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Toronto, ON – On July 1st, the widely unpopular HST will come into effect in Ontario despite cries from opposition parties and Ontarians alike that this tax will end up costing the average tax payer instead of being revenue neutral. In an effort to at least partially compensate Ontarians for the tax increase, the Ontario government has begun mailing out cheques to Ontario families, which could be helping the government stay on the top of polls.

If a provincial election were held tomorrow, 37% of decided voters would support the Liberal Party led by Premier Dalton McGuinty (down 1 point from the end of 2009). Struggling to translate HST resentment into more support for his party, Tim Hudak and the Progressive Conservatives would receive 32% support (down 2 points). The NDP under Andrea Horwath would receive 20% of the vote (up 5 points), while Mike Schreiner and the Green Party would receive 11% support. Seven percent (7%) of Ontario voters remain undecided.

The data reveal some significant regional differences:

- In the **GTA**, the Liberals (43%) are well ahead of the PCs (26%), NDP (20%) and Green Party (11%).
- The Liberals (42%) are also leading the Tories (33%) in **Eastern Ontario**, while the NDP (16%) and Green (9%) Party trail behind

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- The Liberals (34%) lead in **Northern Ontario**, with the NDP (27%), PCs (25%), and Green Party (14%) trailing.
- In **Central Ontario**, the PCs (42%) are well ahead of the Liberals (29%), NDP (17%) and Green Party (12%).
- In **South-Western Ontario**, the PCs (43%) hold a significant lead over the Liberals (26%), NDP (22%) and Green Party (9%).

These are the findings of an Ipsos Reid poll conducted exclusively for Canwest News Service, Global Television and CFRB Radio from May 25 to June 10, 2010. For the survey, a representative randomly selected sample of 800 adults living in Ontario was interviewed by telephone. With a sample of this size, the results are considered accurate to within ± 3.5 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, of what they would have been had the entire adult population living in 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 that the sample's regional and age/sex composition reflects that of the actual Ontarian population according to Census data.

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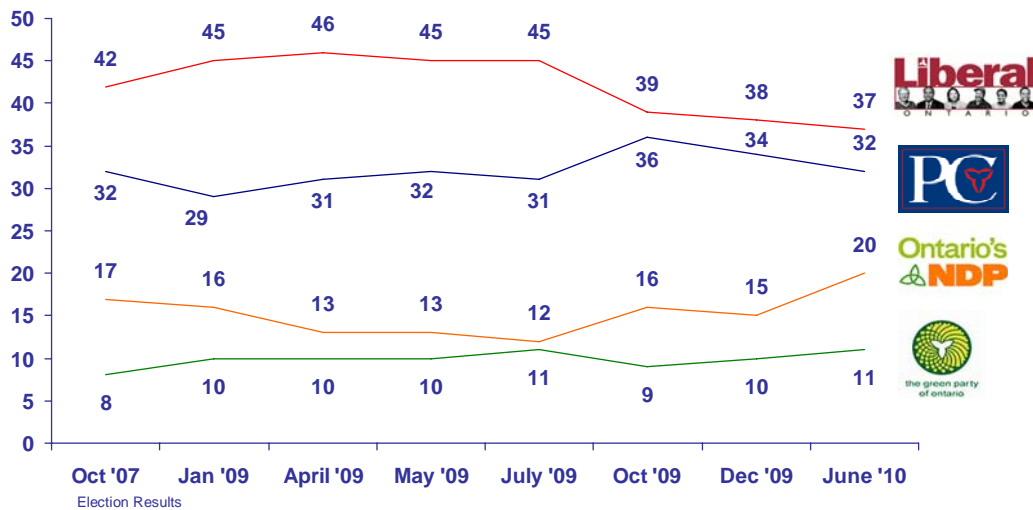
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Provincial Vote Support (Decided Voters, Leaners Included)

Party Support in Ontario (TRACKING to 2009),
June 11, 2010



Thinking of how you feel right now, if a PROVINCIAL election were held tomorrow, which of the following parties' candidates would you, yourself, be most likely to support?

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