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A Report To
**The Globe and Mail
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**The Race for Queen's Park, 2007
Wave 2**

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Introduction and Methodology

- ◆ *The Strategic Counsel* is pleased to present findings of a survey of 850 Ontarians.
 - Toronto suburbs (905) oversample n=42
 - Southwestern Ontario oversample n=13
 - Eastern Ontario oversample n=70
 - Northern/Central Ontario oversample n=74
- ◆ Results are based on tracking among a proportionate sample of Ontarians 18 years of age or older.
- ◆ Interviews were conducted between September 13th and 16th, 2007.
- ◆ 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

	September 13-16, 2007			
	Sample Size	Over-sample	Total Sample	Margin of Error (±)
Ontario	850			3.4%
Toronto CMA	360			5.2%
City of Toronto (416)	192	-	192	7.1%
Toronto Suburbs (905)	158	42	200	7.0%
Rest of Ontario (excl. Toronto CMA)	490			4.4%
Southwestern (519)	177	13	190	7.1%
Eastern (613)	120	70	190	7.1%
Northern/Central (705/807)	116	74	190	7.1%

Key Findings

The race for Queen's Park remains unchanged with the Liberals continuing to hold a six-point advantage over the Conservatives

Overall

- ◆ After one week of the official election campaign, the Liberals (40%) hold a 6-point lead over the Conservatives (34%). The NDP are at 16% and the Greens at 10%. Despite the closeness of the vote, a majority (54%) of Ontarians believe that the Liberals have the momentum in the early stages of this campaign, while just over one-third (37%) see the PCs as having the momentum.
- ◆ The Liberal vote remains relatively consistent across all demographics, although it is weaker among those with less than university education, Evangelical Christians, those who do not have any religion, and residents of cities between 250,000 and 1,000,000.
- ◆ By contrast, PC support tends to do be higher among the following demographic groups: those over 55, high school diploma or less, household income greater \$100k, Evangelical Christians, Protestants, and residents of communities with populations less than 30,000. Like most Conservative parties, the Ontario PCs also face the traditional gender gap: the PCs are attracting less support from women compared to men. Further, while the PCs are not performing well among visible minorities, it is significant that they are attracting their share of new Canadians.
- ◆ The strength of the Liberal and Conservative votes are virtually identical: approximately 38% of Liberal and Conservative voters alike indicate some likelihood of switching their vote before the election, while about 61% say that they would not consider doing so. In contrast, the strength of the NDP vote is modestly softer, with 45% saying that they might switch before the next election. Interestingly, at this point, the Green vote appears to be relatively hard with some 60% claiming that they would not switch.
- ◆ After one week of the official campaign, there are a number of key trends at the regional level that could have a decisive impact on the election outcome. Further, if the increased strength of the Green party continues this could have a significant impact. There is also evidence that the NDP campaign is being particularly effective.

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Regional Races

Greater Toronto Area versus the Rest of Ontario

- ◆ The Liberals (47%) have been able to strengthen their lead (from 12 points in mid-August to 17 points in our current poll) over the PCs (30%), while NDP support has slipped (to 14% from 17% in our mid-August poll). Support for the Green party remains stable at 8%, up from 3% in 2003. This indicates that the Liberals have had some success in consolidating voter support in the GTA.
- ◆ By contrast, the Liberals are much more vulnerable outside the GTA. The Conservatives (37%) hold a slight 3 point advantage over the Liberals (34%) in the rest of the province. This represents a 12 point decline for the Liberals from the 46% of the vote outside Toronto they garnered in the last election. However, the principal beneficiary of the Liberals' declining support has not been the PCs (they garnered 36% in 2003). It is the Green party that has benefited from the softening Liberal vote: The Greens have experienced a sharp rise in their voter support from 3% in 2003 to 12%. NDP support outside Toronto remains relatively unchanged at 17%.
- ◆ The Liberal vote is being held back by the desire for change, even though there is broad consensus that Ontario is on the right track.

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Regional Races

Toronto 905

- ◆ However, when we look at the trends in 416 and 905, we see that the Liberals have been most effective in consolidating support in the Toronto 905 region: the Liberal vote has risen to 49% from 42% in our August poll (putting the Liberals just ahead of their actual vote in the 2003 election). By contrast, support for the two main Opposition parties has softened: the Conservatives down to 38% from 43% in 2003 and the NDP down to 6% from 8%.

