



Ontario Politics: Tories lead by 3; Ontario Liberals and NDP tied at 30%

Field Dates: August 30 to September 4, 2013

Methodology

The survey was conducted online with 1,000 Ontarians eligible to vote using an internet survey programmed and collected by Abacus Data. A random sample of panelists was invited to participate in the survey from a representative online panel of over 400,000 Canadians. The survey was completed from August 30 to September 13, 2013.

Since the online survey was not a random, probability based sample, a margin of error could not be calculated. The Marketing Research and Intelligence Association prohibits statements about margins of sampling error or population estimates with regard to most online panels.

The margin of error for a probability-based random sample of 1,000 respondents using a probability sample is +/- 3.1%, 19 times out of 20.

The data was weighted according to census data to ensure that the sample matched Ontario's population according to age, gender, education level, and region.

For more information about the poll's methodology or the results, please contact David Coletto, CEO at david@abacusdata.ca or at 613-232-2806.

Ontario's Political Climate a Dynamic Dead Heat

*Please refer to the survey as: Abacus Data Poll,
1,000 Ontarians, August 30th to September 4th, 2013*

Ottawa, ON – With Ontario's legislative assembly returning this week and the three main parties coming to terms with the results of the five by-elections in July, there has been some movement in vote intentions in the province changed.

Province-wide, the Progressive Conservative Party has the support of 33% of committed voters, followed by the Liberals and NDP at 30% respectively. Since May, the Tories are down a marginal one point, while the Liberals are down four points and the NDP is up five points. The Green Party is at 5% while 15% of respondents were undecided.

Provincial politics in Ontario appear to be in a stalemate with none of the three major parties well positioned to win a provincial election. However, the results suggest that the Ontario NDP and its leader Andrea Horwath have the greatest opportunity to expand its support since Horwath is the most popular provincial leader and its potential pool of support is equivalent to the Liberals (45% would consider voting NDP and Liberal) and higher than the PC Party (42% would consider voting PC).

Provincial Vote Intention

Since early May, the Ontario Liberal Party's support among decided voters in the province is down four points to 30% with the PC Party now ahead by three points among committed voters. The NDP's slide has been reversed with the third party gaining five points and moving into a tie with the Liberals for second place at 30%.

Regionally, the once commanding 16-point lead in Metro Toronto for the Liberals has been reduced to eight points (OLP 41%, NDP 33%, PC 24%) while in the Greater Toronto/Hamilton/Niagara region surrounding Toronto the PCs have opened up a nine point lead over the Liberals leading 40% to 31% among committed voters. The NDP is well back in third at 24% in the surrounding region around Toronto.

The PCs have a significant 10-point lead in eastern Ontario (PCs 39%, OLP 29%, NDP 25%) while the NDP, coming off two by-election wins in Windsor and London have a marginal lead in southwestern Ontario, leading the Tories by four points (NDP 37%, PC 33%, OLP 23%).

In Northern Ontario, the NDP leads the Liberals by 27-points, 55% to 28% with the PCs running well back at 6%. However, due to a small sample size in the North, readers who use caution when making conclusions about support in the region.

In terms of demographics, the PCs have a three-point lead over the Liberals among men (PC 35%, OLP 32%, NDP 26%), while the NDP has opened up a four point lead over the PCs among women with the Liberals falling from first to third among female voters (NDP 35%, PC 31%, Liberal 29%).

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The NDP is strongest among voters aged 18 to 29, leading the Liberals by 15 points while the Liberals lead among those aged 30 to 44 (OLP 34%, NDP 30%, PC 25%). Among older Ontarians, the PCs lead holding an 11-point lead among those aged 45 to 59 and a six-point lead among those aged 60 and over.

Top Provincial Issues

Respondents were shown a list of 18 issues and were asked to select the top three that were most important to them personally. Overall, there has been a slight shift in the priorities of Ontarians since May. Job creation is down nine points (from 39% to 30%) while debt and deficit has increased by five points from (25% to 30%) in the past four months.

The top five issues ranked by respondents in order are:

- Accountability in government (33%),
- Health care wait times (32%)
- Deficit and debt (30%)
- Job creation (30%)
- Gas prices (23%)

The table below reports the results of the top issue question by current party supporters, with the coloured boxes highlighting which issues supporters of each party were most likely to rank as important

Issue	Ranked in Top 3	Ranked in Top 3 By Current Party Supporters			
		OLP	PC	NDP	Undecided
Accountability in government	33%	31%	41%	32%	26%
Health care wait times	32%	33%	26%	36%	36%
Job creation	30%	30%	23%	32%	37%
Deficit and debt	30%	32%	42%	18%	23%
Gas prices	24%	18%	29%	23%	27%
Economic development	23%	27%	28%	17%	17%
Retirement security	22%	23%	22%	24%	21%
Electricity prices	15%	8%	25%	12%	13%
Car insurance rates	13%	11%	13%	12%	15%
Elementary and secondary education	12%	12%	10%	18%	8%
Affordable housing	12%	13%	5%	15%	16%
Public transit	11%	16%	6%	13%	11%
Poverty	11%	10%	5%	18%	13%
Crime and safer communities	10%	7%	10%	7%	17%
Post-secondary education	8%	9%	7%	10%	7%

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Homecare	7%	9%	5%	5%	8%
Traffic	5%	5%	3%	6%	4%
Real estate market	4%	7%	2%	2%	3%

Profiling Support of Party Leaders

When respondents were asked to rate their personal impressions of the leaders of the main Ontario political parties, only Andrea Horwath registered a net positive impression score. This represents a measurable shift in the perceptible landscape from May 2013, when Liberal leader Kathleen Wynne held the highest positive score of the three major leaders.

As the Liberal honeymoon with Kathleen Wynne comes to an end, her positive score slipped by three percentage points from May, dropping down to 31%. Meanwhile, Andrea Horwath’s positive numbers jumped by five percentage points over the same period to 38%, making her the only leader tested with a net positive score.

With these observed shifts in net positive scores, both Kathleen Wynne and Andrea Horwath are in a precarious position, each with relatively high positive scores from those who voted for the others’ party in 2011. Kathleen Wynne was just as likely to be seen in a positive light (31%) by NDP supporters as her overall figure, while 36% of past Liberal voters held positive impressions of Andrea Horwath. Although these tracking figures suggest that the many burdens carried by the Ontario Liberal Party may be too much for Kathleen Wynne to overcome, the status of the provincial economy may be the deciding factor for voters migrating from the NDP base.

Although his negative numbers have dropped slightly since May, Tim Hudak remains the least liked of the three major party leaders. Almost a majority of Ontarians have a negative impression of the Leader of the Opposition (42%) while only 20% view him positively. Those who view the PC Leader positively are almost exclusively those who voted PC in 2011 with only 10% of past Liberal and NDP Party supporters saying they have a positive impression of Hudak. If leadership becomes a primary driver for voting behaviour, these numbers indicate why the PCs will continue to have a difficult time expanding support beyond their 2011 level.

Overall Impressions of Ontario Political Party Leaders (Change from May 2013)

	Kathleen Wynne	Andrea Horwath	Tim Hudak
Positive	31% (-3%)	38% (+5%)	20% (-2%)
Neutral	24% (-2%)	33% (-1%)	26% (+3%)
Negative	36% (+8%)	20% (-4%)	42% (-4%)

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Leadership Attributes

Survey respondents were also asked whether a number of attributes accurately described each of the three main party leaders in Ontario. Figures in brackets track the change since May 2013.

