Canada also face rising costs of tuition fees, which are already three to four times more than domestic tuition.

"The majority of current and former international students and their families have made massive sacrifices for them, for example by selling lands, taking out massive educational loans, selling assets, just to pay for

"That's a huge drawback for us," said Gurpreet. "If we're not getting anything extra [over] the domestic students and we pay the same taxes, then why do we pay this huge amount for our tuition?"

The ministry says college and university boards of governors have the full authority to set tuition fees for international students.

"Colleges and universities are allowed the discretion to establish tuition fees for international students at levels the institutions deem appropriate," said Tinajero.

"We don't international students say they're struggling to find enough work, make ends meet."

Ukrainian international students turn to Ontario colleges, universities for help paying tuition

Gurpreet has completed half of his education, and the remaining two semesters of his studies will cost him about \$16,000. But instead of asking for help from his family, Gurpreet is taking the responsibility on himself.

According to the IRCC, international students can work full-time when they are on a scheduled break, like during winter and summer holidays, or during a fall or spring reading week.

Gurpreet is currently on a summer break from his college. He says this is his last chance to work full-time before he begins his third semester in the fall.

For the next four months of summer break, Gurpreet says he'll be working in two different warehouses during long days of general labour.

"Right now I've [got] to concentrate on my work to pay off my fees, so I'm willing to compromise for the next four months," he said.

"I know this is going to be hard, but these hardships are temporary, and there's light at the end of the tunnel."

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Driver who killed woman, 3 daughters handed 17-year sentence

A driver who struck and killed a woman and her three young daughters nearly two years ago "gambled with other people's lives" when he took the wheel, an Ontario judge said Monday when sentencing him to 17 years behind bars.

Brady Robertson's "cavalier attitude" toward driving laws called out for a significant sentence, Ontario Justice Sandra Caponecchia told a Brampton, Ont., court Monday morning.

Robertson had accumulated 15 driving infractions in the two and a half years before the June 18, 2020 crash in Brampton that killed Karolina Ciasullo and her daughters Klara, Liliana and Mila, who were between the ages of six and one.

Just two days earlier, on June 16, Robertson had failed to stop at an intersection and crashed into a barrier, the judge said. As a result of the impact, he was "jolted out of his slumber," and sped away to evade police, she said. The fact that no one

was hurt in that incident is "pure happenstance," the judge said.

Robertson was not deterred by any previous penalties for his driving, and the June 16 crash did not serve as a "wake-up call," as it should have, Caponecchia said.

"I have avoided calling both crashes an accident. That is because both were anything but an accident; both crashes were crimes, not accidents," she said. "Both crimes were 100 per cent avoidable, had Mr. Robertson had any regard for the lives and safety of others."

Robertson, 21, will receive nearly three years in credit for time already served awaiting trial, bringing the total down to 14 years and two months.

He was also handed a 3.4-year driving ban beginning at the start of his jail term. That amounts to a 20-year ban following his release.

Prosecutors had sought a 23-year prison sentence and a lifetime driving ban. The defence, meanwhile, argued Robertson should be sentenced to

seven years.

"Our whole family is devastated. Gaps could be heard amid sobs in the packed courtroom as Caponecchia delivered her sentence.

Outside, Ciasullo's relatives denounced the sentence as inadequate in light of Robertson's actions and the permanent, devastating impact on their lives.

"As much as Canada is a great country, I am beyond disgusted with the justice system that someone who takes away four lives gets so little time," said Anna Martin, Ciasullo's sister. "Our whole family is devastated... No one is the same anymore."

Connie Ciasullo, Karolina Ciasullo's sister-in-law, said that after credit for time served, Robertson will spend roughly three and a half years behind bars for each life he took.

Her brother, Michael Ciasullo, will never recover from the deaths of his wife and daughters, she said. "He'll never be who he was," she said.

Robertson was playing "Russian roulette" when he got behind the wheel that day, she said. "It happened to be our family that suffered, but it could have been any other family," she added.

"I want to serve my time," says Robertson.

In July 2021, Robertson pleaded guilty to four counts of dangerous driving causing death in connection with the crash.