Toronto 416

- ◆ A different trend has been occurring in the Liberal fortress of 416. First, Liberal support remains relatively unchanged at 43% (but still well down from 52% in the 2003 election), and the Liberals continue to hold a significant advantage over the Opposition parties here. The NDP vote appears to have peaked in our mid-August poll at 25% given that our current poll puts the NDP at 19%, roughly on par with its 18% actual vote in the 2003 election. Support for the PCs is at 27%, on par with its actual vote in 2003. The Green party appears to have some momentum in the 416 given that its voter support now registers at 11%, up from 6% in mid-August and 3% in the last election.
- ◆ There appears to be a larger story playing out in the City of Toronto. The current municipal funding debate is spilling over to the provincial election. "Right track" sentiment is lower within the City of Toronto than it is in other regions of the province: 43% say "right track" and 34% say "wrong track".

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Regional Races

Southwestern Ontario

- ◆ Southwest Ontario remains the most intensely competitive region in Ontario with the Liberals. Both the Liberals (down from 45% in 2003) and PCs (37% in 2003) are currently at 36%.
- ◆ The NDP and the Greens are continuing to attract higher voter support compared to 2003. These two parties collectively registered 18% of the actual vote in 2003; at this point in the campaign, they are now collectively attracting 28% of the vote.
- ◆ The bleeding of a significant chunk of the Liberal vote to the NDP and the Greens is the key story in Southwest Ontario.

Eastern Ontario

- ◆ The Liberals (44%) continue to hold a significant lead (eight points) over the PCs (36%) in Eastern Ontario. The Liberal vote is down by 5 points compared to the 2003 election, while the PCs are on par with the last election. By contrast, the Greens are currently doing modestly better (5 points) compared to 2003, while the NDP are on par.
- ◆ Consistent with a relatively strong Liberal lead is the higher proportion of voters who think the province is on the “right track” and that the Liberals have the most momentum at this point in the campaign. Plus, the desire for change is lower in Eastern Ontario than it is in other parts of the province.

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Regional Races

Northern/Central Ontario

- ◆ The Liberals (40%) hold a slight edge over the Conservatives (37%) in Northern/Central Ontario. This is the one region where we see Conservative support up substantially from 2003 (up 6 points from 31%). The Liberal vote has slipped somewhat in this region by 5 points from 45%.
- ◆ The NDP vote has slipped 9 points from 21% to 12% with the Green party moving upward from 2 to 12%.

Ontarians feel that the province is on the right track

- ◆ About 1-in-2 (50%) believe that Ontario is on the “right track”, while 31% feel the province is on the “wrong track”. Similarly, a majority (55%) feels that the Liberals have done a good job in governing Ontario. There is a strong feeling (63%) across the province that Ontarians are better off than they were four years ago.
- ◆ It is not surprising that Liberal voters are the most inclined to think the province is on the “right track” and that Ontarians are doing better than they were in 2003. By contrast, PC voters are much more inclined to think the province is on the “wrong track” and tend to have a more pessimistic view about whether Ontarians are better off than they were in 2003.
- ◆ More importantly, Liberal-Conservative and NDP-Liberal switchers also feel the following:
 - Ontario is on the “right” track;
 - Ontarians are better off than in 2003;
 - The Liberals have done a good job in governing Ontario; and,
 - The Liberals have increased spending to health/education after cuts made by the previous PC government.

While the desire for “change” is evident in these early stages, this wish for “change” is mitigated by the belief that Ontario is on the “right track”

- ◆ At first glance, it appears that there is significant appetite for a change in government among Ontarians: some 53% say that they wish to see “change” with the election of a new government, while 40% say that they do not want a change. The desire for change is weaker in the GTA, where 49% say they wish for “change” and 43% want “no change”, and stronger outside the GTA, where 57% wish for “change” while only 37% prefer “no change.”
- ◆ However, a deeper analysis suggests that the desire for change might be slightly more tenuous: a large proportion of the population (22%) who say they wish for “change” also think the province is on the “right track”. This implies that there is an opportunity for the Liberals to persuade these voters that this is a not a good time to change, given that Ontario is headed in the right direction. The PCs need to persuade these voters that the province is not on the right track and that “change” would be a good thing for the province. This is a crucial battleground in this election.