Overall, Kathleen Wynne has suffered a weakening of her personal brand. Since May, every one of her tracked qualities has moved in a negative direction, most notably a drop of ten percentage points on traits of having sound judgement and likeability.

Simultaneously, Andrea Horwath's figures have all moved in favourable directions, particularly in areas of her likeability likeable, vision for Ontario, and having sound judgement.

Tim Hudak's personal numbers are not as positive as either Horwath or Wynne, with fewer respondents agreeing that he is likeable, has sound judgment, and is honest; however, his leadership attributes registered only minor changes since May 2013.

Leadership Attributes
(% Agreeing with Statement, Those with an Opinion Only – including change from May 2013)

Statements	Kathleen Wynne	Tim Hudak	Andrea Horwath
Is qualified to be Premier	54% (-5%)	46% (-2%)	56% (+4%)
Has sound judgement	50% (-10%)	44% (+3%)	64% (+6%)
Likeable	60% (-10%)	43% (+4%)	78% (+8%)
Understands the problems facing Ontario	53% (-8%)	53% (+5%)	67% (+6%)
More style than substance	47% (+4%)	47% (-1%)	41% (-1%)
Has a clear vision for Ontario	45% (-5%)	49% (+1%)	61% (+7%)
Honest	55% (-6%)	47% (+5%)	74% (+5%)

Even with constant and significant pressure related to the gas plant cancellations, the Tories have been unable to improve the image of Tim Hudak in the public eye. However, the troubles of the provincial Liberal party have had a significant impact on the reputation and image of Kathleen Wynne who, although still leading Hudak in terms of judgement, leadership and qualification to be premier, suffered significant drops in those key metrics.

In the wake of Wynne's fall, Andrea Horwath emerged as the front-runner in terms of leadership attributes; particularly in key areas of likability, sound judgement, honesty, and clear vision for Ontario. Perhaps most importantly, she now tied with Kathleen Wynne on being qualified to be Premier.

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The Bottom Line

The honeymoon period for Kathleen Wynne is now over. The party is now tied for second with the NDP among committed voters (at 30%), only 24% of respondents believe the province is headed in the right direction (down four points since May) and Kathleen Wynne's personal numbers have entered negative territory with more people now having a negative impression of the Premier than those with a positive impression (positive 31%, negative 36%). In May, these numbers were reversed (positive 34%, negative 28%). The longer Premier Wynne has been in power, the less Ontarians seem to like her.

Despite suffering a hit in their overall numbers, the Ontario Liberals are buoyed by positive perceptions about the provincial economy. The opposition parties have not been effective in making the case that Ontario's economy would be stronger under their watch as neither party has an advantage over the governing Liberals when it comes to which party respondents believe would best manage the provincial economy. In fact, a plurality of respondents are unsure about which party they think would do a better job with economic management.

For the NDP, the important findings in within this study were Horwath's personal leadership numbers. Thirty-eight percent of respondents have a positive impression of her compared with only 20% who have a negative impression. Compared with the other main party leaders, more respondents perceive her to be likeable, honest, and having sound judgment and she is competitive with Kathleen Wynne on qualified to be Premier.

Under Tim Hudak, the Progressive Conservative Party has a small lead among committed voters, the party remains weak in Toronto despite its by-election win in Etobicoke Lakeshore. Hudak's personal numbers remain weak and the party has lost its advantage on which party voters think is best to manage the economy. On the bright side, issues that the party has focused on, reducing the deficit and debt and accountability, are the top concerns for many voters presenting the party an opportunity to connect with those voters. Moreover, frustration and disappointment with the current government is growing with only 22% of respondents believing that the Liberal government deserves to be re-elected. The challenge for Hudak and the PCs continues to be whether they can convince voters that the PC Party deserves to be elected in its place.

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Crosstabulations

		Generally speaking, do you think things in Ontario are headed in the right direction or are they off on the wrong track?				
		Headed in the right direction	Off on the wrong track	Unsure	Counts	
		%	%	%	Weighted	Unweighted
Ontario Region	Ontario	24	45	30	1000	1000
	Toronto	34	31	35	195	204
	GTA/Hamilton/Niagara	25	46	29	393	375
	Eastern	19	52	29	149	155
	Southwestern	18	52	30	202	204
	Northern	23	46	31	61	62
Gender	Male	29	48	23	495	492
	Female	20	42	38	505	508
Age	18 - 29	27	41	32	163	208
	30-44	26	40	34	241	264
	45-59	23	48	29	358	289
	60 and over	23	50	27	238	239
In the past year, has your electricity bill...	Gone up	22	49	29	596	580
	Stayed about the same	30	39	30	285	301
	Gone down	24	54	22	22	24
Are you a member of a union?	Our household doesn't pay for electricity	21	37	42	97	95
	Yes	25	43	32	199	205
2011 Provincial Vote	No	24	46	30	801	795
	OLP	40	32	28	297	314
	PC	18	59	23	270	258
	NDP	20	47	33	205	205
	GPO	21	63	16	42	43
	Other	4	19	78	15	12
	DNV	14	43	42	171	168

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		Consider voting Ontario Liberal Party				
		Would Consider	Would NOT Consider	Unsure	Counts	
		%	%	%	Weighted	Unweighted
Ontario Region	Ontario	45	37	18	1000	1000
	Toronto	59	23	18	195	204
	GTA/Hamilton/Niagara	42	42	16	393	375
	Eastern	44	37	19	149	155
	Southwestern	36	45	19	202	204
	Northern	48	26	26	61	62
Gender	Male	47	40	13	495	492
	Female	42	35	23	505	508
Age	18 - 29	53	27	20	163	208
	30-44	49	30	21	241	264
	45-59	40	43	17	358	289
	60 and over	42	44	15	238	239
In the past year, has your electricity bill...	Gone up	43	41	17	596	580
	Stayed about the same	49	30	21	285	301
	Gone down	49	44	7	22	24
	Our household doesn't pay for electricity	45	36	20	97	95
Are you a member of a union?	Yes	47	32	21	199	205
	No	44	39	17	801	795
2011 Provincial Vote	OLP	76	10	14	297	314
	PC	25	65	10	270	258
	NDP	37	47	16	205	205
	GPO	45	31	25	42	43
	Other	14	64	22	15	12
	DNV	33	30	37	171	168

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		Consider voting Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario				
		Would Consider	Would NOT Consider	Unsure	Counts	
		%	%	%	Weighted	Unweighted
Ontario Region	Ontario	42	41	18	1000	1000
	Toronto	33	49	18	195	204
	GTA/Hamilton/Niagara	47	36	16	393	375
	Eastern	49	34	17	149	155
	Southwestern	40	43	18	202	204
	Northern	20	50	30	61	62
Gender	Male	44	42	14	495	492
	Female	39	39	22	505	508
Age	18 - 29	32	49	19	163	208
	30-44	37	44	19	241	264
	45-59	47	36	16	358	289
	60 and over	44	37	19	238	239
In the past year, has your electricity bill...	Gone up	45	39	16	596	580
	Stayed about the same	38	42	20	285	301
	Gone down	41	49	10	22	24
	Our household doesn't pay for electricity	33	42	24	97	95
Are you a member of a union?	Yes	26	56	18	199	205
	No	45	37	18	801	795
2011 Provincial Vote	OLP	31	54	15	297	314
	PC	85	5	10	270	258
	NDP	15	71	15	205	205
	GPO	14	60	27	42	43
	Other	40	46	14	15	12
	DNV	30	33	37	171	168

