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A LOOK BACK AT 2024

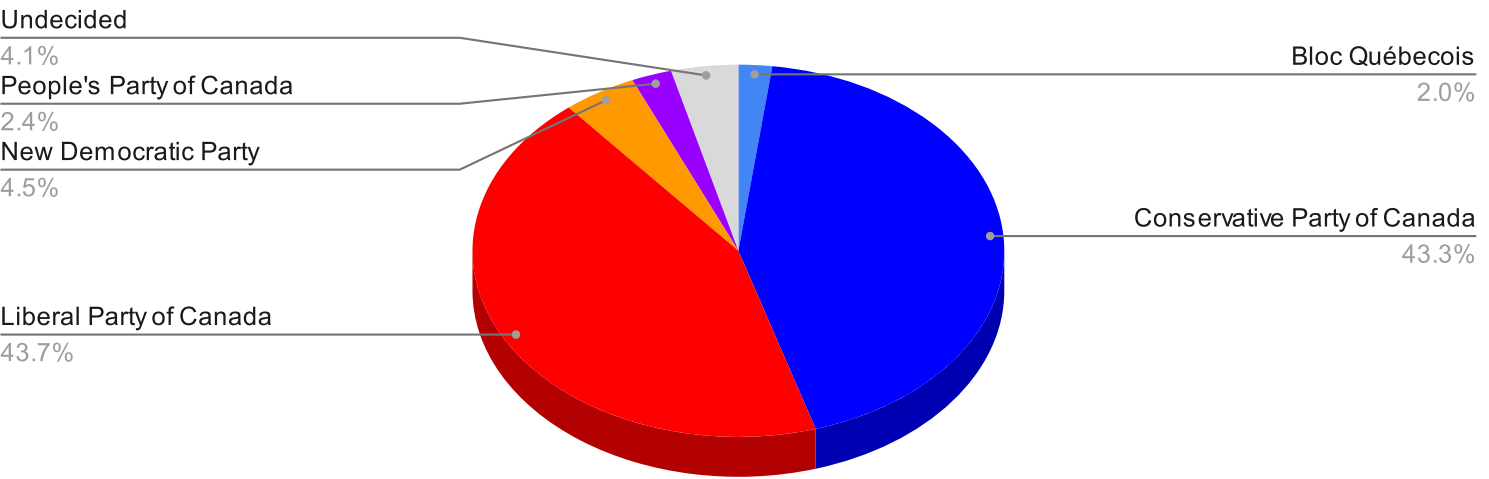
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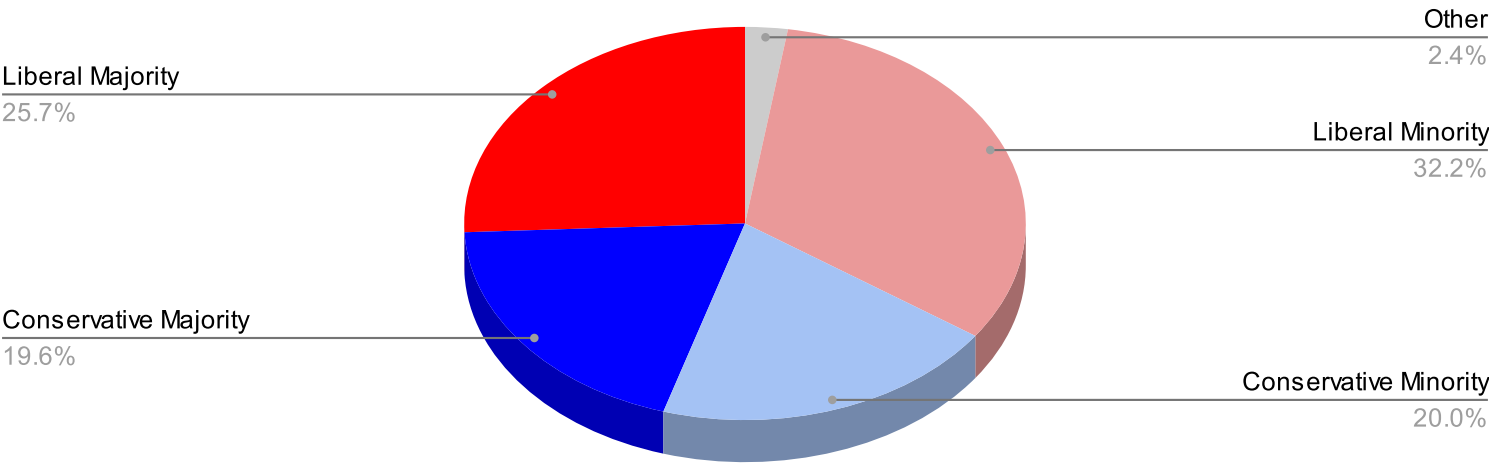
If you were a voter in the Canadian federal election, which party would you vote for?

Based on 245 responses from UCC students, faculty and staff



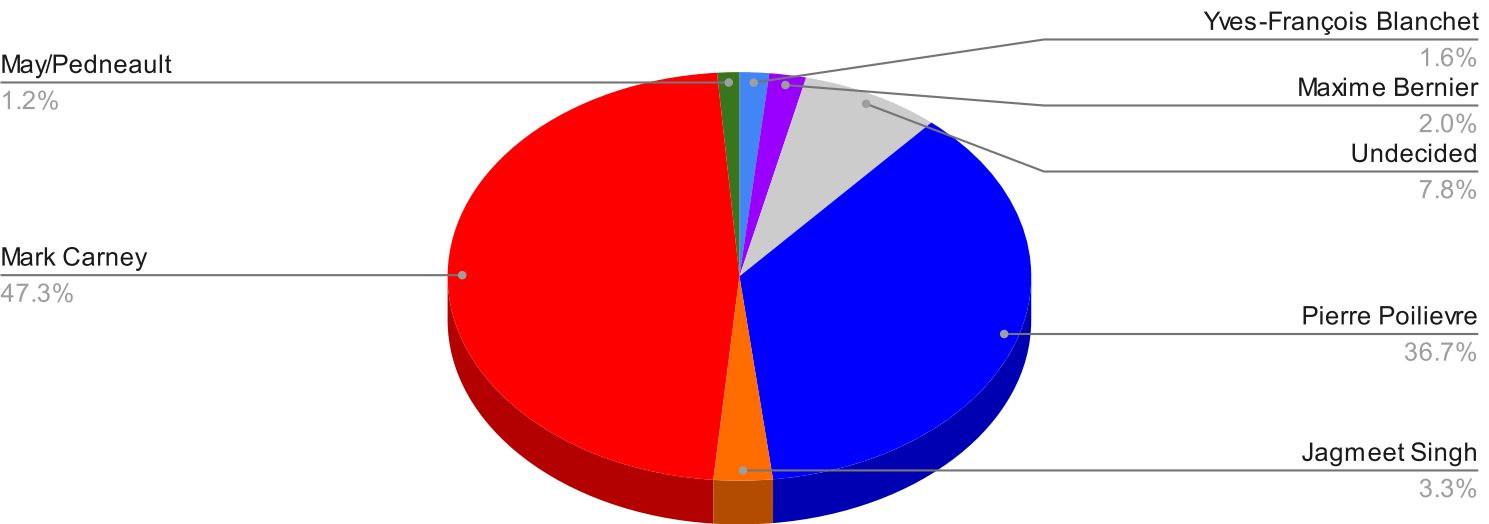
Which party do you think will win the Canadian election?

