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NDP (37%, +2) Now Tied with PCs (36%, -4) as Two-Horse Race Intensifies, Liberals (23%, +1) Well Behind

NDP (36%) and PCs (35%) Tied in Critical 905 Region of the GTA

Toronto, Ontario, May 22, 2018 — The NDP's momentum has continued (+2) as the Progressive Conservatives have stumbled (-4) in an intensifying two-horse race, according to a new Ipsos poll conducted on behalf of Global News.

If the election were held tomorrow, 37% of decided eligible voters in Ontario would vote for the NDP, up 2 points since last week, while 36% would vote for the Progressive Conservatives, down 4 points since last week. The Liberals are holding relatively steady at 23% of the popular vote, up 1 point, while 4% would vote for some other party (including the Green Party) and nearly two in ten are either unsure (12%) or say they wouldn't vote (5%).

The 4-point Tory Tumble province wide is largely driven by eroding support in the 905-region of Toronto, where a double-digit lead has evaporated and the Tories now find themselves in a statistical tie with the rallying NDP:

- In the **905** region of Toronto, 36% would vote for the NDP while 35% would vote for the PCs. One in four (27%) would support the Liberals.
- In the **416**, Toronto proper, the Tories (37%) and NDP (34%) are also statistically tied, with the Liberals (27%) trailing in third place.
- In **SW Ontario**, the NDP (43%) holds on to its lead over the PCs (35%) and Liberals (15%).
- In **Central Ontario**, the PCs (43%) have a narrow lead over the NDP (40%) and Liberals (14%).
- In **Eastern Ontario**, the Tories (40%) lead the NDP (30%) and the Liberals (28%).
- In **Northern Ontario**, the NDP (41%) holds on to its solid lead over the PCs (29%) and Liberals (28%).

The link between demographics and vote preference is very clear in this election:

- **Men** favour the Tories (43%) over the NDP (33%) and Liberals (20%).
- **Women** strongly prefer the NDP (40%) over the PCs (29%) and Liberals (26%).
- Those **under 35** prefer the NDP (39%) to the Liberals (34%) or Tories (22%).
- Those **aged 35-54** lean towards the PCs (45%) over the NDP (36%) and Liberals (15%).
- Those **aged 55+** are leaning slightly towards the PCs (39%) over the NDP (36%), while the Liberals (22%) trail.

Four in ten (40%) Ontarians believe that Andrea Horwath and the NDP are gaining the most popularity and momentum in this election, while 34% say that title belongs to the PCs and Doug Ford. Just one in ten (12%) believe the Liberals and Kathleen Wynne have the momentum. One in ten (14%) say no party has momentum at the moment.

Despite the fact that the NDP continues to gain while the PCs have witnessed their first measurable stumble in the horserace, a majority (55%) of Ontarians still believe the PCs will win the election, while two in ten believe the Liberals (20%) or the NDP (20%)

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will win. Interestingly, 5% think some other party will win the election. Moreover, most NDP voters don't think the NDP will actually win:

- **Among NDP voters**, 48% think the PCs will win, while 38% think the NDP will win and 13% think the Liberals will win.
- **Among PC voters**, 90% think the PCs will win, while few think the Liberals (6%) or NDP (4%) will win.
- **Among Liberal voters**, a majority (53%) thinks they'll win, while fewer think the PCs (29%) or NDP (18%) will win.

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These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between May 18 to 21, 2018, on behalf of Global News. For this survey, a sample of 1000 Ontarians eligible to vote and aged 18+ from Ipsos' online panel was interviewed online, supplemented by river-based sampling. Weighting was then employed to balance demographics to ensure that the sample's composition reflects that of the adult population according to Census data and to provide results intended to approximate the sample universe. The precision of Ipsos online polls is measured using a credibility interval. In this case, the poll is accurate to within ± 3.5 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, had all Ontarian adults been polled. The credibility interval will be wider among subsets of the population. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error, and measurement error.

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