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		Consider voting Ontario NDP				
		Would Consider	Would NOT Consider	Unsure	Counts	
		%	%	%	Weighted	Unweighted
Ontario Region	Ontario	45	34	21	1000	1000
	Toronto	50	32	18	195	204
	GTA/Hamilton/Niagara	36	40	24	393	375
	Eastern	47	36	17	149	155
	Southwestern	52	29	19	202	204
	Northern	57	22	21	61	62
Gender	Male	43	40	17	495	492
	Female	47	29	24	505	508
Age	18 - 29	61	26	14	163	208
	30-44	48	25	27	241	264
	45-59	40	40	19	358	289
	60 and over	38	42	21	238	239
In the past year, has your electricity bill...	Gone up	43	37	20	596	580
	Stayed about the same	48	31	21	285	301
	Gone down	47	42	11	22	24
	Our household doesn't pay for electricity	46	26	27	97	95
Are you a member of a union?	Yes	58	24	18	199	205
	No	42	37	21	801	795
	OLP	40	35	24	297	314
	PC	23	62	15	270	258
2011 Provincial Vote	NDP	90	4	7	205	205
	GPO	44	38	18	42	43
	Other	16	53	30	15	12
	DNV	37	24	39	171	168

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		Consider voting Green Party of Ontario				
		Would Consider	Would NOT Consider	Unsure	Counts	
		%	%	%	Weighted	Unweighted
Ontario Region	Ontario	21	53	26	1000	1000
	Toronto	21	52	27	195	204
	GTA/Hamilton/Niagara	17	55	27	393	375
	Eastern	24	54	22	149	155
	Southwestern	28	49	23	202	204
	Northern	13	54	33	61	62
Gender	Male	22	57	21	495	492
	Female	20	50	30	505	508
Age	18 - 29	33	41	27	163	208
	30-44	24	44	32	241	264
	45-59	16	62	23	358	289
	60 and over	18	58	23	238	239
In the past year, has your electricity bill...	Gone up	20	56	24	596	580
	Stayed about the same	24	51	25	285	301
	Gone down	11	62	27	22	24
Are you a member of a union?	Our household doesn't pay for electricity	21	39	41	97	95
	Yes	20	51	29	199	205
2011 Provincial Vote	No	21	54	25	801	795
	OLP	18	57	25	297	314
	PC	11	78	12	270	258
	NDP	26	38	36	205	205
	GPO	85	10	4	42	43
	Other	16	53	31	15	12
	DNV	21	36	43	171	168

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		Do you have a positive or negative impression of Liberal leader Kathleen Wynne								
		Very positive	Somewhat positive	Neutral	Somewhat negative	Very negative	Unsure	Counts		
		%	%	%	%	%	%	Weighted	Unweighted	
Ontario Region	Ontario	9	22	24	15	21	9	1000	1000	
	Toronto	12	27	29	11	15	6	195	204	
	GTA/Hamilton/Niagara	9	22	21	14	24	10	393	375	
	Eastern	5	27	25	14	22	7	149	155	
	Southwestern	7	15	28	20	21	10	202	204	
Gender	Northern	11	24	20	22	13	10	61	62	
	Male	9	24	22	14	24	7	495	492	
Age	Female	8	21	27	16	17	10	505	508	
	18 - 29	9	18	33	14	12	16	163	208	
	30-44	8	23	31	12	15	11	241	264	
	45-59	9	22	21	17	23	8	358	289	
In the past year, has your electricity bill...	60 and over	9	25	18	17	28	3	238	239	
	Gone up	7	22	23	17	24	7	596	580	
	Stayed about the same	12	24	28	14	13	9	285	301	
	Gone down	4	19	33	4	27	12	22	24	
Are you a member of a union?	Our household doesn't pay for electricity	11	20	20	12	21	16	97	95	
	Yes	10	20	29	13	18	11	199	205	
2011 Provincial Vote	No	9	23	23	16	21	8	801	795	
	OLP	16	36	22	15	5	5	297	314	
	PC	4	15	22	16	38	4	270	258	
	NDP	11	20	25	15	21	8	205	205	
	GPO	6	44	12	26	8	5	42	43	
	Other	0	0	37	24	17	22	15	12	
	DNV	3	10	33	10	22	22	171	168	

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		Do you have a positive or negative impression of PC leader Tim Hudak								
		Very positive	Somewhat positive	Neutral	Somewhat negative	Very negative	Unsure	Counts		
		%	%	%	%	%	%	Weighted	Unweighted	
	Ontario	4	16	29	20	22	8	1000	1000	
Ontario Region	Toronto	3	12	32	23	25	5	195	204	
	GTA/Hamilton/Niagara	5	20	26	19	21	9	393	375	
	Eastern	6	18	31	16	20	8	149	155	
	Southwestern	3	14	32	21	23	8	202	204	
	Northern	5	5	32	20	29	8	61	62	
Gender	Male	6	16	27	20	26	6	495	492	
	Female	3	16	32	20	19	10	505	508	
Age	18 - 29	4	13	34	17	18	15	163	208	
	30-44	3	14	33	19	20	11	241	264	
	45-59	5	17	29	21	24	4	358	289	
	60 and over	5	19	23	21	27	4	238	239	
In the past year, has your electricity bill...	Gone up	5	18	30	19	22	5	596	580	
	Stayed about the same	4	12	28	22	23	12	285	301	
	Gone down	3	23	14	17	31	12	22	24	
	Our household doesn't pay for electricity	1	14	29	17	25	13	97	95	
Are you a member of a union?	Yes	1	9	26	21	35	8	199	205	
	No	5	18	30	20	19	8	801	795	
2011 Provincial Vote	OLP	1	9	25	26	34	5	297	314	
	PC	10	38	30	13	5	4	270	258	
	NDP	2	8	23	20	41	6	205	205	
	GPO	3	11	40	21	22	3	42	43	
	Other	0	0	45	11	27	18	15	12	
	DNV	5	6	38	19	8	22	171	168	

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Do you have a positive or negative impression of NDP leader Andrea Horwath

		Very positive	Somewhat positive	Neutral	Somewhat negative	Very negative	Unsure	Counts	
		%	%	%	%	%	%	Weighted	Unweighted
Ontario Region	Ontario	11	27	33	14	6	9	1000	1000
	Toronto	8	34	32	14	6	5	195	204
	GTA/Hamilton/Niagara	10	24	32	14	8	12	393	375
	Eastern	7	26	37	17	5	8	149	155
	Southwestern	14	28	32	13	5	8	202	204
Gender	Northern	25	20	35	12	1	8	61	62
	Male	9	26	33	17	9	6	495	492
Age	Female	12	28	33	12	3	12	505	508
	18 - 29	13	24	35	9	4	15	163	208
	30-44	8	25	36	11	5	15	241	264
	45-59	10	26	32	18	7	6	358	289
In the past year, has your electricity bill...	60 and over	12	32	30	16	7	3	238	239
	Gone up	10	29	32	15	6	7	596	580
	Stayed about the same	11	26	34	13	6	11	285	301
	Gone down	10	16	50	3	8	12	22	24
Are you a member of a union?	Our household doesn't pay for electricity	15	23	29	13	4	16	97	95
	Yes	14	29	32	12	5	9	199	205
2011 Provincial Vote	No	10	27	33	15	7	9	801	795
	OLP	5	31	38	15	5	6	297	314
	PC	6	21	34	20	13	6	270	258
	NDP	29	43	17	5	1	4	205	205
	GPO	8	23	30	31	3	5	42	43
	Other	0	0	41	26	9	24	15	12
	DNV	7	14	41	9	5	25	171	168

