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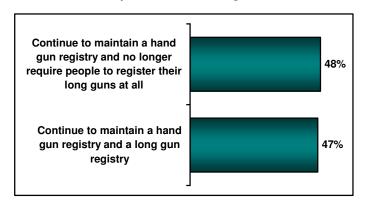
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Toronto, ON – According to a new Ipsos Reid survey conducted for CanWest/Global, Canadians are split when it comes to the question of keeping or eliminating the Liberal introduced long-gun registry. The survey was conducted in the days that immediately followed the Auditor General's critical report of the long gun registry funding and management, and the Government's announcement that the long gun registry would be ended.

Half (48%) Want To Eliminate Long-Gun Registry, 47% Want The Program Continued ...

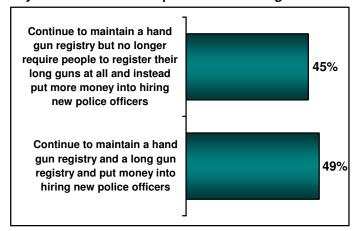
Assuming that mismanagement and cost issues could be brought under control, which option do you want the new Harper Conservative government to do...



	TOTAL	BC	ALB	SK/MN	ONT	QUE	ATL
Continue to maintain a hand gun registry and a long gun registry	47%	33%	35%	32%	52%	57%	42%
Continue to maintain a hand gun registry and no longer require people to register their long guns at all	48%	<mark>62%</mark>	61%	<mark>62%</mark>	44%	37%	50%

<u>Forty-nine Percent Want To Maintain Registry And Put More Money Into Policing, 45% Say Eliminate Long Gun Registry And Put More Money Towards Police...</u>

And again, assuming that mismanagement and cost issues could be brought under control, which option do you want the new Harper Conservative government to do...



	TOTAL	BC	ALB	SK/MN	ONT	QUE	ATL
Continue to maintain a hand gun registry and a long gun registry and put money into hiring new police officers	49%	37%	43%	38%	<mark>53%</mark>	56%	43%
Continue to maintain a hand gun registry but no longer require people to register their long guns at all and instead put more money into hiring new police officers	45%	56%	52%	59%	42%	36%	53%

These are the findings of an Ipsos Reid poll conducted for CanWest /Global News and fielded from May 16-18th, 2006. For this survey, a representative randomly selected sample of 1003 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 subgrouping 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.

British Total **Alberta** Sask/Man Ontario Quebec **Atlantic** Columbia Canada 1003 140 97 67 386 237 76 Sample Margin of Error +/-% 3.1 8.3 10.0 5.0 6.4 11.2



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