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**Toronto, ON** – Despite rumblings and rhetoric that could potentially lead to a summer election triggered by a showdown over Employment Insurance, a new Ipsos Reid poll conducted on behalf of CanWest News Service and Global Television has revealed that the vast majority (68%) of Canadians believe that 'there's no need for an election' at the moment and that the 'federal political process is operating just fine'.

Conversely, just three in ten (27%) more closely identify with the sentiment that 'Parliament and our federal political process is hopelessly deadlocked right now and that we really need an election to clear the air'. Five percent (5%) don't know with which statement they more closely identify.

Comparing these data to when the same question was asked in 2008 reveals that public support for an election is much less now than it was a year ago. While in March of 2008 only 27% of Canadians wanted an election, that proportion rose to 43% in June of 2008, 16 points higher than it is currently.

While one half (51%) of Canadians believe that, overall, 'things in this country are headed in the right direction' (down 4 points), four in ten (41%) believe that 'they are off on the wrong

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direction' (up 4 points). The spread between the two data points has dropped from 18 points to 10 points since January.

If an election were held tomorrow, the Liberals under Michael Ignatieff would receive 36% support among decided voters (up 3 points), while Prime Minister Harper and the Conservatives would receive 33% of the vote (down 2 points). The NDP, led by Jack Layton, would receive 12% support (down 2 points), while Elizabeth May and the Green Party would receive 9% support (up 1 point). The Bloc and Gilles Duceppe have 9% support nationally (unchanged). Six percent (6%) remain undecided.

The overall vote numbers are being driven by volatility within the province of Ontario, where the Grits (41%) have once again taken the lead over the Tories (34%). The NDP (14%) and the Green Party (10%) trail.

In Quebec the Bloc (38%) and Liberals (37%) are in a statistical tie for first position. The Green Party (10%), Conservatives (8%) and NDP (8%) are all clustered at the bottom of the heap.

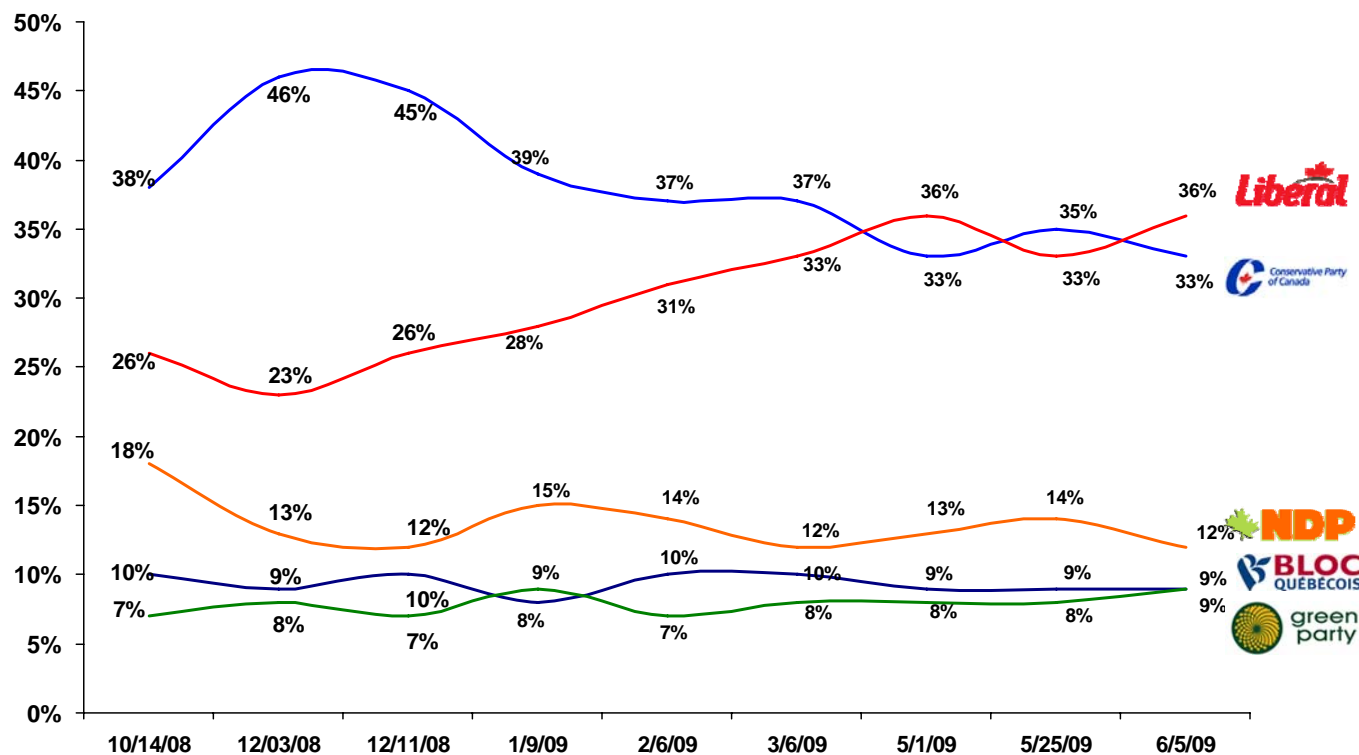
*These are the findings of an Ipsos Reid poll conducted on behalf of Canwest News Service and Global Television from June 2 to 4, 2009. For the survey, a representative randomly selected sample of 1,018 adult Canadians was interviewed by telephone. With a sample of this size, the results are considered accurate to within  $\pm 3.1$  percentage points, 19 times out of 20, of what they would have been had the entire adult population of Canada 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 that the sample's regional and age/sex composition reflects that of the actual Canadian population according to Census data.*



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# Federal Vote Support

June 5, 2009, percentage of decided voters.



Canwest /Global News Ipsos Reid Survey, June 2-4, 2009. Decided voters including leaners (n=894).

6% of all Canadian adults (n=1,018) are undecided

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