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		Who do you think would make the best premier for Ontario?					
		Andrea Horwath	Kathleen Wynne	Tim Hudak	Unsure	Counts	
		%	%	%	%	Weighted	Unweighted
	Ontario	21	22	20	37	1000	1000
Ontario Region	Toronto	20	29	15	36	195	204
	GTA/Hamilton/Niagara	18	21	23	38	393	375
	Eastern	15	22	21	42	149	155
	Southwestern	27	16	21	36	202	204
	Northern	28	31	11	29	61	62
Gender	Male	20	23	24	32	495	492
	Female	21	21	16	42	505	508
Age	18 - 29	22	18	20	40	163	208
	30-44	20	23	15	42	241	264
	45-59	21	24	22	33	358	289
	60 and over	19	22	23	35	238	239
In the past year, has your electricity bill...	Gone up	22	22	23	34	596	580
	Stayed about the same	18	23	15	44	285	301
	Gone down	17	25	28	31	22	24
	Our household doesn't pay for electricity	23	23	17	37	97	95
Are you a member of a union?	Yes	31	22	12	35	199	205
	No	18	22	22	38	801	795
2011 Provincial Vote	OLP	12	45	9	33	297	314
	PC	9	9	50	31	270	258
	NDP	52	17	5	25	205	205
	GPO	23	33	11	33	42	43
	Other	12	4	0	84	15	12
	DNV	14	10	13	63	171	168

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		Does the Liberal Government headed by Premier Kathleen Wynne deserve to be reelected?				
		Yes	No	Don't know	Counts	
		%	%	%	Weighted	Unweighted
	Ontario	22	49	29	1000	1000
Ontario Region	Toronto	34	33	33	195	204
	GTA/Hamilton/Niagara	22	52	26	393	375
	Eastern	19	51	30	149	155
	Southwestern	14	59	27	202	204
	Northern	23	41	36	61	62
Gender	Male	23	52	25	495	492
	Female	21	46	32	505	508
Age	18 - 29	25	43	32	163	208
	30-44	24	38	38	241	264
	45-59	20	56	24	358	289
	60 and over	22	54	24	238	239
In the past year, has your electricity bill...	Gone up	20	55	25	596	580
	Stayed about the same	25	39	37	285	301
	Gone down	31	50	19	22	24
	Our household doesn't pay for electricity	26	42	33	97	95
Are you a member of a union?	Yes	25	43	32	199	205
	No	21	51	28	801	795
2011 Provincial Vote	OLP	44	25	30	297	314
	PC	9	79	12	270	258
	NDP	17	54	29	205	205
	GPO	27	52	20	42	43
	Other	0	32	68	15	12
	DNV	11	38	51	171	168

Ontario Political Update

		Impression of Nuclear					Counts	
		Very positive	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Very negative	Weighted	Unweighted
		%	%	%	%	%		
Ontario Region	Ontario	16	26	30	17	11	1000	1000
	Toronto	12	27	32	20	9	195	204
	GTA/Hamilton/Niagara	15	26	32	16	11	393	375
	Eastern	17	29	27	16	11	149	155
	Southwestern	21	26	27	19	7	202	204
	Northern	7	23	33	16	20	61	62
Gender	Male	23	34	24	13	6	495	492
	Female	8	19	36	22	15	505	508
Age	18 - 29	14	22	26	26	12	163	208
	30-44	11	23	35	18	13	241	264
	45-59	18	24	32	17	10	358	289
	60 and over	17	36	25	13	8	238	239
In the past year, has your electricity bill...	Gone up	16	27	29	16	12	596	580
	Stayed about the same	17	26	31	18	8	285	301
	Gone down	13	25	19	29	14	22	24
	Our household doesn't pay for electricity	9	24	36	20	11	97	95
Are you a member of a union?	Yes	16	20	28	22	15	199	205
	No	16	28	31	16	9	801	795
2011 Provincial Vote	OLP	15	32	31	17	6	297	314
	PC	25	32	24	14	5	270	258
	NDP	9	19	31	22	19	205	205
	GPO	11	24	33	18	15	42	43
	Other	12	8	60	13	6	15	12
	DNV	11	20	32	20	17	171	168

Ontario Political Update

		Impression of Natural gas					Counts	
		Very positive	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Very negative	Weighted	Unweighted
		%	%	%	%	%		
Ontario Region	Ontario	24	45	24	5	2	1000	1000
	Toronto	19	42	31	7	1	195	204
	GTA/Hamilton/Niagara	23	48	23	4	1	393	375
	Eastern	29	46	20	4	1	149	155
	Southwestern	30	40	22	5	3	202	204
	Northern	16	55	21	7	1	61	62
Gender	Male	28	44	21	4	2	495	492
	Female	20	47	27	5	1	505	508
Age	18 - 29	13	39	36	8	5	163	208
	30-44	18	42	32	6	1	241	264
	45-59	30	48	17	4	1	358	289
	60 and over	30	49	18	3	0	238	239
In the past year, has your electricity bill...	Gone up	28	46	21	5	1	596	580
	Stayed about the same	20	44	29	5	2	285	301
	Gone down	30	55	12	4	0	22	24
	Our household doesn't pay for electricity	13	47	31	5	3	97	95
Are you a member of a union?	Yes	23	43	28	5	1	199	205
	No	25	46	23	5	2	801	795
2011 Provincial Vote	OLP	23	51	21	4	1	297	314
	PC	34	45	19	3	0	270	258
	NDP	22	44	23	8	3	205	205
	GPO	14	43	29	7	8	42	43
	Other	8	40	43	9	0	15	12
	DNV	19	40	35	5	1	171	168

Ontario Political Update

		Impression of Coal					Counts	
		Very positive	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Very negative	Weighted	Unweighted
		%	%	%	%	%		
Ontario Region	Ontario	3	7	27	37	26	1000	1000
	Toronto	3	8	30	37	22	195	204
	GTA/Hamilton/Niagara	3	7	23	41	26	393	375
	Eastern	3	4	23	36	33	149	155
	Southwestern	2	7	33	33	24	202	204
	Northern	0	16	34	31	20	61	62
Gender	Male	4	8	21	39	27	495	492
	Female	2	6	33	35	24	505	508
Age	18 - 29	2	10	32	36	20	163	208
	30-44	4	11	35	30	21	241	264
	45-59	3	5	22	42	29	358	289
	60 and over	2	6	24	38	31	238	239
In the past year, has your electricity bill...	Gone up	3	8	26	37	26	596	580
	Stayed about the same	3	8	28	37	25	285	301
	Gone down	0	10	14	60	16	22	24
	Our household doesn't pay for electricity	3	4	32	34	28	97	95
Are you a member of a union?	Yes	2	9	25	38	27	199	205
	No	3	7	28	37	25	801	795
2011 Provincial Vote	OLP	4	6	21	42	27	297	314
	PC	4	9	26	38	23	270	258
	NDP	0	7	26	36	31	205	205
	GPO	10	14	16	41	18	42	43
	Other	0	0	55	18	28	15	12
	DNV	2	6	42	29	22	171	168

