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Conservatives within three seats of a majority, current seat projection shows

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WATERLOO — An analysis of current polls projects a seat distribution that places the federal Conservatives within three seats of a majority, according to the Laurier Institute for the Study of Public Opinion and Policy (LISPOP).

The latest projection by LISPOP is based on an aggregation of six polls with a blended sample of 6,000 individuals. The regional swing model projects 152 seats for the Conservatives, 95 for the Liberals, 27 for the NDP and 34 for the Bloc Quebecois.

While the seat projection is not a prediction of the future, it is useful to understand how current public opinion translates into actual seat counts.

The seat projection can be viewed at: <http://www.wlu.ca/lispop/fedblog/>

LISPOP's Federal Election Monitor website includes regularly updated seat projections for all of Canada, delivered through colour-coded regional maps. The projections are based on Laurier political science professor Dr. Barry Kay's regional-swing model, which he has used successfully for over 30 years of Canadian elections.