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Toronto, ON – Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty's protestations both prior to and following the Federal budget that the province does not receive its fair share of funding and services in comparison to the other provinces appears to meet with resonance among a majority (57%) of its residents.

The poll conducted by Ipsos-Reid for the Globe and Mail indicates that six in ten Ontarians (57%) don't think their province receives its fair share of funding and services back from the Federal Government compared to the other provinces when considering what Ontario taxpayers pay to the Federal Government in tax revenues every year. Thirty-seven percent of Ontarians feel their province does receive its fair share of Federal Government spending, while a further 6% "don't know" how they feel about this issue.

- There is a divide in opinion on this issue when it comes to age: Middle-aged to older Ontarians (35 years of age and older) are significantly more likely than younger Ontarians (aged 18-34) to believe Ontario is not getting its fair share (62% vs. 47%).

These are the findings of an Ipsos-Reid/Globe and Mail poll conducted from February 15th, to February 17th, 2005. For the survey, a representative randomly selected sample of 758 adult residents of Ontario was interviewed by telephone. With a sample of this size, the results are considered accurate to within ± 3.6 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, of what they would have been had the entire adult population of Ontario been polled. The margin of error will be larger within regions and for other sub-groupings of the survey population. These data were weighted to ensure the sample's regional and age/sex composition reflects that of the actual population of Ontario according to the 2001 Census data.



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