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Toronto, ON – If Stephen Harper loses his majority government following the October 19th election, most (63%) eligible voters believe he should resign as party leader (even if he still has the most seats), according to an Ipsos poll conducted on behalf of Global News. If he doesn't win the most seats, 66% believe he should resign as party leader.

But the national figures, which include voters of all political parties, are at odds with what Conservative voters feel about the Prime Minister. Only 27% of Conservative supporters believe he should resign if he doesn't win a majority, and 37% believe he should resign if the Tories don't win the most seats.

In contrast, relatively few voters, overall believe Mulcair (32%) or Trudeau (37%) should resign if they don't win the most seats. The following outlines what voters believe the fate of the party leaders should be based on the outcome of E-Day:

- **If Stephen Harper and the Conservatives don't win a majority government**, 63% of all voters 'agree' (38% strongly/24% somewhat) that 'Harper should resign as party leader', while 37% disagree (11% strongly/26% somewhat). But among Conservative voters, just 27% agree (8% strongly/19% somewhat) that he should resign, while 73% disagree (30% strongly/43% somewhat) that he should resign.

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- **If Stephen Harper and the Conservatives don't win the most seats**, 66% of all voters agree (40% strongly/26% somewhat) that Harper should resign as party leader, while 34% disagree (10% strongly/24% somewhat). Among Tory voters, 37% agree (12% strongly/24% somewhat) he should resign as party leader under this scenario, while 63% disagree (24% strongly/39% somewhat) and think he should stay on even if he's no longer Prime Minister.
- **If Justin Trudeau and the Liberals don't win the most seats**, four in ten (37%) voters overall 'agree' (17% strongly/19% somewhat) that 'Trudeau should resign as party leader', but six in ten (63%) 'disagree' (25% strongly/39% somewhat) and want him to stay. Among Liberal voters, Trudeau has a lot of leeway: only 17% agree (5% strongly/12% somewhat) that they would want him to resign in this case, while most (83%) disagree (43% strongly/40% somewhat) that he should resign.
- **If Thomas Mulcair and the NDP don't win the most seats**, only one in three (32%) 'agree' (12% strongly/20% somewhat) that he should resign, while most (68%) 'disagree' (23% strongly/45% somewhat) that he should resign. Among NDP voters he also appears to enjoy support, regardless of the outcome: just 16% agree (5% strongly/11% somewhat) that he should resign, while 84% disagree (38% strongly/46% somewhat).

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between August 24 to 26, 2015 on behalf of Global News. For this survey, a sample of 1,000 Canadians eligible to vote was interviewed online via the Ipsos I-Say Panel. 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. The precision of Ipsos online polls is measured

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using a credibility interval. In this case, the poll is accurate to within +/- 3.5 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, had all eligible voters been polled. The credibility interval will be wider among subsets of the population. 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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