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Toronto, ONTARIO (Sunday, April 27th, 2003) – According to the latest Ipsos-Reid/CTV/Globe and Mail poll released today, the federal Liberal party (50%) continues to hold a resounding lead over all of the opposition parties. This represents an increase of six points since the last Ipsos-Reid poll released in October of 2002.

The Canadian Alliance (14%, down 1 point from October) and the Progressive Conservatives (13%, down 2 points) continue to trail far behind the Liberals, followed by the NDP (10%, down 3 points) and the Green Party (4%, unchanged). One in ten (9%) Canadians are undecided or would not vote.

The Bloc Quebecois (9% nationally) receive support of one in three (36%) voters in the Province of Quebec compare to the one in two (50%) who express support for the federal Liberals in the province.

When asked which of a number of individuals would make the best Prime Minister, former federal finance minister, Paul Martin (43%) is the clear choice. Current finance minister and deputy Prime Minister and Liberal leadership candidate, John Manley (12%) comes in second, followed by the leader of the Canadian Alliance, Stephen Harper (9%), Heritage

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minister and Liberal leadership candidate, Sheila Copps (7%), new NDP leader, Jack Layton (6%) and Progressive Conservative leadership candidate, Peter McKay (5%). One in five (19%) of Canadians say they 'don't know'

For full further breakdown of results, please see attached detail tables.

These are the findings of an Ipsos-Reid/CTV/Globe and Mail poll conducted between April 15th and April 17th, 2003. The poll is based on a randomly selected sample of 1,009 adult Canadians. With a sample of this size, the results are considered accurate to within Canadian population been polled. The margin of error will be larger within regions and for other sub-groupings of the survey population. These data were statistically weighted to ensure the sample's regional and age/sex composition reflects that of the actual Canadian population according to the 2001 Census data.

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