But he pleaded not guilty to four counts of operation while impaired by drugs causing death, and his lawyers challenged the constitutionality of Canada's law setting out a legal limit for THC blood concentration when driving.

Caponecchia found Robertson had a blood THC concentration of 40 nanograms of the per millilitre of blood about 45 minutes after the crash, which is eight times the legal limit.

The constitutional challenge was rejected last month, and as a result, Robertson has been found guilty of impaired driving.

In her ruling, Caponecchia acknowledged Robertson has lived a difficult life, mired by drug use and abuse. She also noted that he has expressed remorse for his actions.

"It should've been me," driver who killed mother, 3 daughters says at sentencing hearing.

How a single company 'silently' took over the world of visa processing in an age of record migration

Never before have more people been on the move. Globalization, war and climate catastrophes have pushed workers, refugees and migrants to leave their homes at record pace.

And yet budget-conscious governments around the world have increasingly turned to private, for-profit companies to handle visa processing.

Headquartered in Zurich and Dubai, VFS Global dominates the international visa outsourcing market.

The company, whose acronym stands for Visa Facilitation Services, has grown from being the first of its kind with a single visa office in Mumbai, India two decades ago to a global juggernaut with more than 3,500 visa application centres in 141 countries representing the interests of 65 "client governments."

To put this into perspective, that's the equivalent of a new visa centre opening every other day for 20 years.

VFS Global's website says it has processed more than 240 million visa applications since 2001 and collected close to 110 million sets of biometric data (fingerprints and photos) since 2007.

The industry and VFS Global have turned the once costly endeavour of operating consulates and embassies into a money-making opportunity for cash-strapped immigration departments.

"When it comes to outsourcing of visa processing, this is a global phenomenon," said Federica Infantino, a researcher at the Migration Policy Centre at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy. "VFS Global is the largest operator in this business. It's the most important company providing services to governments."

Administrative tasks, such as filling out paperwork and making sure applicants submit necessary documents, once handled by high-salary bureaucrats are now handled by VFS Global visa centre employees.

These for-profit businesses have become an indispensable part of Canada's mission to attract visitors and new immigrants, too, performing mandatory security screening,

gathering applicants' health and financial records, and offering services in local languages in formerly underserved areas of the world.

One hundred and sixty-two Canadian visa centres in 109 countries run by VFS Global handle millions of visa applications each year. A 2018 press release from the company said Canada had the "most extensive" network of visa centres in the world.

But recent crises, such as the Russian invasion of Ukraine, have caused people to question the effectiveness of this system.

Complaints about inadequate resources, long delays, ill-informed staff and dysfunctional online booking portals at Canadian visa centres in Europe have emerged as defining characteristics of the struggle to bring Ukrainians to Canada.

VFS Global has also faced criticism about a past privacy breach and its business operations in China.

For Oleksandr Barnov and his wife Inna, who spent a month getting a visa for Inna's 84-year-old mother to come to Canada after she fled the war in Ukraine, being forced to deal with a private company at a time of crisis was a source of anger and frustration.

"(They) don't care about people," Oleksandr said, describing his experience at Canada's visa centre in Warsaw, Poland. "(We) are just units."

The Barnovs have lived in Canada for two decades. In the hopes of getting a visa for Inna's mother, they took turns flying to Poland in April to stand in line at the Canadian visa centre run by VFS Global in Warsaw.

During this time, they said they received contradictory and inaccurate information from the company's staff.

For example, they said they were told Inna's mother needed an appointment to get her visa, but they later found out they could send her passport by mail.

The couple also tried to contact VFS Global customer support by email to get help, but said they didn't receive a response for 18 days.

Eventually, the Barnovs received a tracking number that allowed them to monitor the application, but it wasn't

until a lawyer in Canada contacted the Canadian embassy in Warsaw on their behalf that a visa was issued.

"Honestly, I thought she would die here," Oleksandr said.

Complaints made by the Barnovs are not unique.

Alex Pawlowsky, a Canadian who lives in Berlin, was on a train in March when he met a Ukrainian woman who fled the Russian invasion and wanted to come to Canada.

