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Introduction and Methodology

- ◆ Gregg, Kelly, Sullivan & Woolstencroft: *The Strategic Counsel* is pleased to present findings of The Globe and Mail/CTV Polling Program for May 2006.
- ◆ Results are based on nightly tracking among a proportionate national sample of Canadians 18 years of age or older.
- ◆ Interviews were conducted between May 3rd and May 4th, 2006.
- ◆ The following table outlines the sample distribution and associated margin of error.
- ◆ Note: Proportions may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Sample Distribution and Margin of Error

	May 3 – 4	
Region	Sample Size	Margin of Error (\pm)
Canada	1000	3.1
Quebec	246	6.3
Rest of Canada	754	3.6
Ontario	379	5.0
West	297	5.7

Detailed Tables

How would Canadians vote today?

	Canada					Region																			
						Quebec					Rest of Canada*					Ontario					West				
	2004 Res-ults	2006 Res-ults	Feb 16-19	Apr 6-9	May 3-4	2004 Res-ults	2006 Res-ults	Feb 16-19	Apr 6-9	May 3-4	2004 Res-ults	2006 Res-ults	Feb 16-19	Apr 6-9	May 3-4	2004 Res-ults	2006 Res-ults	Feb 16-19	Apr 6-9	May 3-4	2004 Res-ults	2006 Res-ults	Feb 16-19	Apr 6-9	May 3-4
N=			762	822	870			188	219	210			574	603	660			287	300	332			232	243	265
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Liberal candidate	37	30	28	29	31	34	21	19	19	16	38	33	31	33	35	45	40	38	40	42	27	23	21	20	25
Conservative candidate	30	36	39	39	35	9	25	31	29	30	37	40	41	43	36	32	35	36	36	34	46	49	49	53	42
NDP candidate	16	18	19	14	16	5	8	10	4	6	19	21	22	17	19	18	19	20	15	16	20	22	25	19	21
Bloc Quebecois candidate	12	11	9	11	10	49	42	37	42	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Green Party candidate	4	5	5	7	9	3	4	3	5	8	5	5	6	7	10	4	5	6	9	9	5	5	5	8	12

*Note: Rest of Canada includes all provinces except Quebec

Q. If the federal election was being held tomorrow, do you think you'd be supporting the (ROTATE LIST) Liberal candidate in your area, Conservative candidate in your area, the NDP candidate in your area, or the Green Party candidate in your area or (QUEBEC ONLY) Bloc Quebecois candidate in your area?

Q. In that case, which party's candidate in your local area would you be leaning towards at this time? Would it be the (ROTATE LIST) Liberal candidate in your area, Conservative candidate in your area, the NDP candidate in your area, Green Party candidate in your area or (QUEBEC ONLY) Bloc Quebecois candidate in your area?

Base: Total sample

What Do Canadians Think About the Recently-Released Federal Budget?

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	May 3-4	May 3-4	May 3-4	May 3-4	May 3-4
n=	1000	247	753	379	297
	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL Good	56	69	52	48	57
Very good	5	5	6	6	4
Good	51	64	46	42	53
Poor	21	14	23	24	21
Very poor	5	2	5	5	5
TOTAL Poor	26	16	29	29	26
DK/NA/Ref	19	16	20	22	17

*Note: Rest of Canada includes all provinces except Quebec

Q. As you may know, the Federal government released its budget for 2006 on Tuesday. Based on what you have seen, read, or heard, do you think that this budget is very good, good, poor, or very poor for the average Canadian?

Base: Total sample

What Do Canadians Perceive as the Motivation for this Budget?

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	May 3-4	May 3-4	May 3-4	May 3-4	May 3-4
n=	1000	247	753	379	297
	%	%	%	%	%
Thinking more about long term interests of Canadians	22	23	22	21	24
Thinking more chances of winning a majority in the next election	64	56	66	66	65
DK/NA/Ref	14	21	12	13	10

*Note: Rest of Canada includes all provinces except Quebec

Q. In putting this budget forward, do you think that the federal government is (ROTATE) thinking more about the long term interests of Canadians or thinking more about its chances of winning a majority in the next election?

