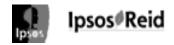# FIRST MENTIONS

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		Ham/Niag	South West	Eastern	Northern	Ont (ex. GTA)	GTA	Urban	Rural	416	905
Base: All respondents											
Unweighted Base	1001	175	175	151	100	601	400	871	130	218	178
Weighted Base	1001	87	252	200	82	621	380	857	144	210	166
Medicare/Healthcare	501	44	128	112	47	332	169	426	75	83	84
	50%	51%	51%	56%	57%	53%	44%	50%	52%	40%	51%
Education/Schools	167	15	51	25	8	99	68	138	30	37	30
	17%	17%	20%	13%	10%	16%	18%	16%	21%	18%	18%
Environment/Pollution	44	2	12	6	3	23	20	35	8	13	8
	4%	2%	5%	3%	4%	4%	5%	4%	6%	6%	5%
Poverty/The poor/Welfare/Homeless	31	3	6	4	2	14	17	31	0	14	3
	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	4%	4%	-	7%	2%
Jobs/Unemployment	26	3	3	2	5	13	13	23	3	8	5
	3%	4%	1%	1%	6%	2%	3%	3%	2%	4%	3%
Taxes/Tax reform/GST - general	25	4	6	3	3	16	9	23	2	7	1
	2%	4%	2%	1%	4%	3%	2%	3%	1%	3%	1%
Economy - general/Recession	24	0	8	2	2	12	12	21	3	5	7
	2%	0	3%	1%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	4%
Government/politics/leadership issues	14	2	2	1	1	7	7	13	1	4	3
	1%	3%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%
Crime/Violence	11	1	1	1	0	4	7	10	1	6	2
	1%	2%	0	0	-	1%	2%	1%	1%	3%	1%
Social services - pensions/Day-care/Housing	9	2	0	4	2	7	2	7	2	1	1
	1%	2%	-	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0	1%
Roads/infrastructure	9	0	0	5	1	6	3	8	1	1	2
	1%	-	-	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Transportation/public transportation	8	0	0	1	0	1	7	8	0	3	4
	1%	-	-	1%	-	0	2%	1%	-	2%	2%
Deficit/Government spending	7	1	4	1	0	6	1	5	2	0	1
	1%	1%	2%	1%	-	1%	0	1%	1%	-	0
Children/child abuse/single families/child poverty	6	0	1	4	0	5	1	5	1	1	0
	1%	-	0	2%	-	1%	0	1%	1%	1%	-
Water contamination/Walkerton situation	5	0	1	0	0	2	4	4	1	1	2
	1%	0	1%	-	-	0	1%	0	1%	1%	1%
National unity/Quebec's future	5	1	1	0	1	3	2	4	1	1	1
	0	1%	0	-	1%	0	1%	0	1%	1%	0
Immigration/Refugees	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	2	1
	0	-	-	-	-	-	1%	0	-	1%	1%
Moral issues (abortion, legalize marijuana)	2	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
	0	-	0	1%	-	0	-	0	-	-	-
Seniors issues	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	0
	0	-	0	-	-	0	0	0	-	1%	-
Gas prices/oil	2	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
	0	1%	-	1%	-	0	-	0	-	-	-

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Justice issues/capital punishment/young offenders act	2 0	0 -	2 1%	0 -	0 -	2 0	0 -	2 0	0 -	0 -	0 -
Youth/youth employment/student debt	2 0	0 -	0 -	0 -	0 -	0 -	2 0	2 0	0 -	0 -	2 1%
Trade/export/international trade/NAFTA/MAI	2 0	0 0	1 0	0 -	0 -	2 0	0 -	2 0	0 -	0 -	0 -
Debt/national debt/provincial debt	2 0	0 -	0 -	2 1%	0 -	2 0	0 -	0 -	2 1%	0 -	0 -
Agriculture	1 0	0 -	0 -	1 1%	0 -	1 0	0 -	0 -	1 1%	0 -	0 -
Labour issues/teachers strike/TCC strike	1 0	0 -	0 -	1 1%	0 -	1 0	0 -	1 0	0 -	0 -	0 -
Quebec language issue	1 0	0 -	0 -	1 1%	0 -	1 0	0 -	1 0	0 -	0 -	0 -
Natural resources	1 0	0 -	0 -	0 -	1 1%	1 0	0 -	1 0	0 -	0 -	0 -
Native issues	1 0	0 -	0 -	0 -	0 -	0 -	1 0	1 0	0 -	1 0	0 -
The handicapped/disabled/funding for disabled	1 0	0 -	0 -	0 -	0 -	0 -	1 0	1 0	0 -	0 -	1 0
Other	24 2%	1 1%	5 2%	5 3%	0 -	12 2%	12 3%	22 3%	2 1%	10 5%	1 0
None	31 3%	3 4%	7 3%	5 2%	5 6%	20 3%	11 3%	26 3%	5 3%	7 4%	4 2%
(DK/NS)	32 3%	3 3%	9 4%	12 6%	2 2%	25 4%	6 2%	27 3%	4 3%	3 1%	4 2%

