

Both Canada and America Hate Justin Trudeau

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Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau; his wife, Sophie Gregoire Trudeau; their daughter, Ella Grace; and son Xavier visit the Golden Temple, in Amritsar, India, on Feb. 21. (Public Relations Office, Government of Punjab/AP)

OTTAWA — Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau no longer looks invincible.

After showing a steady lead in public opinion surveys for more than two years after his surprise October 2015 election victory, Trudeau appears to be politically vulnerable. And that's despite a buoyant economy, what's seen as a steady hand in NAFTA trade talks with President Trump, and a weak political opposition.

“All of a sudden, we saw this drop,” said David Coletto, chief executive of Abacus Data, an Ottawa polling firm, referring to his company's latest poll, completed in early March. “It's the first time since Trudeau became prime minister that we have results showing the Conservatives slightly ahead.”

CBC's Poll Tracker, which aggregates and weights the results of a dozen opinion surveys, reported in late March that the opposition [Conservative Party is now in the lead, at 37.7 percent](#) of voting intentions, compared with Trudeau's Liberals, at 33.7 percent. The left-of-center New Democratic Party was third at 18.5 percent.