Ontario Political Update

		Impression of Hydro-electric (dams)					Counts	
		Very positive	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Very negative	Weighted	Unweighted
		%	%	%	%	%		
Ontario Region	Ontario	32	41	23	3	1	1000	1000
	Toronto	26	47	23	4	1	195	204
	GTA/Hamilton/Niagara	31	41	25	2	1	393	375
	Eastern	36	33	23	5	3	149	155
	Southwestern	34	40	23	2	1	202	204
	Northern	32	39	16	11	1	61	62
Gender	Male	42	37	17	4	0	495	492
	Female	22	44	29	3	2	505	508
Age	18 - 29	28	39	27	4	2	163	208
	30-44	27	41	28	4	0	241	264
	45-59	29	45	22	3	2	358	289
	60 and over	42	35	18	4	1	238	239
In the past year, has your electricity bill...	Gone up	34	38	23	4	1	596	580
	Stayed about the same	28	45	23	3	1	285	301
	Gone down	38	62	0	0	0	22	24
	Our household doesn't pay for electricity	26	36	32	3	2	97	95
Are you a member of a union?	Yes	31	40	23	5	0	199	205
	No	32	41	23	3	1	801	795
2011 Provincial Vote	OLP	30	45	22	2	1	297	314
	PC	38	38	18	5	1	270	258
	NDP	31	39	24	4	2	205	205
	GPO	24	51	19	5	1	42	43
	Other	0	72	22	6	0	15	12
	DNV	30	33	34	2	1	171	168

Ontario Political Update

		Impression of Wind					Counts	
		Very positive	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Very negative	Weighted	Unweighted
		%	%	%	%	%		
Ontario Region	Ontario	36	33	18	7	6	1000	1000
	Toronto	34	38	20	6	2	195	204
	GTA/Hamilton/Niagara	38	32	20	5	5	393	375
	Eastern	31	32	15	10	12	149	155
	Southwestern	37	30	16	10	7	202	204
	Northern	41	37	12	5	6	61	62
Gender	Male	39	29	17	8	7	495	492
	Female	33	37	19	6	5	505	508
Age	18 - 29	49	29	17	3	3	163	208
	30-44	36	35	20	6	4	241	264
	45-59	36	34	16	9	5	358	289
	60 and over	28	32	20	8	12	238	239
In the past year, has your electricity bill...	Gone up	34	34	16	9	8	596	580
	Stayed about the same	38	32	24	4	3	285	301
	Gone down	40	33	8	19	0	22	24
	Our household doesn't pay for electricity	42	34	18	2	4	97	95
Are you a member of a union?	Yes	34	38	16	8	3	199	205
	No	37	32	18	6	7	801	795
2011 Provincial Vote	OLP	37	32	21	6	5	297	314
	PC	30	31	14	14	11	270	258
	NDP	38	36	18	5	3	205	205
	GPO	45	43	4	0	7	42	43
	Other	0	50	50	0	0	15	12
	DNV	42	32	20	3	4	171	168

Ontario Political Update

		Impression of Solar					Counts	
		Very positive	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Very negative	Weighted	Unweighted
		%	%	%	%	%		
Ontario Region	Ontario	47	34	13	3	3	1000	1000
	Toronto	45	36	15	2	1	195	204
	GTA/Hamilton/Niagara	46	36	13	2	3	393	375
	Eastern	44	32	14	4	6	149	155
	Southwestern	51	30	13	3	3	202	204
	Northern	52	31	11	4	1	61	62
Gender	Male	46	32	15	3	5	495	492
	Female	48	36	12	2	1	505	508
Age	18 - 29	52	30	15	2	2	163	208
	30-44	48	33	16	1	2	241	264
	45-59	49	35	11	3	2	358	289
	60 and over	40	36	14	4	6	238	239
In the past year, has your electricity bill...	Gone up	47	33	13	3	4	596	580
	Stayed about the same	47	36	13	3	2	285	301
	Gone down	45	50	5	0	0	22	24
	Our household doesn't pay for electricity	49	32	16	1	2	97	95
Are you a member of a union?	Yes	52	35	11	2	1	199	205
	No	46	34	14	3	4	801	795
2011 Provincial Vote	OLP	44	38	13	3	2	297	314
	PC	44	32	13	5	7	270	258
	NDP	54	32	12	1	1	205	205
	GPO	56	32	7	2	3	42	43
	Other	12	58	30	0	0	15	12
	DNV	48	30	17	2	2	171	168

Ontario Political Update

		Impression of Biomass					Counts	
		Very positive	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Very negative	Weighted	Unweighted
		%	%	%	%	%		
Ontario Region	Ontario	12	20	61	5	3	1000	1000
	Toronto	14	20	62	4	1	195	204
	GTA/Hamilton/Niagara	10	19	64	5	3	393	375
	Eastern	13	22	58	3	4	149	155
	Southwestern	12	20	59	5	4	202	204
	Northern	13	20	56	7	4	61	62
Gender	Male	16	24	51	5	3	495	492
	Female	7	16	71	4	3	505	508
Age	18 - 29	14	22	61	3	1	163	208
	30-44	16	20	59	4	1	241	264
	45-59	11	19	62	5	3	358	289
	60 and over	6	20	62	6	5	238	239
In the past year, has your electricity bill...	Gone up	11	19	62	5	4	596	580
	Stayed about the same	11	22	60	6	1	285	301
	Gone down	13	34	48	4	0	22	24
	Our household doesn't pay for electricity	16	17	64	1	1	97	95
Are you a member of a union?	Yes	13	20	61	5	1	199	205
	No	11	20	61	4	3	801	795
2011 Provincial Vote	OLP	12	22	61	4	1	297	314
	PC	12	19	57	7	5	270	258
	NDP	9	19	67	3	2	205	205
	GPO	20	34	46	0	0	42	43
	Other	0	16	70	14	0	15	12
	DNV	12	15	64	4	5	171	168

Ontario Political Update

		Word pairs Affordable			
		Affordable	Unaffordable	Counts	
		%	%	Weighted	Unweighted
Ontario Region	Ontario	42	58	979	980
	Toronto	43	57	191	199
	GTA/Hamilton/Niagara	47	53	380	363
	Eastern	29	71	148	154
	Southwestern	41	59	201	203
	Northern	48	52	60	61
Gender	Male	47	53	485	483
	Female	38	62	494	497
Age	18 - 29	42	58	157	201
	30-44	45	55	232	255
	45-59	41	59	353	286
	60 and over	43	57	237	238
In the past year, has your electricity bill...	Gone up	31	69	582	568
	Stayed about the same	61	39	278	293
	Gone down	83	17	22	24
	Our household doesn't pay for electricity	46	54	97	95
Are you a member of a union?	Yes	44	56	199	205
	No	42	58	780	775
2011 Provincial Vote	OLP	52	48	292	308
	PC	36	64	265	255
	NDP	38	62	202	202
	GPO	56	44	42	43
	Other	8	92	15	12
	DNV	40	60	164	160