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Weighted Base	1001	87	252	200	82	621	380	857	144	210	166
Medicare/Healthcare	699	61	179	145	60	445	254	596	103	132	120
	70%	69%	71%	72%	74%	72%	67%	70%	71%	63%	72%
Education/Schools	450	41	128	82	26	277	172	391	59	93	77
	45%	46%	51%	41%	31%	45%	45%	46%	41%	44%	47%
Environment/Pollution	173	10	49	34	9	103	71	139	34	43	28
	17%	12%	20%	17%	11%	17%	19%	16%	24%	21%	17%
Poverty/The poor/Welfare/Homeless	94	9	23	20	3	54	40	86	8	32	9
	9%	10%	9%	10%	4%	9%	11%	10%	5%	15%	5%
Jobs/Unemployment	79	8	17	15	11	51	28	68	11	19	10
	8%	9%	7%	7%	13%	8%	7%	8%	8%	9%	6%
Taxes/Tax reform/GST - general	71	7	13	21	7	48	23	63	8	14	8
	7%	8%	5%	10%	9%	8%	6%	7%	6%	7%	5%
Social services - pensions/Day-care/Housing	50	3	9	17	3	32	18	42	8	11	7
	5%	4%	3%	8%	4%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	4%
Economy - general/Recession	49	3	12	9	5	29	20	43	6	8	12
	5%	4%	5%	4%	6%	5%	5%	5%	4%	4%	7%
Roads/infrastructure	41	2	12	8	4	27	13	32	8	6	7
	4%	3%	5%	4%	5%	4%	3%	4%	6%	3%	4%
Crime/Violence	28	2	5	2	3	11	17	21	7	12	6
	3%	2%	2%	1%	4%	2%	5%	2%	5%	5%	3%
Water contamination/Walkerton situation	28	3	4	8	3	18	9	21	6	4	5
	3%	4%	2%	4%	3%	3%	2%	3%	4%	2%	3%
Government/politics/leadership issues	25	3	3	4	2	13	12	21	4	6	6
	2%	4%	1%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%	4%
Transportation/public transportation	23	1	2	1	0	4	19	23	0	9	10
	2%	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	5%	3%	-	4%	6%
Deficit/Government spending	19	1	6	6	0	13	6	14	5	2	4
	2%	1%	2%	3%	-	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	3%
Seniors issues	11	2	2	2	0	6	5	11	0	4	1
	1%	2%	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	1%	-	2%	1%
Immigration/Refugees	10	0	2	0	0	2	8	10	0	5	4
	1%	-	1%	-	-	0	2%	1%	-	2%	2%
Gas prices/oil	8	1	0	4	2	6	1	7	1	0	1
	1%	1%	-	2%	2%	1%	0	1%	1%	-	1%
Children/child abuse/single families/child poverty	8	0	1	4	2	6	1	6	2	1	0
	1%	-	0	2%	2%	1%	0	1%	1%	1%	-
Justice issues/capital punishment/young offenders act	7	0	2	1	0	4	4	7	0	2	1
	1%	0	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	1%
Labour issues/teachers strike/TCC strike	7	0	2	5	0	7	0	3	4	0	0
	1%	-	1%	2%	-	1%	-	0	3%	-	-

