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**Toronto, ON** – As the second set of debates scheduled for next week nears, a new Ipsos Reid CanWest News Service/Global News survey reports the Conservatives as now holding a 4-point lead over the Liberals nationally.

If a federal election were held tomorrow, the Conservatives would receive 35% support (+2 points), the Liberals 31% (-1 point), the NDP 18% (unchanged), and the Green Party 5% (unchanged).

In Quebec, the Bloc Quebecois now hold 45% of federal votes (-7 points) versus the Liberals at 23% (-3 points) and the Conservative Party at 19% (+7 points).

And in Ontario, the Conservatives at 39% (+1 point) now have a 5-point lead over the Liberals (34%, -2 points).



## ***Seat Range Projection Model: Conservatives 129-133 Seats, Liberals 87-91, NDP 27-31, Bloc 56-60***

Ipsos Reid's seat model projects that if a vote were held tomorrow, the Conservatives would have a potential of 129-133 seats, the Liberals would have a potential of 87-91 seats, the NDP would have a potential of 27-31 seats, and the Bloc Quebecois would have a potential of 56-60 seats. In order to achieve a majority government, a party needs a minimum of 155 seats in the House of Commons.

*These are the findings of an Ipsos Reid poll conducted for CanWest News Service/Global News and fielded from January 2<sup>nd</sup> to January 5<sup>th</sup> 2006. For this survey, a representative randomly selected sample of 2004 adult Canadians were interviewed by telephone. With a sample of this size, the aggregate results are considered accurate to within  $\pm 2.2$  percentage points, 19 times out of 20, of what they would have been had the entire adult Canadian population been polled. The margin of error will be larger within each sub-grouping of the survey population. These data were weighted to ensure the sample's regional and age/sex composition reflects that of the actual Canadian population according to the 2001 Census data.*



## *Eight In Ten (81%) Either “Absolutely Certain” (62%) Or “Very Likely” (19%) To Vote In The Upcoming Election...*

Among all Canadians, 81% say they are either “absolutely certain” (62%) or “very likely” (19%) to vote in the upcoming election on January 23rd.

Likelihood to vote	Dec 22nd, 2005	Dec 31st, 2005	Jan 2-5, 2006	Change
Absolutely certain	60%	63%	62%	-1%
Very likely	19%	18%	19%	1%
Somewhat likely	8%	8%	7%	-1%
Not very likely	3%	3%	4%	1%
Not at all likely	8%	7%	6%	-1%
Don't know	1%	1%	1%	0%

Likelihood to vote	Region							Vote Intention				
	National	B.C.	Alb	Sk/Mn	Ont	Que	Atl Can	CP	LIB	NDP	BQ	Green
Absolutely Certain/Very Likely To Vote	81%	83%	85%	82%	80%	81%	79%	86%	84%	88%	86%	72%

- Voter likelihood is closely comparable across all regions and vote-intention types.

Comparing voter intentions between those who are “absolutely certain” or “very likely” to vote in the upcoming election to those of the population as a whole reveals that, overall, these two groups are very consistent with each other.

*\*Please reference the last page of the report to review federal vote break-out among those who are “absolutely certain” or “very likely” to vote.*



### ***Decided Vote: Conservatives 35% (+2 Points) Vs. Liberals 31% (-1 Point)...***

If a federal election were held tomorrow, the Conservatives would receive 35% (+2 points), the Liberals 31% (-1 point), the NDP 18% (unchanged), and the Green Party 5% (unchanged).

In Quebec, the Bloc Quebecois hold 45% of federal votes (-7 points) versus the Liberals at 23% (-3 points) and the Conservative Party at 19% (+7 points).

Twelve percent of Canadians are undecided as to whom they will vote for (+2 points from the last survey).