Ontario Political Update

		Word pairs Reliable			
		Reliable	Unreliable	Counts	
		%	%	Weighted	Unweighted
	Ontario	75	25	1000	1000
Ontario Region	Toronto	71	29	195	204
	GTA/Hamilton/Niagara	75	25	393	375
	Eastern	72	28	149	155
	Southwestern	81	19	202	204
	Northern	79	21	61	62
Gender	Male	77	23	495	492
	Female	73	27	505	508
Age	18 - 29	72	28	163	208
	30-44	75	25	241	264
	45-59	75	25	358	289
	60 and over	76	24	238	239
In the past year, has your electricity bill...	Gone up	71	29	596	580
	Stayed about the same	82	18	285	301
	Gone down	71	29	22	24
	Our household doesn't pay for electricity	78	22	97	95
Are you a member of a union?	Yes	76	24	199	205
	No	75	25	801	795
2011 Provincial Vote	OLP	78	22	297	314
	PC	72	28	270	258
	NDP	74	26	205	205
	GPO	88	12	42	43
	Other	74	26	15	12
	DNV	73	27	171	168

Ontario Political Update

		Word pairs Environmentally sustainable			
		Environmentally sustainable	Environmentally unsustainable	Counts	
		%	%	Weighted	Unweighted
	Ontario	56	44	1000	1000
Ontario Region	Toronto	52	48	195	204
	GTA/Hamilton/Niagara	57	43	393	375
	Eastern	56	44	149	155
	Southwestern	54	46	202	204
	Northern	62	38	61	62
Gender	Male	61	39	495	492
	Female	50	50	505	508
Age	18 - 29	39	61	163	208
	30-44	55	45	241	264
	45-59	62	38	358	289
	60 and over	59	41	238	239
In the past year, has your electricity bill...	Gone up	54	46	596	580
	Stayed about the same	60	40	285	301
	Gone down	59	41	22	24
	Our household doesn't pay for electricity	55	45	97	95
Are you a member of a union?	Yes	60	40	199	205
	No	55	45	801	795
2011 Provincial Vote	OLP	59	41	297	314
	PC	58	42	270	258
	NDP	50	50	205	205
	GPO	42	58	42	43
	Other	54	46	15	12
	DNV	58	42	171	168

Ontario Political Update

		Word pairs Innovative			
		Innovative	Outdated	Counts	
		%	%	Weighted	Unweighted
Ontario		38	62	1000	1000
Ontario Region	Toronto	33	67	195	204
	GTA/Hamilton/Niagara	38	62	393	375
	Eastern	33	67	149	155
	Southwestern	46	54	202	204
	Northern	37	63	61	62
Gender	Male	40	60	495	492
	Female	36	64	505	508
Age	18 - 29	41	59	163	208
	30-44	39	61	241	264
	45-59	35	65	358	289
	60 and over	39	61	238	239
In the past year, has your electricity bill...	Gone up	34	66	596	580
	Stayed about the same	46	54	285	301
	Gone down	41	59	22	24
	Our household doesn't pay for electricity	39	61	97	95
Are you a member of a union?	Yes	41	59	199	205
	No	37	63	801	795
2011 Provincial Vote	OLP	41	59	297	314
	PC	36	64	270	258
	NDP	36	64	205	205
	GPO	29	71	42	43
	Other	46	54	15	12
	DNV	38	62	171	168

Ontario Political Update

		Word pairs Mostly clean			
		Mostly clean	Mostly dirty	Counts	
		%	%	Weighted	Unweighted
	Ontario	74	26	1000	1000
Ontario Region	Toronto	71	29	195	204
	GTA/Hamilton/Niagara	74	26	393	375
	Eastern	78	22	149	155
	Southwestern	74	26	202	204
	Northern	72	28	61	62
Gender	Male	76	24	495	492
	Female	72	28	505	508
Age	18 - 29	59	41	163	208
	30-44	70	30	241	264
	45-59	77	23	358	289
	60 and over	83	17	238	239
In the past year, has your electricity bill...	Gone up	73	27	596	580
	Stayed about the same	77	23	285	301
	Gone down	86	14	22	24
	Our household doesn't pay for electricity	69	31	97	95
Are you a member of a union?	Yes	78	22	199	205
	No	73	27	801	795
2011 Provincial Vote	OLP	78	22	297	314
	PC	76	24	270	258
	NDP	69	31	205	205
	GPO	69	31	42	43
	Other	61	39	15	12
	DNV	73	27	171	168

Ontario Political Update

		Word pairs Creates a lot of jobs			
		Creates a lot of jobs	Does not create a lot of jobs	Counts	
		%	%	Weighted	Unweighted
	Ontario	49	51	1000	1000
Ontario Region	Toronto	49	51	195	204
	GTA/Hamilton/Niagara	53	47	393	375
	Eastern	44	56	149	155
	Southwestern	43	57	202	204
	Northern	58	42	61	62
Gender	Male	51	49	495	492
	Female	47	53	505	508
Age	18 - 29	51	49	163	208
	30-44	48	52	241	264
	45-59	49	51	358	289
	60 and over	50	50	238	239
In the past year, has your electricity bill...	Gone up	45	55	596	580
	Stayed about the same	55	45	285	301
	Gone down	60	40	22	24
	Our household doesn't pay for electricity	51	49	97	95
Are you a member of a union?	Yes	58	42	199	205
	No	47	53	801	795
2011 Provincial Vote	OLP	57	43	297	314
	PC	44	56	270	258
	NDP	44	56	205	205
	GPO	61	39	42	43
	Other	32	68	15	12
	DNV	46	54	171	168

Ontario Political Update

How closely have you been following news about the legislative committee investigating the gas plant cancellations?

		Very closely	Somewhat closely	Not that closely	Have not heard about the issue at all	Counts	
		%	%	%	%	Weighted	Unweighted
Ontario Region	Ontario	8	32	41	18	1000	1000
	Toronto	9	37	39	14	195	204
	GTA/Hamilton/Niagara	10	38	39	14	393	375
	Eastern	8	24	42	26	149	155
	Southwestern	6	26	45	22	202	204
	Northern	6	21	45	29	61	62
Gender	Male	13	40	35	13	495	492
	Female	4	25	47	24	505	508
Age	18 - 29	5	24	33	38	163	208
	30-44	7	24	45	23	241	264
	45-59	8	39	40	14	358	289
	60 and over	13	36	44	7	238	239
In the past year, has your electricity bill...	Gone up	10	35	39	16	596	580
	Stayed about the same	5	31	44	20	285	301
	Gone down	4	29	44	23	22	24
Are you a member of a union?	Our household doesn't pay for electricity	5	22	46	27	97	95
	Yes	6	32	40	22	199	205
2011 Provincial Vote	No	9	33	41	17	801	795
	OLP	9	36	45	11	297	314
	PC	13	41	34	12	270	258
	NDP	7	25	49	18	205	205
	GPO	10	42	31	18	42	43
	Other	0	28	54	18	15	12
	DNV	2	19	38	41	171	168

Ontario Political Update

Gas plant controversy satisfaction | Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak and the PC caucus

