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Toronto, ON – A new Ipsos Reid survey conducted on behalf of CanWest News Service/Global News reports that a majority (81%) of Canadians indicate that they want the current government to last at least another year. Specifically, when asked when they feel the government should be defeated:

- Six percent say as "as soon as possible";
- 10% say "sometime in the next six months"
- 23% say "not for another twelve months";
- 22% say "not for another two years"; and
- 36% say "not until their term runs out in about four years from now".

81% Say 12 Months or More

But when it comes to the five priorities the Conservatives have said they will deliver on for Canadians, half feel that if they don't "clean up government by passing the federal accountability act" (53%), "work with the provinces to establish Patient Wait Times Guarantee" (51%), and "make our streets and communities safe by cracking down on crime" (50%), the opposition should force an election.

*If Key Priorities Are Not Delivered, Should The Government Be Defeated?*

	Yes	No
Clean up government by passing the federal accountability act	53%	43%
Work with the provinces to establish a Patient Wait Times Guarantee	51%	48%
Make our streets and communities safe by cracking down on crime	50%	49%
Help parents with the cost of raising their children	43%	55%
Cut the GST by 1% in the first year of their mandate	39%	60%

These are the findings of an Ipsos Reid poll conducted for CanWest News Service/Global News and fielded from March 28-30th, 2006. For this survey, a representative randomly selected sample of 1000 adult Canadians was 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 Census data.

	Total	British Columbia	Alberta	Sask/Man	Ontario	Quebec	Atlantic Canada
Sample	1000	139	96	68	385	237	76
Margin of Error +/-%	3.1	8.3	10.0	12	5.0	6.4	11.2

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