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Liberals Expand Lead to 10 Points; Carney Doubles Preferred PM Margin Over Poilievre in Latest Nanos Tracking



As Canada's federal election campaign enters its second week, the Liberal Party under Mark Carney has widened its national lead over the Conservatives to 10 percentage points, according to the latest polling from Nanos Research, conducted for CTV News and The Globe and Mail.

The latest three-day rolling average ending April 3 shows the Liberals at 46 per cent, up one point from the previous day, while the Conservatives have slipped to 36 per cent. The New Democratic Party holds steady at nine per cent, with the Bloc Québécois at five per cent, the Green Party at two per cent, and the People's Party of Canada at one per cent.

"On Day 1 of tracking, the Liberal advantage stood at five points. Today, it has doubled to 10," said Nik Nanos, Chief Data Scientist at Nanos Research. "This increase comes in the wake of Mark Carney's high-profile response to President Trump's 'Liberation Day' tariff announcement, which appears to have resonated with voters."

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People Against Littering (PAL) Leads Successful Cleanup at Lakeland Village Park Despite Rainy and Icy Conditions

Undeterred by freezing rain and icy conditions, over 50 enthusiastic residents, including men, women, children, and seniors, gathered at Lakeland Village Park on March 30, 2025, for a successful cleanup organized by People Against Littering (PAL). The event witnessed strong community participation, with Regional Councillor Paul Vicente taking the lead alongside his three-person team, who arrived early and accounted for almost half of the trash collected.

“It’s inspiring to see the community come together, regardless of the weather, to make Brampton cleaner and greener,” said Paul Vicente. “Events like this highlight the commitment of our residents to keeping public spaces free of litter. I’m proud to stand with them in this effort.”

The event was well-organized under the leadership of Bill Godfrey, President of PAL, and his dedicated team, who ensured that everything was set up by 10 AM. Registration, free supplies, and equipment were provided to all participants, and the cleanup operation commenced promptly at 10:15 AM.



“Our vision is to see the City of Brampton take a leadership role in implementing stricter bylaws to ensure that parks across the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) remain litter-free,” said Bill Godfrey. “PAL is committed to fostering a culture of cleanliness and community pride by engaging residents and encouraging municipalities to adopt stronger policies.”

Regional Councillor Rowena Santos, a long-time supporter of PAL, also participated in the cleanup despite her extremely busy schedule. “PAL’s work goes beyond just cleaning up parks—it’s about instilling a sense of responsibility in our communities,” said Rowena Santos. “Their dedication has set an excellent example for others to follow, and I’m proud to continue supporting this important cause.”

The event was further enhanced by the participation of community members and supporters. “It was a joy to have my friend with his beautiful wife and their delightful young daughter participate,” said Bill Godfrey. “It was also great seeing Amritpal Dhillon again! This unselfish gentleman cares deeply about Lakeland Park and regularly picks up litter. Thank you, Amritpal! He could use some help, people!”



Special gratitude was extended to Gian Paul, whose ongoing support is invaluable to PAL, and to Jatinder Paul, Anuja Kabuli, and dedicated PAL volunteers Victoria Reynolds and Doug Grainger, whose commitment to keeping the community clean was evident during the event. “Great job, everyone! Your enthusiasm and dedication continue to make a real difference,” said Bill Godfrey, as the event concluded with heartfelt thanks to all participants and volunteers. With strong community engagement and support from local leaders, PAL’s efforts are poised to expand their positive impact across Brampton and beyond.





