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Toronto, ON - More than one in ten (11%) of Canadians think that the Wicked Witch of the West reminds them of their in-laws when selecting from a list of villainous movie characters, according to a recent poll conducted by Ipsos Reid. A further 7% say that the Joker reminds them of their in-laws. Also selected from the list were Penguin (3%), Dr. Evil (3%), Hannibal Lector (3%), Darth Vader (3%), Gollum (3%), and Jessica Rabbit (1%). Fortunately for 66% of respondents, none of the characters on our list reminded them of their in-laws.

On a lighter note, Paul Newman, who famously played Butch Cassidy in the 1969 classic, tops the list of silver screen legends that women would like to take as a date to the Oscar's, taking 33% of the overall female vote. Second in line was James Dean, the 'Rebel Without a Cause', who was chosen by 23% of women as their preferred Oscar date. The rest of the list of silver screen legends included Cary Grant (14%), Jimmy Stewart (10%), Clark Gable (9%), Marlon Brando (7%), and finally Humphrey Bogart (5%).

From a list of actors they would least trust to babysit their kids, one in three Canadians (28%) choose Tom Cruise, the famous scientologist and 'Top Gun' actor. Other commonly chosen actors on the list included Robert Downey Jr. (20%), Adam Sandler (13%), and Johnny Depp (11%). Less than one in ten Canadians choose Leonardo Di Caprio (9%), Will Smith (7%), Mark Wahlberg (6%) or Ben Stiller (6%) as the actor they would least trust to look after their children.

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From a list of most admired women, Mother Teresa is selected by a third of Canadian women (32%), ahead of the most admired actress on the list, Meryl Streep (16%). Julia Roberts (16%), Helen Kellar (11%), Angelina Jolie (9%), Jacquie Kennedy (8%), Helen Mirren (6%), and Tina Fey (2%) also featured on the list.

These findings are part of a series by Cineplex and Ipsos Reid which will be released throughout the year on Canadian Movie Watching habits.

These are some of the findings from an Ipsos Reid survey conducted on behalf of Cineplex. A sample of 4,009 adults from Ipsos' Canadian online panel was interviewed online. Individuals were disqualified if they didn't watch any movies in the course of a month. Weighting was then employed to balance demographics to ensure that the sample's composition reflects that of the adult population according to Census data and to provide results intended to approximate the sample universe. A survey with an unweighted probability sample of this size and a 100% response rate would have an estimated margin of error of +/-1.5 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, of what the results would have been had the entire population of adults in Canada been polled. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error, and measurement error.

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