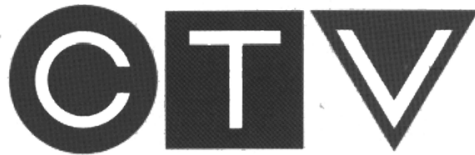

CTV/NATIONAL ANGUS REID GROUP POLL

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This Canada-wide poll was conducted by telephone between November 20th and 25th, 1997, among a representative cross-section of 1,516 adult Canadians.

The data were statistically weighted to ensure the sample's age composition reflects that of the actual Canadian population according to the 1996 Census data.

With a national sample of 1,516, one can say with 95 percent certainty that the results are within ± 2.5 percentage points of what they would have been had the entire adult Canadian population been polled. The margin of error will be larger within the various sub-groupings of the survey population.

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Two thirds of Canadians (67%) do not think our federal government does a good job of spending taxpayers' money wisely. Those who disagree with current spending practices are comprised of two in five (40%) who *strongly disagree* with the suggestion that the federal government is spending wisely and another one in three (27%) who *somewhat* disagree.

Only three in ten (31%) approve of the way the government is spending taxpayers' money – only five percent (5%) *strongly agree* that they are spending wisely.

These are the findings of a CTV/National Angus Reid Group Poll conducted among a representative sample of 1,516 adult Canadians between November 20th and 25th, 1997. A sample of this size has an associated margin of error of +/- 2.5 percentage points, nineteen times out of twenty.

Most likely to disagree that taxpayers' money is being spent wisely are NDP (84%) and Reform (81% -- 63% *strongly* disagree) supporters, and residents of the Atlantic provinces (81%), Saskatchewan/Manitoba (76%) or British Columbia (76%).

Most likely to agree that the government is spending taxpayers' money wisely are Liberal supporters (45%).

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