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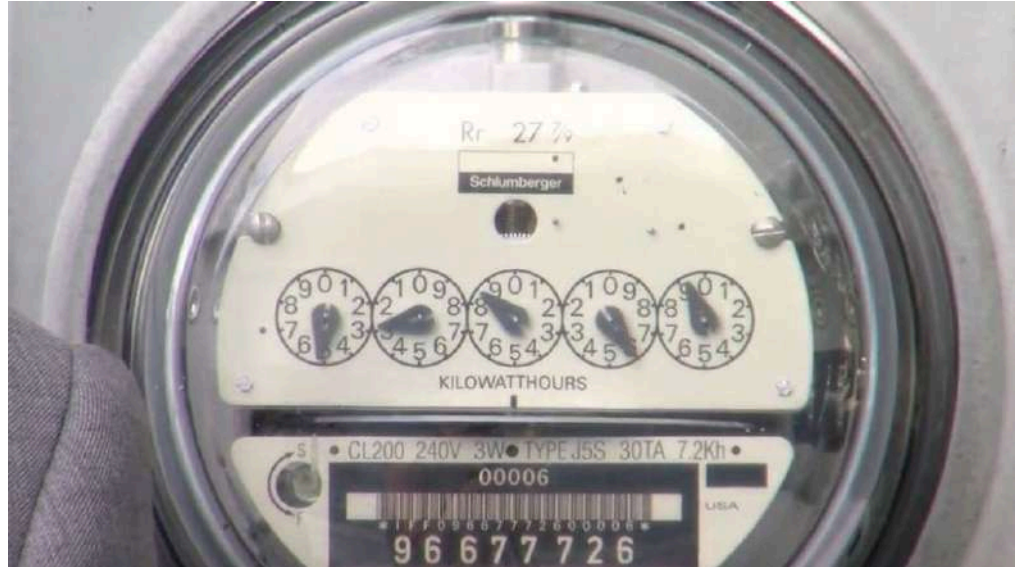
A simple error while paying an electricity bill online turned into a stressful ordeal for Toronto resident Naomi Khan, who accidentally paid \$8,472 instead of the intended \$84.72 after forgetting to input a decimal point during the transaction.

Khan, who normally pays her bills on a computer, used her phone this time and didn't realize the mistake until days later, when she needed to pay her rent and other bills.

"When it happened, it was a hard blow, a slap in the face. I couldn't believe it," said Khan. She initially expected a quick refund, but soon grew frustrated with the lack of clarity and communication from the billing company, Metergy Solutions.

After two weeks of waiting with no resolution, Khan reached out to CTV News, whose intervention helped expedite the refund. In a statement, Metergy confirmed that the refund was processed via e-transfer and that Naomi Khan had received a full refund.

"I'm thankful for CTV. You guys are an amazing voice for people who have no voice," Khan said after receiving her money back.



Mistakes like this have happened before – another case involved a senior who mistakenly paid over \$13,000 on her credit card when trying to pay \$131.07, and it took her more than three months to get her money back.

Consumers are reminded that while most companies will issue refunds for overpayments, the process can be lengthy, and attention to detail can prevent unnecessary stress.

US Senate Confirms Indian-Origin Lawyer Harmeet Dhillon to Head Civil Rights Division



The U.S. Senate, in a 52-45 vote, has confirmed Harmeet K. Dhillon, an Indian-origin conservative lawyer, as the head of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, following her nomination by former President Donald Trump.

Dhillon's confirmation marks a significant ideological shift in the division responsible for overseeing hate crime prosecutions, voting rights enforcement, and investigations into discriminatory practices by law enforcement agencies. Only one Republican, Senator Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, voted against the confirmation, joining all Senate Democrats in opposition.

Known for her vocal support of Trump-era policies, Dhillon has drawn praise from conservatives for challenging corporate "woke" policies, opposing DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) initiatives, and filing lawsuits related to free speech and religious liberties through her nonprofit, the Center for American Liberty.

At her confirmation hearing, Dhillon labeled DEI programs as "illegal and unconstitutional," emphasizing a return to what she described as constitutional civil liberties. Her stance has sparked concern from major civil rights groups, who warn her leadership could reverse gains made in protecting minority and marginalized communities.

Her appointment comes alongside the confirmation of Dean John Sauer as Solicitor General, further solidifying conservative influence over the U.S. legal and civil rights agenda.

Critics, including the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, have expressed alarm over Dhillon's past involvement in efforts to overturn the 2020 election and her positions on transgender rights and reproductive freedoms.

Nonetheless, Dhillon's confirmation stands as a landmark moment—both as an appointment of an Indian-American to a senior Justice Department role, and as a reflection of ongoing shifts in civil rights enforcement priorities in the United States.

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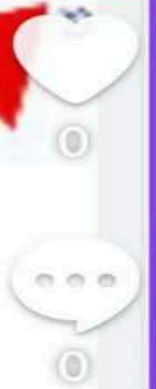
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