Because the woman didn't speak German or English - Pawlowsky speaks Ukrainian - he offered to help her.

When they arrived at VFS Global's office in downtown Berlin, there were 20 or 30 people standing outside, Pawlowsky said. Some of them told him they'd been sleeping in their cars for three days. Each morning they'd wake up and stand in line with the hope of getting an appointment for a visa.

Pawlowsky said the only interactions at the visa centre were in English, on a sign posted on the front door. It said that "due to high demand," biometric data (fingerprints and photos) needed to get a visa couldn't be collected without first booking an appointment online.

"But when the woman Pawlowsky was with tried to book an appointment, there were none available," he said. She ended up leaving the visa centre in Berlin empty-handed and made an appointment in Paris scheduled for three weeks later.

"What was then was really shocking and embarrassing," Pawlowsky said. "I felt ashamed where we were and I felt embarrassed."

The government insists it's doing everything it can to speed up the visa application process for people fleeing the war in Ukraine.

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada has waived biometric requirements for Ukrainian children, elderly people and anyone who received a Canadian visa in the past decade. It also shifted employees and equipment to Warsaw and Berlin to help take fingerprints and photos.

Isabelle Dubois, a spokesperson for

Immigration Canada, said capacity at visa centres in Europe has doubled since the Russian invasion, to more than 18,000 appointments a week.

The government also said it has met its goal of processing Ukrainian visa applications within two weeks or less in 93 per cent of cases.

VFS Global declined to participate in an interview for this story.

In a written statement, the company said that it plays no role in deciding who gets a visa and that it has no control over how long it takes for a visa to be issued once a passport is sent to the government for processing.

"The outflow of Ukrainian refugees seeking safe haven is without precedent," the company said. "We have proactively taken a series of actions in impacted countries. We quickly mobilized resources from around the globe to provide extra support to client governments amid a surge of applications."

According to the company, this includes opening four "pop-up" Canadian visa centres in Europe between April 14 and April 27: two in Poland, one in Slovakia and another in Hungary.

The company also said it has hired as many Ukrainian-speaking staff as possible to work at visa and customer support centres and that it added a page to its website with information for Ukrainians trying to come to Canada.

"When we become aware of any situation where our applicants feel underserved, we do our best to resolve the problems as soon as possible," the company said.

Traditionally, every part of the process to get a visa was handled by consulates and embassy offices. The same people who decided if someone got a visa also handled administrative tasks, such as tracking down incomplete files, filling out basic forms and meeting with applicants to collect required documents.

That all changed in 2001 when Indian entrepreneur Zubin Karkaria persuaded the U.S. government to let him run a pilot project handling the administrative side of visa processing at its Mumbai consulate.

According to various Indian newspaper articles, Karkaria is a Zoroastrian priest who worked at a friend's travel agency while in university. He received a knighthood from French president François Hollande in 2016 for his work promoting France as a travel destination. VFS Global's website describes him as a "pioneer of the global visa services industry."

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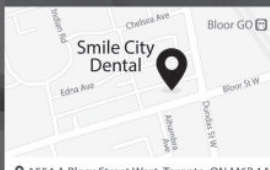
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Canada boosting NATO military role as alliance eyes major strategic shift over Russia

Canada is boosting its role in NATO defence efforts in Latvia amid a major shift by the alliance to a more assertive defensive posture in the wake of Russian atrocities in Ukrainian cities of Bucha and Mariupol.

The message the alliance aims to send to Russia is clear, said Latvian Prime Minister Krišjānis Kariņš.

"We are dead serious about defending ourselves, so don't even think about coming this way," Kariņš spoke alongside Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in a press conference on Thursday afternoon that saw Trudeau announce one Canadian general officer and up to six staff officers will be heading to Latvia to support and contribute to the leadership of the NATO's Multinational Division North.

The division is currently led by Denmark and supports defence planning for the Baltic member states, along with coordination of the activities by NATO's Enhanced

Forward Presence in Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania and Poland. NATO describes those battle groups as "robust and combat-ready forces."

