

## Mark Carney wins Liberal leadership, eyes Canada's Top office



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Mark Carney, former Bank of Canada and Bank of England governor, has been elected leader of Canada's Liberal Party, replacing Justin Trudeau. Winning 85.9% of the votes in a leadership race against Chrystia Freeland, Carney is set to become Canada's next prime minister and is expected to call early elections.

Carney, 59, takes charge amid tensions with U.S. President Donald Trump. In his victory speech, he firmly rejected Trump's rhetoric about Canada's sovereignty, stating, "Canada will never be part of America in any way, shape, or form." He vowed to defend the nation's interests, drawing a comparison to hockey: "In trade, as in hockey, Canada will win."

Despite being unelected, Carney's leadership bid has gained traction, particularly as recent polls suggest he holds an edge over Conservative leader Pierre Poilievre in a potential federal election.

Many Canadians believe Carney is better suited to handle Trump's aggressive trade stance, a critical issue for Canada's economy.

Poilievre, a career politician, faces criticism for his ideological alignment with Trump. Carney attacked him directly, stating, "A person who worships at the altar of Donald Trump will kneel before him, not stand up to him."

Beyond politics, Carney must address key domestic challenges, including an affordability crisis, strained immigration policies, and the future of Canada's vast natural resources. His background in finance and green investment could shape policy decisions.

The Conservative Party has already launched attacks on Carney's wealth and business ties, attempting to link him to Trudeau's policies. To win public trust, Carney must differentiate himself from his predecessor while positioning himself as the leader who can navigate Canada through

turbulent times.