<b>Among All Canadians (N=2005) - Decided Voters</b>								
<b>Parties</b>	<b>Election Results June 28, 2004</b>	<b>Dec 6- 8, 2005</b>	<b>Dec 9- 11, 2005</b>	<b>Dec 20-22, 2005</b>	<b>Dec 29-30, 2005</b>	<b>Jan 2- 5, 2006</b>	<b>Movement From Last Poll</b>	<b>Since 2004 Election</b>
<b>The Conservative Party</b>	30%	30%	27%	32%	33%	35%	2%	5%
<b>The Liberals</b>	37%	34%	36%	33%	32%	31%	-1%	-6%
<b>The New Democratic Party</b>	16%	16%	17%	16%	18%	18%	0%	2%
<b>The Bloc Quebecois</b>	12%	14%	14%	13%	12%	10%	-2%	-2%
<b>The Green Party</b>	4%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	0%	1%

### ***Regional Highlights...***

- In Ontario, the Conservatives at 39% (+1 point) now have a 5-point lead over the Liberals (34%, -2 points).
- In Quebec, the Bloc is down 7 points to 45% while the Conservatives have moved up 7 points to 19% and are now close to the Liberals (23%, -3 points) in this province.
- Voter volatility remains high in British Columbia: Conservatives (35%, +7 points), Liberals (33%, unchanged), NDP (24%, -10 points).



*Regional Tables...*

N=671	Ontario		
	Dec 29-30, 2005	Jan 2-5, 2006	Change
The Conservative Party	38%	39%	1%
The Liberals	36%	34%	-2%
The NDP	19%	20%	1%
The Green Party	5%	6%	1%

N=422	Quebec		
	Dec 29-30, 2005	Jan 2-5, 2006	Change
The Conservative Party	12%	19%	7%
The Liberals	26%	23%	-3%
The NDP	6%	9%	3%
The Bloc Quebecois	52%	45%	-7%
The Green Party	5%	4%	-1%

N=237	British Columbia		
	Dec 29-30, 2005	Jan 2-5, 2006	Change
The Conservative Party	28%	35%	7%
The Liberals	33%	33%	0%
The NDP	34%	24%	-10%
The Green Party	5%	7%	2%

N=177	Alberta		
	Dec 29-30, 2005	Jan 2-5, 2006	Change
The Conservative Party	63%	51%	-12%
The Liberals	11%	29%	18%
The NDP	12%	13%	1%
The Green Party	10%	6%	-4%



N=111	Saskatchewan/Manitoba		
	Dec 29-30, 2005	Jan 2-5, 2006	Change
The Conservative Party	45%	41%	-4%
The Liberals	28%	28%	0%
The NDP	25%	24%	-1%
The Green Party	0%	3%	3%

N=131	Atlantic Canada		
	Dec 29-30, 2005	Jan 2-5, 2006	Change
The Conservative Party	29%	33%	4%
The Liberals	50%	42%	-8%
The NDP	19%	23%	4%
The Green Party	1%	0%	-1%

*Among Those “Absolutely Certain” Or “Very Likely” To Vote, The Decided Vote: Conservatives (35%), Liberals (31%), NDP (18%) – In Quebec Bloc At 46% vs. Liberals 22% And Conservatives 19%....*

Among those who are either “absolutely certain” or “very likely” (representing 81% of Canadians), the decided vote breaks out as follows: Conservatives 35%, Liberals 31%, NDP 18%, and Green Party 4%. In Quebec, the Bloc Quebecois attracts 46% of the federal vote, versus 22% for the Liberals and 19% for the Conservatives. Ten percent are “undecided”.

Among Those "Absolutely Certain" Or "Very Likely To Vote" (N=1633) - Decided Voters							
Parties	National	British Columbia	Alberta	Sask/Man	Ontario	Quebec	Atlantic Canada
The Conservative Party	35%	37%	52%	40%	39%	19%	32%
The Liberals	31%	32%	29%	30%	34%	22%	46%
The New Democratic Party	18%	25%	14%	25%	21%	9%	21%
The Bloc Quebecois	10%	-	-	-	-	46%	-
The Green Party	4%	5%	6%	3%	5%	3%	0%



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