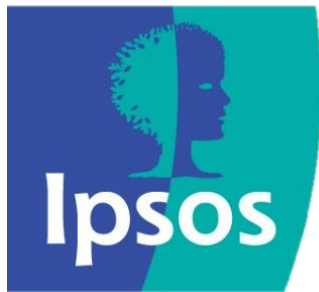# Mr. Trudeau Goes to Washington:

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Toronto, ON – As Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau arrives in Washington D.C. for an official State Visit with U.S. President Barack Obama, a new Ipsos poll of Americans conducted for Global News has revealed that while most Americans can identify the Canadian Prime Minister from a list, a majority doesn't really care about his State Visit.

The new Canadian Prime Minister has often been referred to as a celebrity, and this appears to have led to solid name recognition for Justin Trudeau in the U.S., with 68% of Americans able to correctly identify his name out of a list of six possible contenders. In second place is notorious fraudster and fictional person Pierre Poutine (12%), followed by Margaret Atwood (Canadian author) (6%), Stephen Harper (former Prime Minister) (6%), Peter Shumlin (Governor of Vermont) (6%), and Kathleen Wynne (Premier of Ontario) (3%).

When asked to consider which neighbor they consider to be America's most important, three quarters (76%) of Americans say it's Canada, compared to one quarter (24%) who believes it is Mexico. Even in the South (74% Canada vs. 26% Mexico) and West (67% Canada vs. 33% Mexico), more say that Canada is America's most important neighbor.

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Nearly all (94%) Americans agree (63% strongly/31% somewhat) that "it is important that Canada and the United States have a close and collaborative relationship", while few (6%) disagree (2% strongly/4% somewhat).

However, in spite of this belief and Trudeau's celebrity, just four in ten (41%) agree (11% strongly/30% somewhat) that they will be "closely following the State Visit by the Canadian Prime Minister", while six in ten (59%) disagree (23% strongly/35% somewhat). Moreover, a majority (54%) agrees (16% strongly/38% somewhat) that they "don't really care about the State Visit by the Canadian Prime Minister", while a minority (46%) disagrees (12% strongly/33% somewhat) that they don't care about the bilateral visit.

Despite some ambivalence, Justin Trudeau is likely to get a warm reception from President Obama and the American people, with most (91%) Americans agreeing (51% strongly/40% somewhat) that they have a favourable view of Canada, compared to one in ten (9%) who disagrees (3% strongly/7% somewhat).

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