Canada leads the Enhanced Forward Presence battle group in Latvia. The deployment comes as NATO leaders prepare to meet in Madrid, Spain, late next month. While there, they are expected to chart a more assertive defensive vision for the future of the alliance amid what Trudeau described as the "spectacularly poor" decision by Russia to invade Ukraine in February.

"We realize that we may, we do, have to reassess the risk posture and how much we need to stand together against potential Russian incursion and aggression and that is a conversation we are having towards Madrid and we will certainly be having in Madrid," Trudeau said.

He added that the longstanding operating assumptions of NATO have been that in the event a member is invaded by Russia, other members would respond under Article 5 to push them back out.

But the massacres and atrocities committed by Russians against Ukrainians fundamentally changed that.

"The other thing that has given people pause is Bucha, is Mariupol, is the atrocities that Russians are committing in territory they occupied," Trudeau said.

"The idea that there would be even an understanding that the Russians could advance but then we'd come in and push them back" as something that is in any way acceptable is something we've never calculated.

Russia's brutality in Ukraine has left a trail of horrific human suffering and spurred multiple avenues of international investigations. Those are probing the allegations of war crimes, systemic sexual violence and crimes against humanity that emerged as Russian forces retreated from cities like Bucha in March.

Donbas region, with Russian forces besieging and devastating the port city of Mariupol.

Yet amid the horrors, Ukrainians have mounted a fierce defence of their country that rallied and continues to rally determined support from states around the world. That support includes hundreds of billions of dollars in military equipment, including weapons, and economic aid along with unprecedented rounds of sanctions against Russian President Vladimir Putin's political allies and inner circle.

Canadian officials and allied leaders have consistently framed the invasion as an existential threat to the rules-based international order established in the aftermath of World War Two, and the resulting allied outcry sparked fundamental security policy shifts in European states like Germany and Switzerland.

Switzerland ditched its longstanding neutral position to join European Union allies with sanctions on Russian elites and key state institutions, as well as asset freeze.

Germany vowed a major defence spending boost to meet the NATO two-per-cent-of-GDP target and agreed to send military weapons to Ukraine, a decision made all the more significant by the country's longstanding position against sending arms to conflict zones.

How Doug Ford went from being a drag on his party to a major asset

When the Ontario Progressive Conservatives took control of the province in 2018, much of the credit for their victory was given to the former Liberal government's unpopular leader.

"The PC party did not win because of Doug Ford. The PC party won despite Doug Ford. They won because of [former Ontario premier] Kathleen Wynne," said Greg Lyle, a veteran pollster and president of Innovative Research Group.

Now, with current polling showing the Tories in the lead as Ontarians prepare to vote on June 2, Lyle said that "the size of the victory that we see at the moment, which may not last, is due to him."

Indeed, unlike his first two years in office, when he was a definite liability, says David Coleto, CEO of AbacusData.

"Doug Ford went from being the least popular premier in Ontario before the pandemic to being kind of in the middle, to right now, based on our polling, he's the most popular [provincial] leader in the province," Coleto said.

"Today, there's no doubt he's an asset in that a significant number of people who may not normally vote Conservative - if these trends continue - will likely vote Conservative because Doug Ford is the leader of the party, not despite that he is," Coleto said.

Moved on from the pandemic This is not to say that Ford is beloved across the province or that he doesn't have a significant number of detractors. There are still large swaths of Ontario voters who don't support the PC leader - many who may still be angered by his handling of the COVID-19 crisis.

Yet there are also those who offer praise for him, analysts say, and, more importantly for Ford, have since moved on from the pandemic to other issues.

With most people in Ontario vaccinated and cases falling - and perhaps many resigned to live with COVID-19 - "people have short memories. We've kind of collectively moved past the pandemic," Coleto said.

"And so while there were times throughout that he made decisions or did things that really upset many people, at the end of the day, I think people, even in our polling, say he did OK at managing the pandemic. It wasn't for enough people a



disqualifier." Instead, the electorate now sees "a world where cost of living and inflation and interest rates are really creating, I think, a significant amount of anxiety for people," Coleto said.

"Doug Ford and the PCs - when we asked people who do you think is best on those issues - they're well ahead."

