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Majority (63%) Supports Liberal-NDP Agreement in Parliament, But are Split on Whether it Will Lead to Better Policies (52%) or Not (48%)

One Quarter of Liberal (24%) and NDP Voters (23%) in Last Election See it as a Betrayal by the Party they Voted For

Toronto, ON, April 5, 2022 – A majority (63%) of Canadians support (20% strongly/43% somewhat) the agreement between the Liberal Party and the NDP which trades the NDP's parliamentary support through 2025 in exchange for progress on key NDP policies including income-based dental care program, housing and climate change. Conversely, four in ten (37%) oppose (22% strongly/15% somewhat) the deal. Support among those who voted for the Liberals (91%), NDP (90%) and Green Party (75%) is quite strong, while Bloc (46%), and Conservative (24%) voters are much less supportive of this arrangement which would in theory avoid a federal election for three years and shut them out of having meaningful influence on policy in the interim.

Despite support for the agreement, Canadians are split on whether the agreement will lead to better outcomes for Canadians:

- Half (52%) believe that **the agreement will make parliament work better and lead to better policies and programs**. A majority of Liberal (83%), NDP (75%) and Green Party (54%) voters believe this will be the case, while fewer Bloc (37%) and Conservative (19%) voters hold this position. Ontarians (58%) are most optimistic about the impacts of the deal, followed by those living in BC (53%), Atlantic Canada (52%), Quebec (51%), Saskatchewan and Manitoba (43%) and Alberta (41%).
- Half (48%) believe that **the agreement will not make parliament work better or lead to better policies and programs**. Conservative Party (81%) voters are most likely to hold this position, followed by Bloc (63%), Green (46%), NDP (25%) and Liberal (17%) voters. Albertans (59%) and those in Saskatchewan and Manitoba (57%) are most inclined to believe this, followed by those living in Quebec (49%), Atlantic Canada (48%), BC (47%) and Ontario (42%).

However, the deal has rubbed many the wrong way: half (51%) of Canadians agree (22% strongly/28% somewhat) that **this is a betrayal by the NDP and Liberals of the people who voted for them** last October. In fact, one quarter of Liberal (24%) and NDP (23%) voters agree that it is a betrayal by the party for which they voted.

Given that the agreement is not a formal coalition involving NDP MPs sitting in cabinet, many also believe that the agreement signals the NDP throwing in the towel on forming government, as six in ten (61%) agree (20% strongly/41% somewhat) that **the NDP has given up on the idea of ever winning an election and forming a national government with Jagmeet Singh as Prime Minister**. Four in ten (39%) disagree (9% strongly/31% somewhat) with this premise. Interestingly, roughly half of Liberal (52%) and NDP voters (45%) believe this signals the NDP giving up on winning an election themselves.



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About the Study

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between March 25 to 28, 2022, on behalf of Global News. For this survey, a sample of 1,000 Canadians aged 18+ was interviewed. Quotas and weighting were employed to ensure that the sample's composition reflects that of the Canadian population according to census parameters. 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 Canadians aged 18+ 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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