	Wish for change/election of a new government %	Wish for no change/return of the Liberal government %
Ontario is on the “right” track	22	31
Neither “right” nor “wrong” track	8	5
Ontario is on the “wrong” track	27	6

- ◆ The key factors underpinning the wish for “change” are:
 - The belief that the Liberal government has broken too many promises (this is key driver of voter intention); and,
 - The promise to eliminate the health premium vote.

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- ◆ By contrast, the wish for “no change” is being supported by these perceptions:
 - The belief that Liberal government has done a good job over the past 4 years;
 - The Liberals have invested heavily in health and education; and,
 - The Ontario economy is better today compared to four years ago.

At this point, John Tory is viewed by Ontarians as the Best Premier

- ◆ Leadership is a key vulnerability for the Liberals: a modest plurality (37%) of Ontarians sees John Tory as the best person to be Premier, while 31% identify Dalton McGuinty and just 17% cite Howard Hampton.
- ◆ Even in the GTA, there is considerable ambivalence about the Liberal leadership: only 32% see McGuinty as the best Premier, while 38% see Tory as the best First Minister.
- ◆ It is unusual for an incumbent Premier to be trailing the Opposition Leader on the “who would be best Premier” question. Typically, the incumbent outperforms the Opposition Leader on this question. Given these results, it is not surprising that the PC campaign is focusing on leadership.
- ◆ The issue of leadership becomes even more apparent among different types of switchers. While Liberal to PC switchers see McGuinty as the best Premier, a very large proportion of the PC to Liberal switchers see Tory as the best Premier. At this point, switchers have not been given any reason to consider the leader of the opposing parties as an alternative Premier.

	Li b to PC %	PC to Liberal %	NDP to Liberal %
Dalton McGuinty	61	12	21
John Tory	23	79	3
Howard Hampton	4	5	69

At this point, John Tory is viewed by Ontarians as the Best Premier (cont'd)

- ◆ John Tory has been successful to date in differentiating himself from the previous PC leaders, Mike Harris and Ernie Eves. Just over 6-in-10 indicates that the PCs under John Tory are more attractive than the party led by Mike Harris. This view is broadly accepted by virtually all voter groups, including Liberal and NDP voters.
- ◆ This implies that the Liberal campaign needs to increase the negatives associated with John Tory's leadership and tie John Tory with the PC party led by Ernie Eves and Mike Harris. This would likely require a much sharper and more distinctly negative advertising campaign against the PC leader.

Core Liberal strengths are health and education, while core PC strengths are crime, spending taxpayers' money wisely, and relations with the Harper/Federal Conservatives

- ◆ The Liberals have a strong hand on key issues such as health and education, while the PCs are strong on crime, spending taxpayers' money wisely, and relations with Ottawa.
- ◆ The Liberals and PCs are on par on key issues such as managing the economy and having values that reflects Ontarians. Both of these issues correlate strongly with party vote.

	Total Ontario Sample			Correlation with Voting Intention (Pearson r)
	Liberal	Cons.	NDP	
	%	%	%	
Has values that most reflect your own	32	29	19	0.666
Would spend taxpayers' money most wisely	27	32	17	0.565
Is best able to manage the economy	38	36	9	0.541
Is most willing to correct the imbalance in funding to Ontario's municipal governments	27	29	21	0.523
Is best able to look after Ontario's infrastructure such as highways and public transit	34	31	13	0.493
Is best able to maintain high quality education	45	22	16	0.483
Is best able to deal with crime	27	40	11	0.466
Is best able to manage health care	39	24	18	0.453
Is best able to deal with future development of nuclear power	26	27	10	0.405
Is best able to deal with Stephen Harper and the federal Conservative government	33	42	8	0.391

Strong opposition to funding of private, faith-based schools

- ◆ Approximately 71% of Ontarians say that they oppose the funding of private, faith-based schools, with just 26% in favour. There is no ambivalence on this issue.
- ◆ Except for Evangelical Christians, no demographic or voter sub-group supports the proposal. Even PC voters are strongly opposed. More significantly, Conservative to Liberal switchers do not like this promise. It is also a deterrent to those Liberal voters who are open to switching their vote to the Conservatives.
- ◆ The primary reason for opposing the extension of public funds to private faith-based schools is a strong desire not to mix religion and education. Another key reason for opposing this proposal is concern that the public education system is not currently adequately funded.
- ◆ The primary reason for supporting the extension of public funding to private, faith-based education is fairness, given that Catholic schools are already funded. There is also a belief that funds for education should be distributed among all religious groups across Ontario.