TOTAL MENTIONS

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		Ham/Niag	South West	Eastern	Northern	Ont (ex. GTA)	GTA	Urban	Rural	416	905
Agriculture	6	0	2	1	0	4	2	4	3	2	0
	1%	0	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	0	2%	1%	-
Trade/export/international trade/NAFTA/MAI	6	1	3	1	0	5	1	5	1	1	0
	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	0	1%	1%	1%	-
Moral issues (abortion, legalize marijuana)	5	0	1	3	0	4	1	5	0	0	1
	1%	1%	0	1%	-	1%	0	1%	-	-	1%
National unity/Quebec's future	5	1	1	0	1	3	2	4	1	1	1
	0	1%	0	-	1%	0	1%	0	1%	1%	0
Natural resources	4	0	1	0	2	3	1	3	1	0	1
	0	-	0	-	2%	0	0	0	0	-	0
Youth/youth employment/student debt	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	2
	0	-	-	-	-	-	1%	0	1%	-	1%
Native issues	3	0	1	0	1	2	1	2	1	1	0
	0	-	0	-	1%	0	0	0	1%	0	-
The handicapped/disabled/funding for disabled	3	0	0	1	0	1	1	3	0	0	1
	0	-	-	1%	-	0	0	0	-	-	1%
Debt/national debt/provincial debt	3	0	0	2	0	2	1	1	2	1	0
	0	-	-	1%	-	0	0	0	1%	1%	-
Amalgamation	3	0	0	1	0	2	1	2	0	1	0
	0	1%	-	1%	-	0	0	0	0	0	-
Quebec language issue	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
	0	-	-	1%	-	0	-	0	-	-	-
Federal/provincial relations	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	1
	0	-	-	1%	-	0	0	0	-	-	1%
Transfer payments	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	1
	0	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	-	0	1%
Gun control	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	1
	0	-	-	-	1%	0	0	0	-	-	0
Human rights	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
	0	-	-	1%	-	0	-	0	-	-	-
Racism/discrimination/equality	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0
	0	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	-	1%	-
Social issues (unsp)	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0
	0	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	-	1%	-
Policing issues	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	-	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
Hunting issues	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	-	-	-	0	-	0	-	-	-
Fisheries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	-	-	-	0	-	0	-	-	-
Other	71	4	18	14	3	40	31	63	8	19	10
	7%	5%	7%	7%	3%	6%	8%	7%	5%	9%	6%
None	31	3	7	5	5	20	11	26	5	7	4
	3%	4%	3%	2%	6%	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	2%

LEANERS INCLUDED

Thinking of how you feel right now, if a PROVINCIAL election were held tomorrow, which of the following parties' candidates would you, yourself, be most likely to support? Well, which party would you say you are leaning towards?

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Base: All respondents											
Unweighted Base	1001	175	175	151	100	601	400	871	130	218	178
Weighted Base	1001	87	252	200	82	621	380	857	144	210	166
The Progressive Conservatives (PC)	306	21	80	60	16	177	129	271	36	63	65
	31%	24%	32%	30%	19%	28%	34%	32%	25%	30%	39%
The Liberals	470	47	119	88	39	292	178	401	69	101	76
	47%	53%	47%	44%	47%	47%	47%	47%	48%	48%	46%
The New Democratic Party (NDP)	119	12	23	25	18	78	41	100	19	29	12
	12%	14%	9%	13%	22%	13%	11%	12%	13%	14%	7%
Or some other party	5	0	0	3	0	3	2	3	2	1	1
	1%	-	-	2%	-	1%	0	0	2%	1%	0
Would not vote	12	1	2	7	1	10	2	8	4	1	1
	1%	1%	1%	3%	1%	2%	0	1%	3%	1%	0
Refused	8	0	2	2	1	5	3	7	1	1	2
	1%	0	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Don't Know	81	6	27	15	8	56	25	67	14	14	10
	8%	7%	11%	7%	10%	9%	7%	8%	10%	6%	6%
Base: Decided voters											
Unweighted Base	904	160	155	132	89	536	368	788	116	202	163
Weighted Base	900	80	221	177	72	550	350	774	126	194	153
The Progressive Conservatives (PC)	306	21	80	60	16	177	129	271	36	63	65
	34%	27%	36%	34%	22%	32%	37%	35%	28%	33%	42%
The Liberals	470	47	119	88	39	292	178	401	69	101	76
	52%	58%	54%	50%	54%	53%	51%	52%	55%	52%	50%
The New Democratic Party (NDP)	119	12	23	25	18	78	41	100	19	29	12
	13%	15%	10%	14%	25%	14%	12%	13%	15%	15%	8%
Or some other party	5	0	0	3	0	3	2	3	2	1	1
	1%	-	-	2%	-	1%	1%	0	2%	1%	0

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OVERALL, would you say that the provincial government of Mike Harris and the Progressive Conservatives has Ontario on the right track or the wrong track? Would that be strongly or somewhat?