Based on 245 responses from UCC students, faculty and staff



Who would you like to see as your next leader?

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CONVERGENCE FINDS UCC EVENLY DIVIDED



MATTHEW TONG & FERRARI ZHANG
SURVEY CREATED BY CYRUS SARFATY

Convergence recently polled 245 members of the UCC community, including students of all ages and faculty, on their

opinions regarding the upcoming federal election and the issues surrounding it.

Based on poll results, 43.7% of the community would vote for the Liberal Party of Canada, while 43.3%, just one less person, would vote for the Conservative Party of Canada. The New Democratic Party trails far behind with 4.5% of the vote, followed by undecided voters at 4.1%, the People's Party at 2.4%, and the Bloc Québécois with 2.1%. Notably, there were no supporters of the Green Party of Canada. This is reflective of the broader public sentiment in Canada: In the 338 Canada aggregator, the Liberals are leading the Conservatives 43%-38%, a lead that is within their margin of error. Of additional note, Prime Minister Mark Carney is more popular than his party, while the opposite is true for Conservative leader Pierre Poilievre: 47.3% would like to see Carney as the next leader of Canada, while Poilievre stands at 36.7%. Even though the UCC community is equally split in its preferences, it favours the Liberals to win the election: 57.9% think the Liberals will be in government compared to 39.6% who think the Conservatives will push the Liberals into opposition. This would certainly be unimaginable even three months ago to anyone at this school, or for that matter, anywhere else in Canada.

Interestingly, the younger the voter is, the more likely they are Conservative. Those

in the MYP (Years 8-10) are heavily Conservative, with the Conservatives holding a commanding 23-point lead (54.5% - 31.7%) over the Liberals. Those in the DP (Years 11-12) are much less so, with the Conservatives only leading by 7 (49.3% - 42.3%). The Conservatives led students overall by 17 percentage points (52.6% - 35.6%), which is notably 13 points less than their lead in 2021 (54.4% - 24.4%). The faculty was a different story altogether. The Liberals had 74.5% of the vote, while the Conservatives pulled an unimpressive 7.8% of the vote. This translates to a 67-point lead for the Liberals in faculty, and hence an 84-point gap between the preferences of students and faculty.

Of course, just polling UCC on who they would vote for is not that interesting, so *Convergence* has also, per tradition, asked students and faculty for their comments on the election, their degree of satisfaction with Canada as it is now, their view on President Donald Trump's threats, and more. *Convergence* is committed to representing all voices, aiming to reflect the true sentiments of UCC without bias. Thus, all responses will be displayed below without alteration, and do not necessarily reflect *Convergence's* political stance. We sincerely appreciate everyone who participated in the poll and shared insightful comments - your contributions are truly valued.



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STUDENT AND FACULTY COMMENTS

"I believe in Pierre Poilievre to put Canada back on the right track."

"Carbon Tax Carney - He's Just Like Justin"

"Charlie Kirk needs to be heard."

"Why is the win rate of the liberals actually going up- they wrecked the entire country, possibly beyond repair, AND PEOPLE ARE VOTING FOR THEM!?! At this point, I'm convinced the liberal are doing shady business behind the scenes because nobody in their right mind would vote for them"

"Whatever your opinion of Mark Carney is, he made a smart decision calling a snap election as momentum is currently on his side. If Poilievre wants to take the lead, he must address the allegations of his Trump like policies and political standing, and gain a reputation aside from criticising the opposition in order to appeal to the general public. He should instead focus more on arguing why he would be a good choice for PM, rather than a "better" choice. In terms of the Liberals' weak spots, rather than trashing Carney specifically, should target instead the fact that everyone surrounding Mark Carney are the same people that surrounded Trudeau. Just because the party's "leader" changed, they were still responsible for Canada's lost decade, and Poilievre should bring attention to this, just not so aggressively, otherwise people will only pay attention to the mindless aggression and attacks rather than the content of his criticism."

"I think that we need a leader who can stand up to Trump and fight back against America >:("

"Liberals steal money"

"I hate the liberal party"

"Carbon tax carney is not the man for Canada, he is a liar, and he led Britain to a recession."

"Liberals are some liberal sissy's they have screwed over our country for forever and we need a change."

"Do I want the Liberals to win, having lead this country downhill for the past 8 years? No. Are they likely to win. Unfor-

tunately yes."

"Mark Carney becoming Prime Minister when Trudeau resigned was undemocratic."

"Although I am a CPC supporter, it turns out with Trudeau gone a lot of my grievances towards the Liberal party are gone as well."

"There has been inherent agendas in the Liberal party which Carney has temporarily reverted from but will most likely return to once elected. Poilievre has always been a promising and strong leader with clear and (used to be) very popular proposals to the country. Nothing has changed since Carney's election. He has not proven to be any different from Trudeau at this point. His only major change was against his very own Carbon Tax."

"Mark Carney's connections to the Europe through his former position as governor of the bank of England could be essential to navigating trade throughout the Trump presidency."