		Very satisfied	Mostly satisfied	Mostly unsatisfied	Very unsatisfied	Don't know enough to rate them	Counts	
		%	%	%	%	%	Weighted	Unweighted
Ontario Region	Ontario	7	23	22	18	30	817	809
	Toronto	7	21	24	18	31	167	174
	GTA/Hamilton/Niagara	8	25	22	19	27	340	319
	Eastern	11	23	22	13	30	110	116
	Southwestern	5	22	21	18	34	157	158
	Northern	0	19	28	18	35	43	42
Gender	Male	10	27	23	19	21	433	428
	Female	4	18	22	16	39	384	381
Age	18 - 29	13	22	21	12	32	101	130
	30-44	5	18	22	17	39	184	207
	45-59	7	23	25	20	25	310	248
	60 and over	7	27	20	18	28	222	224
In the past year, has your electricity bill...	Gone up	8	23	23	17	29	500	484
	Stayed about the same	5	22	22	20	31	228	237
	Gone down	0	32	19	31	18	17	18
	Our household doesn't pay for electricity	9	18	22	16	36	71	70
Are you a member of a union?	Yes	8	10	22	27	33	156	158
	No	7	26	23	16	29	661	651
2011 Provincial Vote	OLP	2	14	29	25	30	264	273
	PC	16	46	13	9	17	237	226
	NDP	4	11	26	21	39	168	164
	GPO	8	12	27	27	26	34	36
	Other	0	10	27	17	46	12	10
	DNV	4	18	19	13	45	101	100

Ontario Political Update

Gas plant controversy satisfaction | NDP Leader Andrea Horwath and the NDP caucus

		Very satisfied	Mostly satisfied	Mostly unsatisfied	Very unsatisfied	Don't know enough to rate them	Counts	
		%	%	%	%	%	Weighted	Unweighted
Ontario Region	Ontario	5	31	22	11	30	817	809
	Toronto	6	30	25	8	31	167	174
	GTA/Hamilton/Niagara	4	33	22	14	27	340	319
	Eastern	5	22	30	9	35	110	116
	Southwestern	7	32	13	14	34	157	158
	Northern	4	37	22	4	33	43	42
Gender	Male	6	34	25	13	22	433	428
	Female	5	27	19	9	39	384	381
Age	18 - 29	11	32	18	6	33	101	130
	30-44	4	26	19	12	39	184	207
	45-59	5	33	26	12	25	310	248
	60 and over	4	31	21	13	30	222	224
In the past year, has your electricity bill...	Gone up	5	31	22	12	29	500	484
	Stayed about the same	4	32	23	11	31	228	237
	Gone down	0	31	29	21	18	17	18
	Our household doesn't pay for electricity	10	29	18	5	39	71	70
Are you a member of a union?	Yes	7	28	21	13	32	156	158
	No	5	32	22	11	30	661	651
2011 Provincial Vote	OLP	2	27	30	9	31	264	273
	PC	7	36	20	18	19	237	226
	NDP	8	37	14	4	37	168	164
	GPO	8	20	29	18	25	34	36
	Other	0	10	27	17	46	12	10
	DNV	4	26	16	10	44	101	100

Ontario Political Update

Gas plant controversy satisfaction | Premier Kathleen Wynne and the Liberal caucus

		Very satisfied	Mostly satisfied	Mostly unsatisfied	Very unsatisfied	Don't know enough to rate them	Counts	
		%	%	%	%	%	Weighted	Unweighted
Ontario Region	Ontario	4	14	21	38	23	817	809
	Toronto	4	23	21	28	23	167	174
	GTA/Hamilton/Niagara	5	12	21	41	20	340	319
	Eastern	2	12	19	42	25	110	116
	Southwestern	2	9	22	41	26	157	158
	Northern	0	12	23	27	38	43	42
Gender	Male	5	14	22	42	18	433	428
	Female	2	14	21	33	30	384	381
Age	18 - 29	6	19	25	23	26	101	130
	30-44	4	14	20	31	31	184	207
	45-59	4	13	22	43	19	310	248
	60 and over	1	13	19	44	22	222	224
In the past year, has your electricity bill...	Gone up	3	12	20	43	22	500	484
	Stayed about the same	4	19	23	30	24	228	237
	Gone down	5	5	22	50	18	17	18
	Our household doesn't pay for electricity	5	13	25	25	33	71	70
Are you a member of a union?	Yes	5	9	24	33	30	156	158
	No	3	15	21	39	22	661	651
2011 Provincial Vote	OLP	5	24	26	22	22	264	273
	PC	2	6	16	64	12	237	226
	NDP	2	13	24	29	32	168	164
	GPO	11	13	36	23	18	34	36
	Other	0	0	22	36	42	12	10
	DNV	4	7	13	38	39	101	100

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		Are you satisfied with the amount of information about the controversy that has been uncovered or do you think there is still more information that needs to be uncovered?			
		Satisfied with the amount of information uncovered	There is still more information that needs to be uncovered	Counts	
		%	%	Weighted	Unweighted
	Ontario	22	78	817	809
Ontario Region	Toronto	24	76	167	174
	GTA/Hamilton/Niagara	23	77	340	319
	Eastern	19	81	110	116
	Southwestern	21	79	157	158
	Northern	18	82	43	42
Gender	Male	25	75	433	428
	Female	19	81	384	381
Age	18 - 29	28	72	101	130
	30-44	22	78	184	207
	45-59	24	76	310	248
	60 and over	18	82	222	224
In the past year, has your electricity bill...	Gone up	20	80	500	484
	Stayed about the same	27	73	228	237
	Gone down	42	58	17	18
	Our household doesn't pay for electricity	19	81	71	70
Are you a member of a union?	Yes	24	76	156	158
	No	22	78	661	651
2011 Provincial Vote	OLP	39	61	264	273
	PC	15	85	237	226
	NDP	13	87	168	164
	GPO	22	78	34	36
	Other	8	92	12	10
	DNV	12	88	101	100

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		Gas plant cancellation serious enough to force an election?				
		Yes	No	Don't know	Counts	
		%	%	%	Weighted	Unweighted
Ontario Region	Ontario	48	30	21	817	809
	Toronto	38	37	25	167	174
	GTA/Hamilton/Niagara	50	31	19	340	319
	Eastern	49	31	21	110	116
	Southwestern	55	22	22	157	158
	Northern	47	32	21	43	42
Gender	Male	53	33	14	433	428
	Female	43	28	29	384	381
Age	18 - 29	39	45	17	101	130
	30-44	45	25	29	184	207
	45-59	54	29	17	310	248
	60 and over	48	29	22	222	224
In the past year, has your electricity bill...	Gone up	54	27	19	500	484
	Stayed about the same	39	35	26	228	237
	Gone down	46	48	7	17	18
	Our household doesn't pay for electricity	40	37	22	71	70
Are you a member of a union?	Yes	49	33	18	156	158
	No	48	30	22	661	651
2011 Provincial Vote	OLP	29	49	22	264	273
	PC	73	16	10	237	226
	NDP	51	27	22	168	164
	GPO	48	31	21	34	36
	Other	66	27	8	12	10
	DNV	36	20	44	101	100

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Which of the following two statements comes closest to your view on the controversy involving the cancelled gas plants?