Final debate As the four major political party leaders prepare to square off on Monday night in their final debate, CBC's own Poll Tracker has the PCs on track to form another majority government. But the situation that Ford and his party find themselves in now is a far cry from just over a year ago.

Initially, Ford, like many other leaders, saw his popularity numbers soar in the early months of the pandemic. But eventually the Tories were criticized for imposing too many restrictions by some, too few by others, and accused of not having a plan.

In April of last year during the third wave of the pandemic, Ford introduced a series of unpopular policy initiatives that included new policing powers and shutting down playgrounds. Following a public outcry, those policies were reversed, but they helped feed a narrative of an aimless government.

The impact was immediate. Lyle's Innovative Research Group found that satisfaction with the government's handling of the pandemic slipped five points before and after the announcement of the new restrictions and that Ford's own personal numbers fell.

Indeed, Lyle himself penned an article at the time under the headline: Is this the beginning of the end for Doug Ford? "Doug Ford has gone from being a

curer what I think." Lydia Miljan, a political science professor at the University of Windsor and a senior fellow with the Fraser Institute, said Ford has also been able to portray himself as a much more moderate politician than some may have expected.

"They thought he was going to be a slash-and-burn Conservative premier, and he was nothing like that," she said. "This last budget is the biggest we've ever had."

"And he's actually shown that he knows how to co-operate with the federal Liberal government," Miljan said. "He has a much better temperament than people probably would have given him credit for."

Kate Harrison, vice-chair of public affairs firm Summa Strategies, said Ford is also benefiting from a weak opposition. She said people here now had a chance to get a good look at NDP leader Andrea Horwath to see whether she's the right alternative, "and the polling suggests they're not biting this time."

As for Liberal Leader Steven Del Duca, "Nobody really at this stage thinks he's going to have a surprise come-from-behind victory," she said.

Coleto of Abacus Data said its polling shows that most Ontarians believe their life - including the quality of education and health care - either won't change or will be better if Ford is elected.

"And to me, that's an important indicator that the opposition parties have not created in enough people's minds a fear of a re-elected Doug Ford," he said.

As well, Ford's success at retail politics shouldn't be discounted, said the University of Windsor's Miljan. Small initiatives, such as sending refund cheques to Ontarians for their licence plate sticker renewal, goes a long way, she said.

"I think that that one of the risks that other politicians, especially on the left, have is that they denigrate that and ... say it's being small-minded. But that loses the vote."

Ford, as well, seems to be able to convince voters that he's the best leader to create opportunities being sought by a struggling middle class, Lyle said - and that when people are asked which leader is most likely to deliver change to benefit them, Ford wins on that question.

Patrick Brown says social conservatives would have a place in a party led by him

Conservative Party leadership candidate Patrick Brown says social conservatives would have a place in a party led by him but that he stands firm on his views on topics such as abortion.

In an interview on CTV's Question Period, Brown pointed to his time in provincial politics when social conservatives were elected while he was at the helm of the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario.

"There's a place for all conservatives in the Conservative family and you'll note that when I was leader of the Ontario Conservative party, there was a number of prominent social conservatives who got nominated," he said. "Certainly, you know, I value their place."

He said all leaders need to be clear, however, on where they stand on these contentious issues. Brown says he is "pro-choice" and a government under his leadership wouldn't revisit

the debate. Several party leadership candidates went after Pierre Poilievre during the first official debate last week but not having previously articulated his position on abortion clearly.

Poilievre said on Wednesday he believes in "freedom of choice." Brown has also faced criticism for flip-flopping on the issue. As a backbench MP in 2012, he voted in favour of Motion 112, which would have ostensibly ordered a review on when life legally begins.

Asked whether he'd allow a free vote on a bill restricting access to abortion within caucus, Brown said while he respects the rights of MPs to have free votes, he "expects" not to have to go there.

"Our focus will be on getting Canada back on its feet, growing our economy, creating jobs and making Canada the destination of choice in the world for where you want to invest," he said.

Brown often touts his ability to attract voters in areas the Conservative Party desperately needs to pick up support, such as the Greater Toronto Area.

While he wouldn't declare his winning numbers to date, he said he's confident he'll attract "thousands of new Canadians... from every walk of life."

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