"Carney is a step up from Trudeau, but the Liberals remain the same. Same cabinet, same people, same philosophy."

"If the liberal party wins Canada is screwed"

"I don't really know where I stand"

"Mark Carney is the most overrated person to enter politics in modern history"

"Interesting how rapidly faith has been restored in the Liberal Party under Carney."

"Trudeau=not good so Carney=not good"

"Lost liberal decade more dept interest payment then health care"

"I think the Canadian public is fed up with the Liberals and want something new; I expect a big swing in the Conservatives favour."

"Canada is not for sale."

" When I say I am dissatisfied it is not so much because of our government but because of the scary times that the U.S.

government has put the world in."

"As citizens and leaders we need to stand up for Canada, the ideals of a free, sovereign democracy and a healthy pluralistic society. Canada needs clear and purposeful leadership on these issues — leadership that thinks more about policy and our place in the world than the path of least resistance to elected political office. And we need UCC boys to ask themselves what would need to be true for them to consider public service and public office - and how they can shape a future where our best and brightest pursue national leadership. This election should be about how we change the game, not just how we change the players."

"Poilievre doesn't really bring any new policies to the table except "axeing the tax" which Carney already promised to do."

"Poilievre just acts too much like Trump"

"We need adults in the room now - not disgruntled, sloganeering, ideologues"

"Pierre Poilievre faces a challenge. Many of his supporters may support Trump, so he must not alienate these supporters to the People's Party, but must take back his centrist base that he previously held."

"The options aren't great. I'm worried that some Canadians won't vote because they don't have confidence in the Liberal government but they're reluctant to vote for PP."

"Resume vs. Resume Liberals are going to win. Hopefully they reform all policy from the past 10 years. Wealth distribution has been abysmal."

"long live the thousand-year Carneyreich"

"Mark Carney is a seasoned professional that does not engage in the brutalist, and scandalist behaviour exhibited by Pierre Poilievre."

"I think it's worth it to at least see what Carney can do, especially with how prevalent he was during the 2008 stock market crisis and in what some would call Canada's best years"

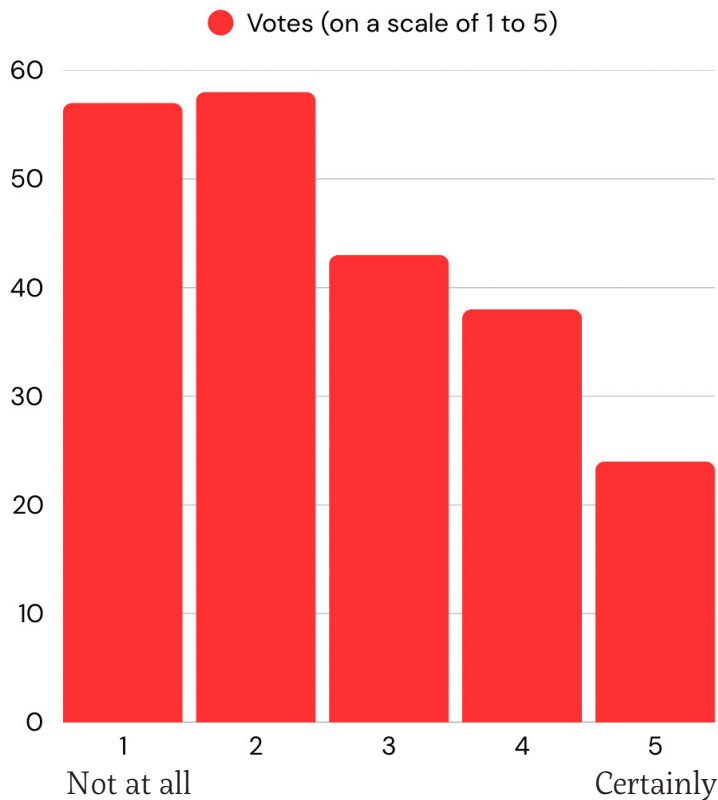
"Poilievre sure loves his rhymes"

ADDITIONAL STUDENT AND FACULTY COMMENTS

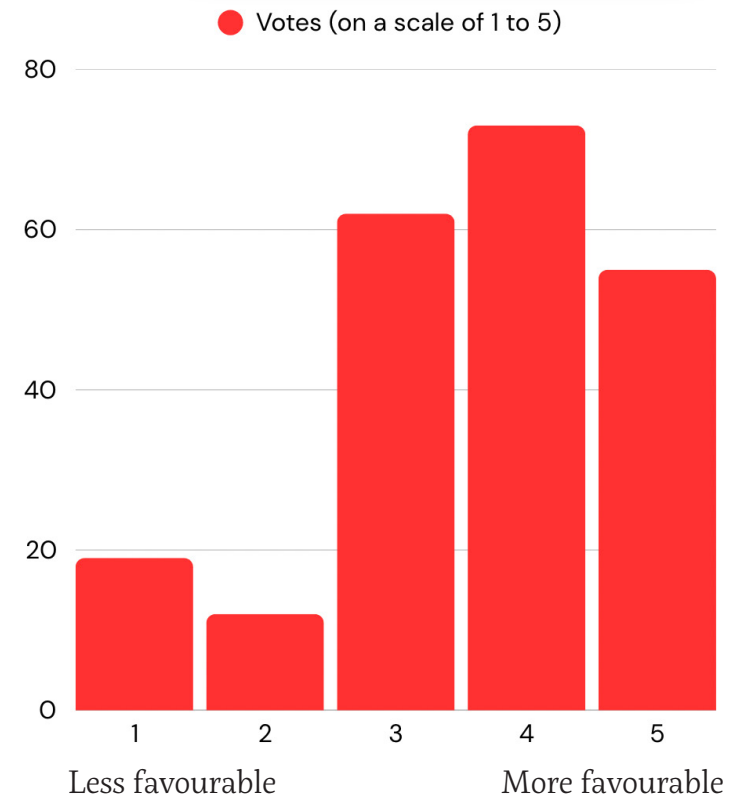
What is the most important problem facing Canada today?