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Base: All respondents											
Unweighted Base	1001	175	175	151	100	601	400	871	130	218	178
Weighted Base	1001	87	252	200	82	621	380	857	144	210	166
Strongly right track	186	12	50	35	13	110	76	165	21	36	40
	19%	14%	20%	18%	16%	18%	20%	19%	14%	17%	24%
Somewhat right track	355	28	101	69	14	211	144	310	44	77	64
	35%	32%	40%	34%	17%	34%	38%	36%	31%	37%	39%
Somewhat wrong track	163	17	40	35	14	106	57	120	43	33	23
	16%	19%	16%	18%	17%	17%	15%	14%	30%	16%	14%
Strongly wrong track	266	28	58	54	38	178	88	234	33	53	35
	27%	32%	23%	27%	46%	29%	23%	27%	23%	25%	21%
(DK/NS)	31	3	3	7	3	16	15	28	3	10	5
	3%	3%	1%	3%	4%	3%	4%	3%	2%	5%	3%
TOP2BOX (Strongly/somewhat right track)	541	40	150	104	27	321	220	476	65	113	104
	54%	45%	60%	52%	33%	52%	58%	56%	45%	54%	62%
LOW2BOX (Somewhat/strongly wrong track)	429	45	99	89	51	284	145	353	76	86	58
	43%	51%	39%	45%	63%	46%	38%	41%	53%	41%	35%

[SOME/OTHER] people say that the Harris government has accomplished a lot of good in the province - they have stayed true to their word and deserve to be re-elected. [OTHER/SOME] people say the Harris government has done all it can do and it is time for another provincial political party to take over and run the province. Which statement is closest to your point of view?

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Weighted Base	1001	87	252	200	82	621	380	857	144	210	166
Deserve to be re-elected	365	25	94	67	21	208	157	321	44	71	83
	36%	29%	37%	34%	26%	33%	41%	37%	30%	34%	50%
Time for a change	597	60	145	125	56	386	211	502	95	130	80
	60%	68%	58%	62%	69%	62%	56%	59%	66%	62%	48%
(DK/NS)	39	3	12	8	4	28	12	34	5	8	3
	4%	3%	5%	4%	5%	4%	3%	4%	4%	4%	2%

Thinking of how you feel right now, if a PROVINCIAL election were held tomorrow, which of the following parties' candidates would you, yourself, be most likely to support? Well, which party would you say you are leaning towards?

	Total	AGE			EDUCATION			GENDER		INCOME		
		18 to 34 years	35 to 54 years	55 or older	<=HS	Post. Sec.	Univ.	Male	Female	<$30K	$30K to $60K	$60K +
Base: All respondents												
Unweighted Base	1001	317	438	234	313	348	336	490	511	169	337	411
Weighted Base	1001	372	344	276	318	347	333	484	517	172	336	405
The Progressive Conservatives (PC)	306	103	120	83	82	118	107	188	118	25	92	163
	31%	28%	35%	30%	26%	34%	32%	39%	23%	14%	27%	40%
The Liberals	470	188	147	132	157	147	165	210	260	77	172	182
	47%	51%	43%	48%	49%	42%	50%	43%	50%	44%	51%	45%
The New Democratic Party (NDP)	119	42	43	32	36	44	38	46	73	41	37	34
	12%	11%	12%	12%	11%	13%	12%	10%	14%	24%	11%	8%
Or some other party	5	1	3	1	0	3	2	4	1	1	3	1
	1%	0	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	1%	0	1%	1%	0
Would not vote	12	7	3	1	5	4	2	1	10	4	5	2
	1%	2%	1%	0	2%	1%	1%	0	2%	2%	2%	0
Refused	8	1	3	4	2	4	2	1	7	0	4	2
	1%	0	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0	1%	-	1%	0
Don't Know	81	29	26	23	36	27	17	33	48	25	22	23
	8%	8%	8%	8%	11%	8%	5%	7%	9%	15%	7%	6%
Base: Decided voters												
Unweighted Base	904	283	399	213	272	313	316	456	448	141	308	384
Weighted Base	900	334	312	248	275	311	312	449	452	143	304	379
The Progressive Conservatives (PC)	306	103	120	83	82	118	107	188	118	25	92	163
	34%	31%	38%	33%	30%	38%	34%	42%	26%	17%	30%	43%
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The New Democratic Party (NDP)	119	42	43	32	36	44	38	46	73	41	37	34
	13%	12%	14%	13%	13%	14%	12%	10%	16%	28%	12%	9%
Or some other party	5	1	3	1	0	3	2	4	1	1	3	1
	1%	0	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	1%	0	1%	1%	0