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Toronto, ON – According to the most recent Ipsos-Reid national survey of 1000 Canadians conducted from April 26th to April 28th, 2005 and provided exclusively to CanWest/Global, volatile Ontario voters have rebounded in the wake of the deal this past week between Prime Minister Paul Martin and NDP Leader Jack Layton, returning the Liberals to front running status in the seat rich province (40% for the Liberals vs. 33% for the Conservatives). It will be remembered that this volatile group of voters decided the last Federal Election in a weekend conversion to the Liberals and delivered them a Minority government. It would appear what was dubbed last time as the “highway 401 election campaign” may be headed for a repeat in 2005.

But, despite a rebound in Ontario, the Conservatives still lead the country in a tight race for voter support. If a Federal election were held today, 33% of decided voters would support the Conservative Party (down 1 point), 30% would support the Liberals (down 1 point), 17% would support the NDP (down 1 point), and 5% would support the Green Party (unchanged).

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These are the findings of an Ipsos-Reid poll provided exclusively to CanWest/Global and conducted from April 26th to April 28th, 2005. For the survey, a representative randomly selected sample of 1000 adult Canadians were interviewed by telephone. With a sample of this size, the aggregate results are considered accurate to within ± 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, of what they would have been had the entire adult Canadian population been polled. The margin of error will be larger within each sub-grouping of the survey population. These data were weighted to ensure the sample's regional and age/sex composition reflects that of the actual Canadian population according to the 2001 Census data.

The National Vote...

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Among all Canadians, 13% are undecided, refused to say who they would vote for, or would not vote if a Federal election were held tomorrow.

Parties	Election Results June 28, 2004	April 12-	April 19-	April 22-	April 26-	Movement From Last Poll	Since 2004 Election
		14, 2005	21, 2005	24, 2005	28, 2005		
The Conservative Party	30%	36%	35%	34%	33%	-1	+3
The Liberals	37%	27%	30%	31%	30%	-1	-7
The New Democratic Party	16%	15%	18%	18%	17%	-1	+1
The Bloc Quebecois	12%	10%	12%	11%	12%	+1	0
The Green Party	4%	7%	5%	5%	5%	0	+1



Regional Highlights...

- In Ontario, the Conservatives (33%, down 6 points) have lost their lead to the Liberals (40%, up 5 points), while the NDP (19%, down 1 point) and the Green Party (unchanged) remain static.
- In Quebec, the Bloc Quebecois (48%, up 4 points) have expanded their lead to 27-points over the Liberals (21%, down 7 points). The Conservatives (16%, up 2 points) and the NDP (8%, unchanged) battle in the lower rungs in this province, while the Green Party (3%, unchanged) barely registers in this province.
- In British Columbia, the Conservative Party (34%, down 2 points) continues to lead. The Liberals (28%, up 5 points) have slid into second place in this province, as the NDP (23%, down 9 points) have slipped down in the polls - the Green Party attracts 10% of the decided vote (up 1 point).
- In Alberta, the Conservative Party (67%, up 7 points) dominates the Federal political landscape, as the Liberals (18%, down 2 points), the NDP (6%, down 3 points), and the Green Party (5%, down 3 points) are all down.
- In Saskatchewan/Manitoba, the Conservative Party (49%, up 5 points) has a 26-point lead over the Liberals (23%, down 7 points), with the NDP (20%, unchanged) currently in third. The Green Party has three percent support (up 2 points).
- In Atlantic Canada, there is a tight three-way race among the major political parties, with the Liberals (36%, down 8 points), the NDP (32%, up 9 points), and the Conservative Party (27%, down 1 point) contesting - the Green Party attracts 1% of the decided vote in this region (down 2 points).



Please Refer To The Table Below To Review Each Region:

	Ontario		
	April 22-24, 2005	April 26-28, 2005	Change
The Conservative Party	39%	33%	-6
The Liberals	35%	40%	+5
The NDP	20%	19%	-1
The Green Party	5%	5%	0

	Quebec		
	April 22-24, 2005	April 26-28, 2005	Change
The Conservative Party	14%	16%	+2
The Liberals	28%	21%	-7
The NDP	8%	8%	0
The Bloc Quebecois	44%	48%	+4
The Green Party	3%	3%	0

	British Columbia		
	April 22-24, 2005	April 26-28, 2005	Change
The Conservative Party	36%	34%	-2
The Liberals	23%	28%	+5
The NDP	32%	23%	-9
The Green Party	9%	10%	+1



	Alberta		
	April 22-24, 2005	April 26-28, 2005	Change
The Conservative Party	60%	67%	+7
The Liberals	20%	18%	-2
The NDP	9%	6%	-3
The Green Party	8%	5%	-3

	Saskatchewan/Manitoba		
	April 22-24, 2005	April 26-28, 2005	Change
The Conservative Party	44%	49%	+5
The Liberals	30%	23%	-7
The NDP	20%	20%	0
The Green Party	1%	3%	+2

	Atlantic Canada		
	April 22-24, 2005	April 26-28, 2005	Change
The Conservative Party	28%	27%	-1
The Liberals	44%	36%	-8
The NDP	23%	32%	+9
The Green Party	3%	1%	-2

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