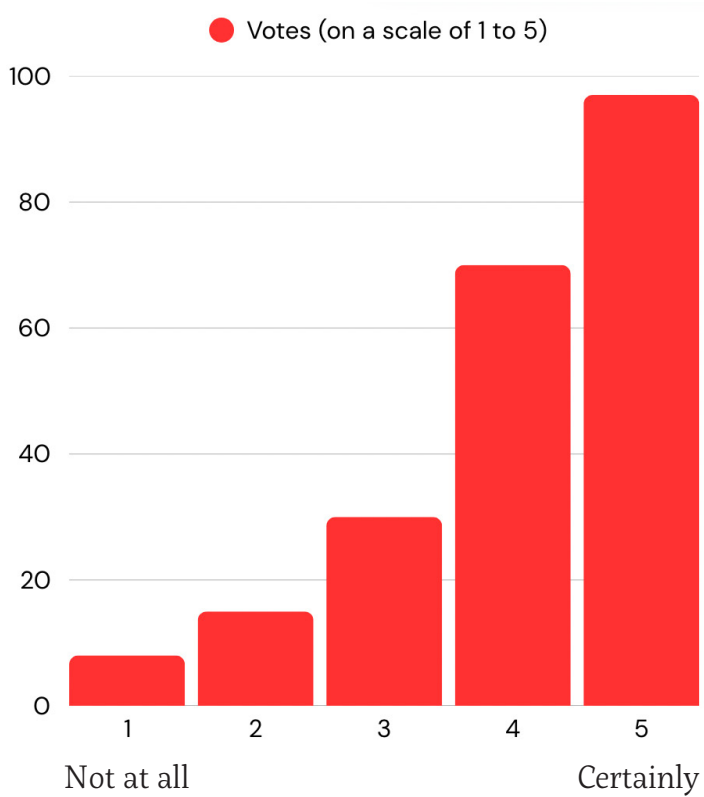
Do you believe President Donald Trump's threats of annexing Canada as the "51st state"?



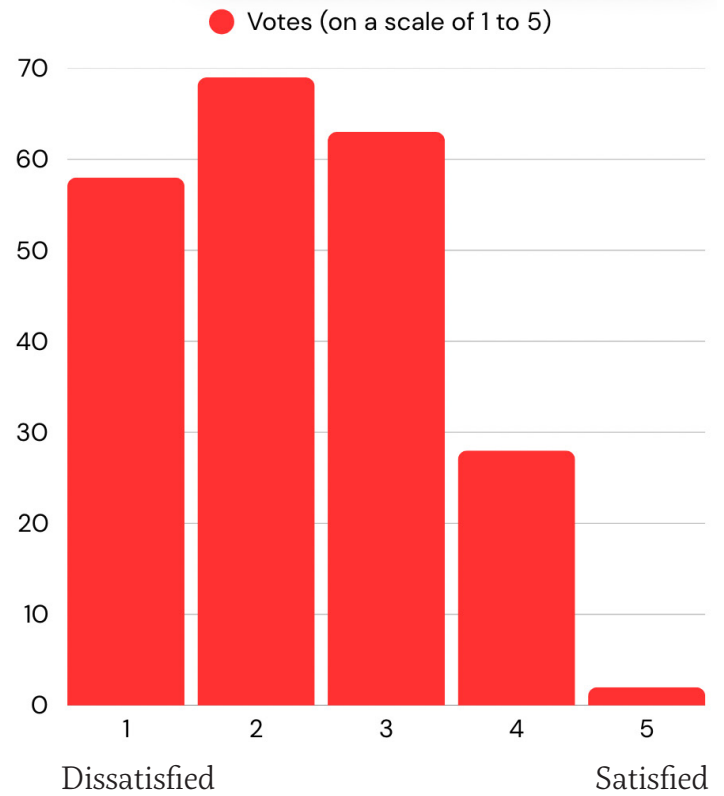
How has your view of the Liberal Party changed since Trudeau's resignation?



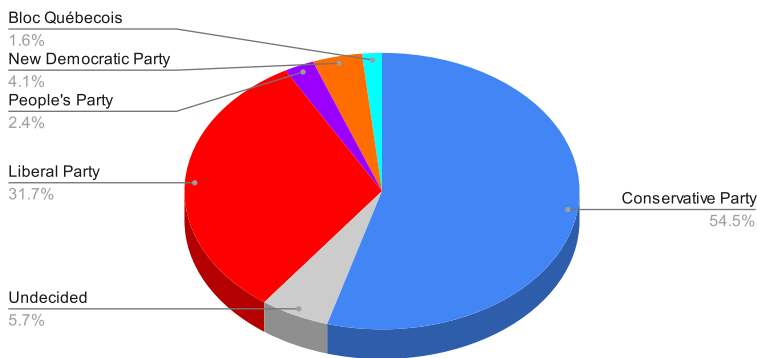
Do you believe President Trump's tariffs will be detrimental to Canada's best interests?



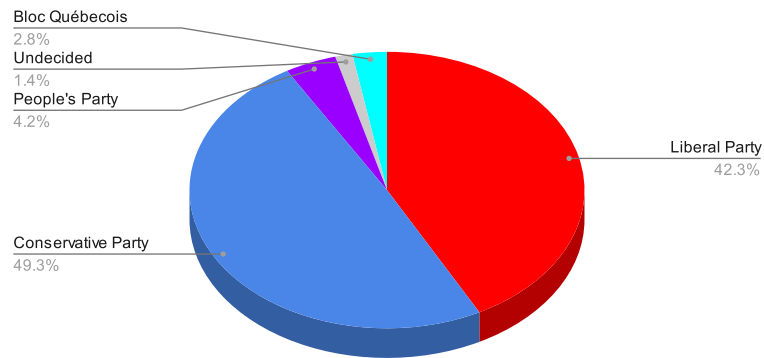
In general, how satisfied are you with Canada's current state of affairs?



