

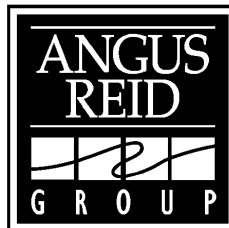
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This Angus Reid Group/Globe and Mail/CFRB poll was conducted by telephone from April 28<sup>th</sup> to May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1999 among a representative cross-section of 526 Ontarian adults.

These data were statistically weighted to ensure the sample's regional and age/sex composition reflects that of the actual Ontarian population according to the 1996 Census data.

With a provincial sample of 526, one can say with 95 percent certainty that the results are accurate to within  $\pm 4.3$  percentage points of what they would have been had the entire adult Ontarian population been polled. The margin of error will be larger within regions and for other sub-groupings of the survey population.

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As Premier Harris announces the call for a June 3<sup>rd</sup> election, the Opposition Liberals (44%) led by Dalton McGuinty lead the governing Tories (39%). This latest Angus Reid Group/Globe and Mail/CFRB poll places the Liberals just three points lower and the Provincial Conservatives four points higher than mid-April poll standings of 47% to 35% in favour of the Liberals. The NDP led by Howard Hampton holds at 15% - up 1 point, while only 2% say they would vote for *some other party* – down 3 points since April. The *undecided* vote sits at 10% of the Ontario population.

These latest provincial standings are based on a telephone survey conducted among 526 Ontarians between April 28<sup>th</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1999. A sample of this size has a corresponding margin of error of  $\pm 4.3$  percentage points from that of the entire adult Ontario population.

***The Liberals Have the Lead with 44% of the Vote***

The Liberals garner 44% of the decided vote, as Ontarians prepare for the upcoming election.

Down three percentage points since the latest poll findings (47% in mid-April), strong support lies with younger Ontarians (50%), women (46%) and those who earn less than \$30k (47%).

- ◆ Support for the Liberals waned slightly in the following areas: those aged 35 to 54 (from 56% to 47%), women (52% to 46%) and middle income earners (46% to 39%).

***The Provincial Government (39%) Heads into the Election Campaign 5 Points  
Behind the Liberals (44%)***

The provincial Tories currently sit at 39% of the decided vote marking a 4 point gain over the mid-April standings. Highest levels of support for the PCs are seen in those aged 55 and over (52%), men (44%) and those earning \$60k or more (44%).

- ◆ Increase in support from those aged 18 to 34 (26% to 33%) and over 55 (45% to 52%), men (38% to 44%), those earning less than \$30k (from 26% to 33%) and middle income earners (35% to 41%) contributed to a 4 point gain in overall voter support.

***NDP Holds at 15%, While 2% Name “Some Other Party” and 10% of Ontarians Remain Undecided.***

The Ontario New Democratic Party is holding its ground with 15% of the decided vote. Another 2% of Ontarians say they will vote for *some other party*. Ten percent of Ontarians are undecided about how they would vote, with 2% saying they won't vote.

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