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Toronto, ON – Three in ten (28%) Ontario drivers agree (6% strongly/23% somewhat) that 'they're not always focused while driving', according to an Ipsos poll conducted on behalf of the Ontario Road Builders' Association.

Many Ontario drivers have witnessed other drivers' bad habits, including speeding (87%), weaving (72%), and exhibiting 'road rage' (61%).

Older drivers, aged 55+ (55%), are most likely to have witnessed a variety of dangerous road behaviours from others, including speeding (94%, vs. 85% of those 35-54 and 81% of those 18-34) and weaving (80%, vs. 73% of those 35-54 and 63% of those 18-34).

Perceptions of Construction Zones

Ultimately, most (93%) Ontario drivers agree (63% strongly/30% somewhat) that a construction site is 'just people doing their jobs'. However, three-quarters (75%) of Ontarian drivers agree (26% strongly/49% somewhat) that 'construction zones are an inconvenience'.

This view is particularly strongly held among those living in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA): eight in ten (83%) GTA residents agree (29% strongly/54% somewhat) that construction zones are an inconvenience, compared with 76% of those in Southwestern Ontario (23% strongly/53% somewhat), 66% of those in Central Ontario (18% strongly/49%

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somewhat), 64% of those in Eastern Ontario (37% strongly/27% somewhat) and 54% of those in Northern Ontario (15% strongly/39% somewhat).

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between May 3 and May 5, 2016, on behalf of the Ontario Roadbuilder's Association. For this survey, a sample of 801 licensed drivers in Ontario from Ipsos' online panel was interviewed online. 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 using a credibility interval. In this case, the poll is accurate to within +/- 3.9 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, had all Canadian adults 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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