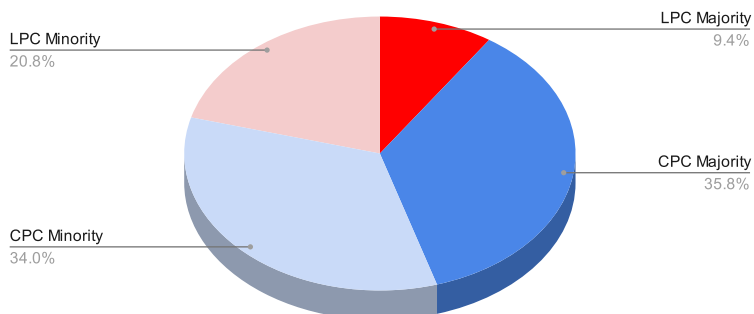
MYP Students' Preferred Party



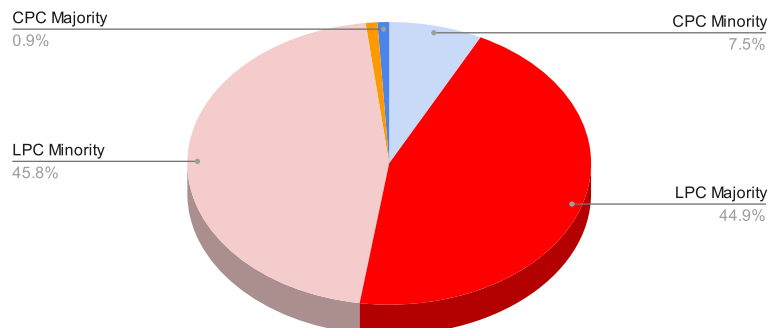
DP Students' Preferred Party



Conservative Supporters on Perceived Win Likelihood



Liberal Supporters On Perceived Win Likelihood



REFLECTIONS ON 2024

In general, has 2024 been a better year than 2023?



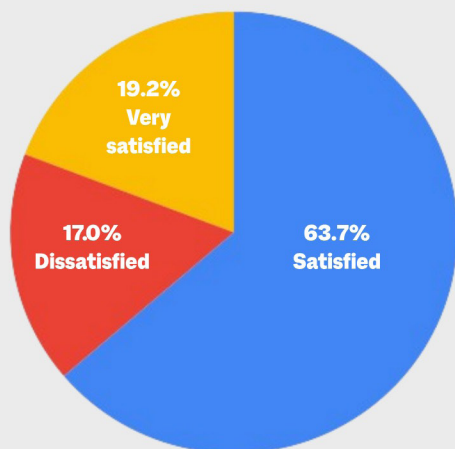
Rate the performance of the current Board of Stewards.

Average score:
3.47 out of 5

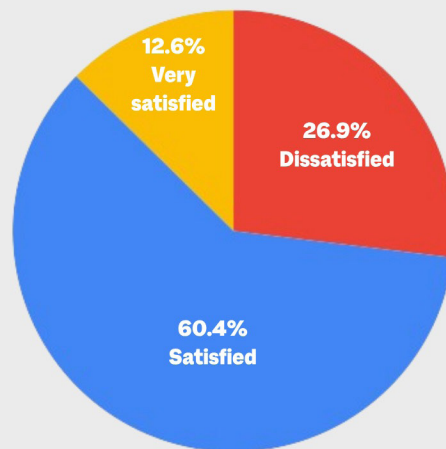
Describe your 2024 in one word.

busy	revealing	meh	growth	change
stressful	pain	better	quick	engaged
mid	brat	sevens	polarized	leader
chaotic	hockey	disaster	tired	revealing
hectic	fast	mess	productive	nice
america	brainrot	cooked	boring	unique
progress	dull	silly	fun	endless
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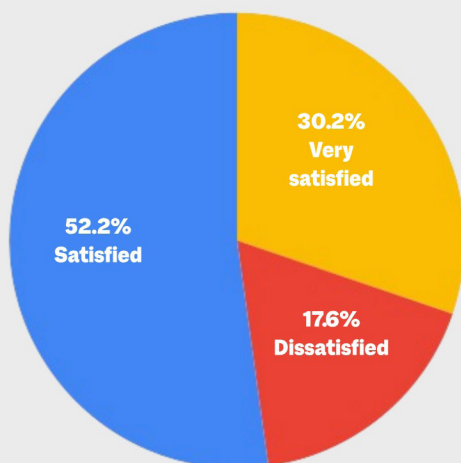
How satisfied are you with your own performance in all aspects of life in 2024?



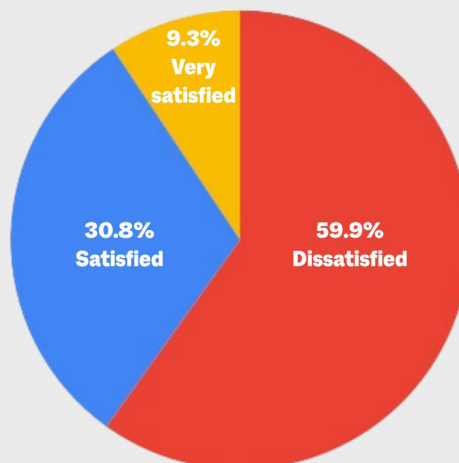
How satisfied are you with UCC's performance as a school in 2024?



How satisfied are you with your social life in general over the past year?



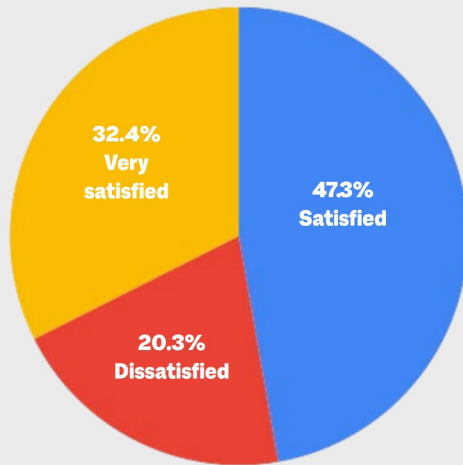
How satisfied are you with the amount of sleep you have been getting over the past year?



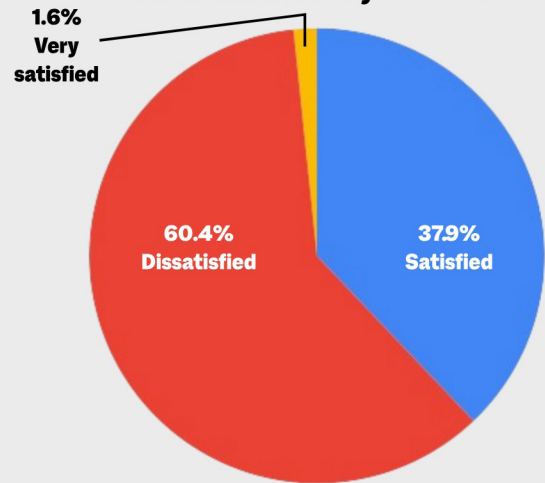
What was the most memorable event of 2024?