		It is time for the opposition parties to move on from the gas plants issue and focus on other issues facing the province	The opposition parties should continue to pursue the issue in the legislature and in committees.	Counts	
		%	%	Weighted	Unweighted
Ontario		54	46	817	809
Ontario Region	Toronto	60	40	167	174
	GTA/Hamilton/Niagara	55	45	340	319
	Eastern	51	49	110	116
	Southwestern	48	52	157	158
	Northern	60	40	43	42
Gender	Male	52	48	433	428
	Female	57	43	384	381
Age	18 - 29	55	45	101	130
	30-44	57	43	184	207
	45-59	53	47	310	248
	60 and over	52	48	222	224
In the past year, has your electricity bill...	Gone up	49	51	500	484
	Stayed about the same	61	39	228	237
	Gone down	72	28	17	18
	Our household doesn't pay for electricity	67	33	71	70
Are you a member of a union?	Yes	56	44	156	158
	No	54	46	661	651
2011 Provincial Vote	OLP	73	27	264	273
	PC	37	63	237	226
	NDP	48	52	168	164
	GPO	54	46	34	36
	Other	90	10	12	10
	DNV	52	48	101	100

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		How would you rate the current state of the economy in [province]						
		Very good	Good	Ok	Poor	Very poor	Counts	
		%	%	%	%	%	Weighted	Unweighted
Ontario Region	Ontario	1	14	50	28	6	1000	1000
	Toronto	3	16	49	29	3	195	204
	GTA/Hamilton/Niagara	2	16	56	21	6	393	375
	Eastern	0	13	44	30	13	149	155
	Southwestern	1	11	43	39	6	202	204
Gender	Northern	1	12	48	34	5	61	62
	Male	2	17	47	27	7	495	492
Age	Female	1	11	52	29	6	505	508
	18 - 29	3	12	54	24	7	163	208
	30-44	2	15	51	26	5	241	264
	45-59	1	15	49	29	6	358	289
In the past year, has your electricity bill...	60 and over	0	13	47	32	8	238	239
	Gone up	2	14	47	29	8	596	580
	Stayed about the same	1	17	56	22	3	285	301
	Gone down	0	20	56	24	0	22	24
Are you a member of a union?	Our household doesn't pay for electricity	0	7	47	39	7	97	95
	Yes	2	15	49	30	4	199	205
2011 Provincial Vote	No	1	14	50	28	7	801	795
	OLP	3	17	53	25	2	297	314
	PC	1	17	44	28	10	270	258
	NDP	1	13	46	32	9	205	205
	GPO	5	14	41	33	6	42	43
	Other	0	4	26	58	12	15	12
	DNV	0	6	63	27	4	171	168

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		Which political party do you trust the most to manage Ontario's economy?						
		Ontario Liberal Party	PC Party of Ontario	Ontario NDP	Green Party of Ontario	Unsure	Counts	
		%	%	%	%	%	Weighted	Unweighted
Ontario Region	Ontario	20	23	19	2	36	1000	1000
	Toronto	27	17	20	4	32	195	204
	GTA/Hamilton/Niagara	22	26	15	1	36	393	375
	Eastern	15	28	15	1	41	149	155
	Southwestern	14	22	26	2	36	202	204
	Northern	20	6	33	8	33	61	62
Gender	Male	23	28	15	3	31	495	492
	Female	17	18	24	2	40	505	508
Age	18 - 29	20	16	28	5	31	163	208
	30-44	19	17	18	3	42	241	264
	45-59	19	26	20	2	34	358	289
	60 and over	23	28	14	0	34	238	239
In the past year, has your electricity bill...	Gone up	19	26	20	2	32	596	580
	Stayed about the same	21	19	18	2	40	285	301
	Gone down	28	30	14	0	28	22	24
	Our household doesn't pay for electricity	19	11	18	3	49	97	95
Are you a member of a union?	Yes	21	14	32	2	32	199	205
	No	20	25	16	2	37	801	795
2011 Provincial Vote	OLP	49	9	8	1	33	297	314
	PC	5	64	4	0	27	270	258
	NDP	11	3	63	2	21	205	205
	GPO	11	7	7	26	48	42	43
	Other	4	0	0	9	86	15	12
	DNV	8	12	15	2	62	171	168

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		Ontario Vote Intention (Committed voters with Leaners)					Counts	
		Ontario Liberal Party	PC Party of Ontario	Ontario NDP	Green Party of Ontario	Another party	Weighted	Unweighted
		%	%	%	%	%		
Ontario Region	Ontario	30	33	30	5	1	851	861
	Toronto	41	24	33	2	1	167	180
	GTA/Hamilton/Niagara	30	40	24	5	1	334	320
	Eastern	29	39	25	7	1	126	131
	Southwestern	23	33	37	7	0	172	176
	Northern	27	7	55	9	2	51	54
Gender	Male	32	35	26	6	1	432	431
	Female	29	31	35	5	0	419	430
Age	18 - 29	27	22	42	9	1	144	186
	30-44	34	25	30	10	1	192	214
	45-59	29	40	27	3	1	314	254
	60 and over	32	38	28	2	0	201	207
In the past year, has your electricity bill...	Gone up	29	37	28	5	1	521	510
	Stayed about the same	32	28	32	7	0	237	254
	Gone down	36	39	21	4	0	20	22
	Our household doesn't pay for electricity	33	22	42	4	0	73	75
Are you a member of a union?	Yes	28	18	47	6	1	173	182
	No	31	37	26	5	1	678	679
2011 Provincial Vote	OLP	72	13	13	1	0	262	278
	PC	6	86	7	1	0	245	235
	NDP	7	6	85	2	0	197	197
	GPO	18	1	11	70	0	38	39
	Other	20	8	27	9	35	7	7
	DNV	32	24	34	8	3	102	105

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		Ontario Vote Intention (All respondents including leaners)							Counts	
		Ontario Liberal Party	PC Party of Ontario	Ontario NDP	Green Party of Ontario	Another party	Undecided	Weighted	Unweighted	
		%	%	%	%	%	%			
	Ontario	26	28	26	4	1	15	1000	1000	
Ontario Region	Toronto	35	20	29	2	0	14	195	204	
	GTA/Hamilton/Niagara	26	34	20	4	1	15	393	375	
	Eastern	24	33	21	6	1	16	149	155	
	Southwestern	19	28	31	6	0	15	202	204	
	Northern	23	6	46	8	2	16	61	62	
Gender	Male	28	31	23	5	1	13	495	492	
	Female	24	26	29	4	0	17	505	508	
Age	18 - 29	24	19	37	8	1	12	163	208	
	30-44	27	20	24	8	1	20	241	264	
	45-59	25	35	24	2	1	12	358	289	
	60 and over	27	32	23	2	0	15	238	239	
In the past year, has your electricity bill...	Gone up	25	32	25	4	1	12	596	580	
	Stayed about the same	27	23	27	6	0	17	285	301	
	Gone down	32	35	19	4	0	10	22	24	
	Our household doesn't pay for electricity	25	16	31	3	0	25	97	95	
Are you a member of a union?	Yes	25	16	41	5	1	13	199	205	
	No	26	31	22	4	0	15	801	795	
2011 Provincial Vote	OLP	64	12	11	1	0	12	297	314	
	PC	5	78	7	1	0	9	270	258	
	NDP	7	6	81	2	0	4	205	205	
	GPO	16	1	10	64	0	9	42	43	
	Other	9	4	13	4	16	54	15	12	
	DNV	19	14	20	5	2	40	171	168	