Base: Total sample

Are Stephen Harper and the Conservatives Doing a Good Job So Far?

	Canada		Region							
			Quebec		Rest of Canada*		Ontario		West	
	Apr 6-9	May 3-4	Apr 6-9	May 3-4	Apr 6-9	May 3-4	Apr 6-9	May 3-4	Apr 6-9	May 3-4
n=	1000	1000	247	247	753	753	379	379	297	297
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL Good Job	36	39	47	55	32	34	30	29	34	41
Very good	10	8	12	9	9	8	8	6	9	9
Good	26	31	35	46	23	26	22	23	25	31
Average	37	45	34	36	38	48	35	51	40	44
Poor	7	9	4	4	8	10	11	12	5	8
Very poor	3	3	2	2	3	3	5	2	2	3
TOTAL Poor Job	10	12	6	6	11	13	16	14	7	11
DK/NA/Ref	17	5	13	3	19	5	19	6	19	5

*Note: Rest of Canada includes all provinces except Quebec

Q. As you may know, Stephen Harper and the Conservatives have recently formed a minority government. From what you can tell, would you say they are doing a very good, good, average, poor or very poor job so far?

Base: Total sample

Which Child Care Policy Do Canadians Most Agree With?

	Canada		Region							
			Quebec		Rest of Canada*		Ontario		West	
	Dec 5-6	May 3-4	Dec 5-6	May 3-4	Dec 5-6	May 3-4	Dec 5-6	May 3-4	Dec 5-6	May 3-4
	1000	1000	247	247	753	753	379	379	297	297
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Government should give funding to licensed child care centers to provide sufficient number of subsidized spaces for parents with young children	45	50	49	49	44	50	44	53	43	46
Government should give a tax credit to parents with young children to use as they choose	48	44	44	44	48	44	49	41	50	48
DK/NA/Ref	7	6	7	7	8	6	7	6	7	6

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Q. Which one of these two policy approaches do you agree with more?
 Base: Total sample

Do Canadians Support or Oppose Sending Troops To Afghanistan?

	Canada		Region							
			Quebec		Rest of Canada*		Ontario		West	
	Mar 9-12	May 3-4	Mar 9-12	May 3-4	Mar 9-12	May 3-4	Mar 9-12	May 3-4	Mar 9-12	May 3-4
n=	1000	1000	247	247	753	753	379	379	297	297
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Total Support	55	40	43	27	59	44	58	42	61	49
Strongly support	11	6	3	1	14	8	15	8	12	8
Support	44	34	40	26	45	36	43	34	49	41
Oppose	26	31	32	39	24	28	22	30	25	25
Strongly oppose	15	23	21	31	13	20	16	20	10	20
Total Oppose	41	54	53	70	37	49	38	50	35	45
DK/NA/Ref	4	6	4	3	4	7	4	8	4	6

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Q. Overall, would you say you strongly support, support, oppose or strongly oppose the decision to send Canadian troops to Afghanistan?
 Base: Total sample

Do Canadians Think It's a Good Or Bad Idea To Have a Deficit?

	Canada	Region			
		Quebec	Rest of Canada*	Ontario	West
	May 3-4	May 3-4	May 3-4	May 3-4	May 3-4
n=	1000	247	753	379	297
	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL Good Idea	14	14	14	14	13
Very good	1	1	1	1	1
Good	13	13	13	14	12
Poor	52	45	54	53	54
Very poor	26	34	23	23	25
TOTAL Poor Idea	78	79	78	76	79
DK/NA/Ref	8	7	9	10	8

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Q. Do you think that it is a very good idea, a good idea, a poor idea, or a very poor idea for the federal government to have a deficit?

Base: Total sample