Winning a hockey tournament in Victoria | Summer Olympics | Michigan winning the national championship | Running in Canadian Cross Country Championships | A-Day assembly | Summer break | Release of Elden Ring DLC | My bardown clapper from the blue line during my hockey tournament in Montreal | Trump winning | RHCP concert | Haunted house with my friends | Head of the Charles | United Healthcare CEO Shooting | France trip | David Suzuki at UCC | June 14, leaving the last exam | Winning second round of playoffs in hockey | A-Day | Germany hiking | HL Physics test | When Ninja got a low taper fade | Relay for Life | The Euros and Copa America | Trump getting shot | Everybody | Varsity baseball CISAA champions | Post-exam euphoria | Winning robotics | Prize Day | Getting better food at the LD | My cousin's wedding | Winning the Jr. CISAA championship for basketball | Week Without Bells | Surfing | Watching Attack on Titan | Struggling away from procrastination | Oilers going to the final | Beginning of DP and HL Chemistry with Mr. Bain | Qualifying for OFSAA track and field in my first year on the team | Going to Universal during winter break in January | Getting a 7 on a math test | Being accepted into UCC | Hitting 200 lb bench at the gym | Getting 10 hours of sleep | Mr. Scatozza playing ping-pong

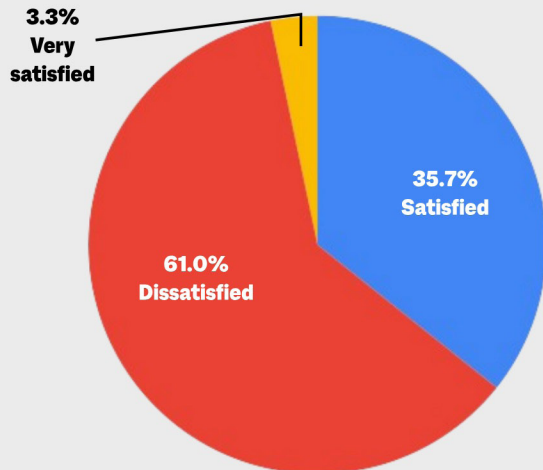
How satisfied are you with your co-curricular pursuits over the past year?



How satisfied are you with the performance of Canada as a country in 2024?



How satisfied are you with the progress of humanity in 2024?



New Year's Resolutions

"Become super flexible to prevent injury"
 "Lock in"
 "Keep on top of my work"
 "Get academic tie, principal's list, and general proficiency"
 "Be better at hockey"
 "Stop procrastinating"
 "Hit the gym, don't lose the game"
 "Read more"
 "Start a club"
 "Winter arc"
 "Personal wellbeing"
 "To improve my routine significantly"
 "To lose weight"
 "Be less of a jerk"
 "Get all 8s"
 "To listen to what my body needs and self-care more often"
 "Go to the gym every day"
 "Value my time and fix my time management skills"
 "Continue to live closer to God"
 "Learn C#"
 "Lower screen time usage (especially Instagram)"
 "Get better sleep"
 "Improve on the erg"

Additional Comments

Note: While some comments may be expressed with strong emotions, we believe it is important to authentically reflect the diverse perspectives and genuine voices of the student body. Convergence does not endorse any student opinions.

"Stewards need to do more or be recognised a bit more so we know what they're doing"
 "Leafs will win the cup"
 "Why is our land acknowledgement so long now?"
 "Why doesn't every holiday get equal time at assemblies?"
 "School is too long. A better system would be to have 4 back to back periods. After that we could have flex-time and lunch. There would be more time for school sports extra help and lunch."
 "Please start developing student culture and feeling of belonging"
 "I feel like the average IQ of the grade is going down after grade 7"
 "People need to learn to be kind and give more gratitude"
 "Bring back the 3-day grace"
 "The English course for Y10 sucks"
 "Mr. Smith vs Mr. Mac boxing match when?"
 "Have less war and corruption in this world"
 "Especially for grade 11s and 12s there needs to be more wellbeing support and better structure put into place on academic assessments. There should be no week where a student has 4+ assessments in one week, much less 7-9"

Editor's Note - Joining Convergence

Interested in joining or contributing to *Convergence*? It's easy to become a staff reporter- all you need to do is to join the *Convergence* club, show up to club meetings, present your ideas, and write articles.

Also, anyone in the Upper School can be a contributor to *Convergence* without full-time commitment. Your articles can either be related to UCC or cover social or political events of general interest. Please send them to convergence@ucc.on.ca.

Taking on a leadership role for a school newspaper looks great on post-secondary applications the world over. Your potential contribution to *Convergence* will be greatly appreciated, and will be a strong factor in determining executive roles such as Manager and Editor for future years.

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INTERVIEW WITH CNN'S BILL WEIR



MATTHEW TONG
SENIOR EDITOR

Convergence: Okay, Mr. Weir. Your work has taken you to some of the most beautiful but also the most threatened places on earth. So what was one of the most surprising things you experienced from your travels that you hadn't fully appreciated before seeing it firsthand?

Bill Weir: It's really hard to pick a favorite because every trip I had my mind blown in so many unexpected ways. I mean what leaps to mind is I went to Cuba as an American with a certain set of preconceptions about what had happened there politically, but not prepared to just fall in love with the physical beauty of the islands, the coral reefs, the culture of the people, and call it home. From Iceland to Vanuatu, to see our shared humanity that there's oftentimes much more similar about us than different. It really comes down to the stories we tell ourselves in different corners of the world. And more and more, unfortunately, I'm spending more time in the middle of unnatural disasters and trying to understand both how to adapt to this scary new future, what's being lost. This touches so many aspects of our lives, the big story

of an overheating planet, but I think we lack the capacity to imagine not only the worst that can happen, but the best, too, and there's so many good things, positives happening at the same time.

C: Obviously, in your work storytelling is really important for inspiring change, especially when it comes to climate. So have there been moments where you felt your reporting directly impacted public perception or policy?

BW: Yeah, I'd like to think so. At a certain point in my career, the novelty of just seeing my mug on TV wore off. And you realize, I have an obligation and a responsibility. If I'm going to be given a camera and the freedom to really roam the planet, what stories affect the most life? And whether it's going after illegal wildlife poachers and traders and trying to get legislation moved around elephant ivory bands, which we did back in my ABC News days, to, you know, I did one story in my ABC News days about doctors at the Mayo Clinic who were trying to turn skin tissue into a beating heart tissue through pluripotent stem cell research. And I agreed to be a guinea pig and they did this experiment. It showed me this beating heart tissue outside my body that had been taken from my arm. It matched my heart rate. And it was one of those stories that was so incredible to tell and be part of. It led to hundreds of millions of dollars of donations for that treatment and that disease. And my little heart is now beating. It's going to be full size and it's still beating in the Mayo Clinic. But what I always set out to do with The Wonder List is remind people of why these places are so special, but also how quickly they can go away if we're not careful. And it's inevitable that we want to see these glorious corners of the world and so do billions of other people who have Instagram too. But the best we can hope for is that when people do go to these places, that they tread with care, both to the environment and to the culture, be respectful.

C: Absolutely. Like you were saying, there's a lot of devastation in the world and so the climate crisis can feel overwhelming. How do you personally stay hopeful and avoid burnout when covering urgent and sometimes discouraging stories?

BW: Yeah. I wrestle with it every day and some days are harder than others. And

what I've realized is it comes down to what we focus on. And if you think of this story, the climate crisis, as a giant mosaic, there's some really dark corners, like a Hieronymus Bosch, you know, print, but there's also some really hopeful, encouraging, inspirational things that are happening that fill up my cup when I focus on those for a while. So I try to balance out the firehose of bad news that I read every day and new peer-reviewed science showing us how much time is being lost. But if I heed the voice of Mr. Rogers, who said, look for the helpers, I focus on the scientists, the field workers, the innovators, the laboratories, the neighborhood groups, kids planting trees, you know, this is truly our way out of this - is to connect with each other around science and around nature. I think we're so disconnected, we're so sort of slaves to modern convenience, we're not realizing that we've given up our connection with each other in the natural world and as a result ecosystems are breaking, you know. But I think of specific characters, there's a woman named Rosa Mira who's saving the jungle down in Columbia by converting old cattle ranches and reforesting them. I think of scientists in Iceland who are trying to capture carbon, the floating rafts of kelp, I think of innovations in thermal batteries and earth repair - and we're capable. I know we're capable of figuring this out. The same big brains that created the problem can fix it. It's just a matter of us sharing the same story and the same mission.

C: This morning you were talking about self-actualization and so I was thinking, what got you interested in journalism, what made you feel that that was your self-actualization?

BW: You know I saw, I knew I wanted to be a writer, I liked creative writing or at least people told me I was good at it, at a young age. And then when I was maybe 13 or 14, I read and saw *All the President's Men*, you know, Robert Redford, Dustin Hoffman playing Woodward and Bernstein. And the idea that a couple of reporters who were just focused on finding the truth could bring down a presidency seemed pretty astounding. And my father was a big news junkie, so the evening news was always on in our house and at a certain point I realized, wait, those are reporters who get sent to be on the front lines of history as it's happening. That

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seems pretty cool. I saw, I was watching the first Gulf War invasion, I had just graduated from college, watching the early days of CNN and never imagined that I could be one of those guys, you know. And at a certain point I always thought maybe I want to do late night comedy and I started in sportscasting, but I've always really had a hunger to understand the world. And just by a quirk of fate, sort of like Forrest Gump's feather, landed in jobs where they started sending me into wars and into developing economies and into interesting stories. And I think it's the best job in the world.

C: Journalism requires adaptability, quick thinking, emotional resilience, and a sense of purpose. Are there any skill sets or attributes specifically that prepare journalists for covering the types of stories that you do?

BW: I think an insatiable curiosity is a big help. And a sense of empathy. I had a very nomadic youth, I moved around a lot as a kid and went to 17 different schools around the U.S.. And when you're constantly the new kid, you learn how to fit in, you learn how to read a room. And as a result, I've got friends from Oklahoma and Malibu and very different politically, very different culturally. But I'd be just as comfortable, you know, putting my knees under the kitchen tables in either place, you know. And yeah, I think it helps to be really curious. And have a sense of, I mean, I got into it in my talk a little bit, I glossed over at the end. But when you ask a really passionate lawyer or judge, why did you choose this path, they would probably tell you, I believe in justice. And that's as much a part of them as their spleen, you know, a sense of right and wrong, at least the good ones. And I think in journalism, it's a sense of almost an indignant pursuit of the truth and a hunt for fairness. There's an old cliché that it's our job to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.

C: Yeah, absolutely. You were talking about justice. And I was thinking if you ever had an experience where your personal beliefs or your own emotions had to

clash with the journalistic responsibility to remain objective at any point.

BW: The one big, the hardest lesson I had on that was not really an environmental story. It was a health story. I was working at ABC News and I was assigned to, basically, do the doctor's visit of the future. It was a famous doctor in Beverly Hills, who had a gamut of new tests, full body scans. And they said, why don't you go out and take all those tests and see what they, see what medical science is, how it's evolving. And in the course of that, he sat me down and said you have heart disease. This is all on camera. He says you're the kind of guy who goes for a job when he's 40 years old and drops dead of a heart attack. And it was such a shocking moment. And I had sort of this out-of-body experience thinking about my daughter and that she'd never been to a funeral. And so very quickly, this became the assignment that saved my life, you know, I went and did this story. And then we aired it and I heard from cardiac specialists around the country saying, wait a minute, not so fast. Let me give you some second opinions on this. And I did follow-up stories. There's a real tug of war in medical science over too much testing. How do you analyze these scans and not scare people into chasing false positives or shadows? But because it was my heart and because even my boss was like, wow, how exciting that you got this assignment. It clouded my distance and my separation. And I tried to make good for it with the follow-up story. But that is the risk of, I'm a big fan of experiential journalism and you know, I want to do that thing and try to convey what it's like for people. But then also, you got to be careful.

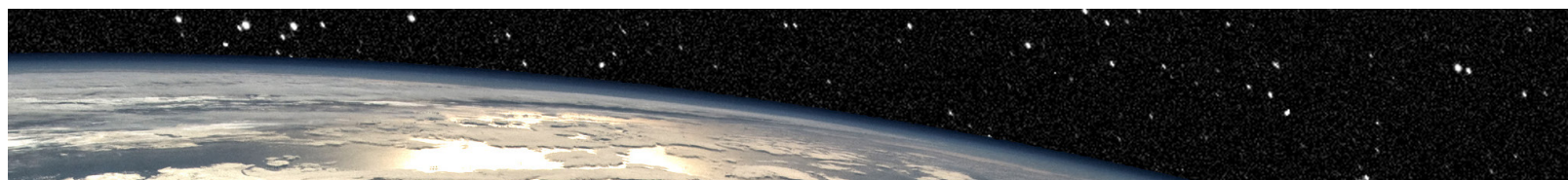
C: And last question. As Canadians, we hear a lot about polarization in the U.S. Can you comment a bit on that and also how you think the media might be able to bridge that polarization?

BW: Yeah, that's a great question. So my son is half-Canadian and one thought that gives me so much solace at night is the idea that he is half-Canadian. I know firsthand how upset Canadians are with

this latest turn of politics. And I don't blame them. I am, and just as an American, even if I wasn't close with my Canadian family, I would be so mortified to think that our closest ally is being treated this way. I think most Americans are truly appalled and cherish the Canadian friendship. And the idea that, just the arrogance of saying we want to make you our 51st state makes so many of us cringe. So that being said, there are these moments you realize now whether it's the climate crisis or the rise of populism around the world where one candidate, one event, one election can alter the course of our lives. And I grew up at a time when we had this false sense of progress and we were not going to repeat the mistakes of the 18th century again. I'm not so sure anymore. And so now more than ever, my message is, this is the time to lean into community, to get to know your neighbors. Even if you know they may not vote the same way you do, to connect with them over the stage you do share value for or you do value the same. And I was reading, I was just reading an open letter from a ski resort in Vermont that relies on a lot of Canadian business. Like please, don't forget about us that we've been through so much in the past and we'll be here when this wave of politics ends but don't forget our deeper connection. And I hope people see that for what it is. I mean from what I've seen today he's using these tariffs just on a whim. You know, like a bully on a playground with no strategy that makes any sense to any economists and people are going to get hurt as a result, small businesses are going to get hurt. And I just hope that the power brokers in my country realize it sooner than later and try to stop it. But you know the best we can do as Americans is to remind anybody we know up North how much we love you. And nobody voted for this.

C: Okay, that's all from me. Thank you so much.

BW: You bet.



THE CHRIS JAGDEO INTERVIEW



What is your vision on how the Board of Stewards is going to run this year? What is something you want to accomplish that is different from previous Boards?

One of the first things I want to do is increase transparency and communication with the community about what things we are working on, and where we are in the process of implementing these things. This will likely happen through more open, town-hall style BOS meetings where every steward will speak to the community about what they are working on, and members of the community can ask questions. Another thing I am looking to accomplish this year is to integrate more teacher voices into the decision-making and brainstorming processes. This way the Board and I can constantly be reminded of what potential action items are and are not possible. Furthermore, it will keep teachers informed on some of the struggles students are facing in general, and help them be able to proactively think of solutions to those problems. Overall, I want the board to be way more active in trying to get things done that provide small incremental changes to students everyday, not just focus on large scale events. Keeping student voices involved as sources of accountability and inspiration as well as integrating teacher perspectives into the mix will help us achieve this goal.

What inspired you to run for Head Steward?

One of my biggest sources of inspiration was my own personal experience. Coming to the school in year 9, I had a first-hand experience of the immense help that my student mentors provide to everyone and how they can really help you find your voice and place at the College. This experience with my mentor from Grade 9 - 11 became a source of inspiration because I

realized through conversations with others that a ton of students did not have this same formal connection that helped carry them through their experience at UCC. As Head Steward my overarching goal is to ensure that every student feels comfortable with their place and role within the school. I don't think that everyone student can say they have that level of comfort right now, and knowing that inspired me to run to help make progress towards achieving this goal.

What is the biggest problem currently facing the College?

I think the biggest problem facing the College right now is kind of the overarching lack of a voice students have. Each student will face a different problem whether its balancing academics and athletics or needing access to more school resources for support. I want this year's Board of Stewards to be able to take data from the student population more consistently and represent as many individual problems as possible. However, a problem every student will face is managing the academic commitments throughout the year. I plan on working heavily with the CFL, academic council, and administration this year to figure out how to make the academic commitment at UCC more manageable for everyone.

What is the greatest aspect of the College?

What makes UCC unique are all the support programs and co-curricular opportunities available. I believe that with this expansive number of supports and enrichment opportunities that exist today, there is a unique blend of opportunities for each student that will help improve their experience. However, every student needs more mentorship and voices from peers to find out what is right for them.

If you could change one thing about the school instantly, what would it be?

I think there is this list of little things that may seem small on the surface but really add up and can impact every student's experience. Two of these items that are smaller scale and can be tackled quickly are improving the food in the dining halls and allowing students to connect their work devices to the school Wifi. Some of the bigger overarching goals for this year's board are less quantifiable and larger scale, like building a more inclusive and supportive culture. However, there will be necessary emphasis put on both the small scale and large scale problems to ensure that no problem is overlooked and tangible changes can be made.

What teacher do you most identify with?

Not to get too political, but I identify with and appreciate each teacher, that I have now or that I had 3 years ago, in a different way. You learn different things that stick with you from different teachers. It's in the diversity of perspectives and teaching styles available to each student in their different courses at this school that makes the UCC experience unique and allows each student to round out their character. But I will say I would like to find a teacher who is a Knicks fan so we can cry together.

What's your hottest take?

i) Jordan > LeBron (Ridiculous that this is considered a hot take these days.) ii) 2Pac > Kendrick > Drake (no comment). iii) Upper Dining Hall Breakfast is very underrated.

What is the best Pixar movie?

Finding Nemo.