Key Conclusions

1. The PC's religious school plan is "dead on arrival" for the large majority of Ontarians - with two-thirds opposition. Moreover, it is the big factor holding John Tory back; more Ontarians say he would make a better premier than McGuinty, and he doesn't seem to carry the stigma of Harris. This could turn out to be his deal breaker.
2. Ontarians are ambivalent about the McGuinty government. On the one hand, they believe that it has done a good job, that it has re-invested in health and education, that the province is on the right track and that the economy is stronger than 4 years ago. However, a majority think that the government has broken too many promises and that it is time for a change. A plurality say that John Tory would be the best Premier. Talk about a conundrum!
3. Toronto 416 is has the lowest percentage who believe Ontario is on the right track. This is likely a result of a summer-long coverage of city budget shortfalls, new taxes, and community centre and library closings.
4. In contrast, the Liberals appear to have had some success in consolidating their vote in the Toronto 905 area and Eastern Ontario.
5. For McGuinty: The public believe his government champions public education and health care. Needs to tie this tightly to the unpopular Tory plan on schools, and increase risk for voters to opt NDP and Green. Also needs to use Tory school problem as a tool to bring down Tory's leadership numbers. They may need to consider going much more "negative" by raising questions about the judgement of the PC leader.
6. For John Tory: Schools plan is damaging his leadership and his party; he needs to change the subject. Health tax elimination is not a big vote-getter, may lead to credibility issues if pushed too hard. He needs to leverage the "time for change" sentiment by aggressively asserting that the province is not on the "right track". John Tory needs to stress his leadership skills (including his ability to get along with others, i.e., Harper Gov't or City of Toronto), contrasting them to the litany of McGuinty's "broken promises".
7. There are the signs that the NDP campaign may not be working to bolster voter support, while the Greens continue to attract significant voter interest. The NDP vote appears to be slipping in central/Northern Ontario. Plus the NDP vote is soft compared to the other parties, including the Greens.

Detailed Tables

Is Ontario on the Right Track or Wrong Track?

	Ontario	Region							Party Support				Switchers					
		Toronto CMA	Subregion		Rest of Ont. (excl. Tor. CMA)	Subregion							Liberal to:			Conservative to:		NDP to:
			City of Toronto (416)	Toronto Suburbs (905)		South- western (519)	Eastern (613)	Nth/ Central (705/ 807)					Cons	NDP	Green	Lib	NDP	Lib
			Lib Vote	Cons Vote		NDP Vote	Green Vote	Cons	NDP	Green	Lib	NDP	Lib					
n=	850	360	192	200	490	190	190	190	302	259	120	77 ^C	104	107	58 ^C	119	54 ^C	58 ^C
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Right Track	50	48	43	51	51	48	53	48	69	39	43	45	76	66	64	51	26	48
Neither	13	16	14	17	11	12	12	15	13	15	7	8	7	19	13	15	23	4
Wrong Track	31	29	34	28	31	34	25	30	14	40	41	42	14	13	18	30	46	40
DK/NA/Ref	6	7	10	5	7	6	11	8	4	6	9	5	3	2	5	4	5	8

Q. Right now, do you think Ontario is on the right track or the wrong track?

Base: Total sample

c Caution, small base size

How would Ontarians vote today in a provincial election?

		Ontario			
		October 2 nd 2003 Election Results	Nov 2-7 2005	Aug 9-12 2007	Sep 13-16 2007
	n=		750	750	850
		%	%	%	%
Liberal candidate		47	37	40	40
Progressive Conservative candidate		35	34	35	34
NDP candidate		15	21	18	16
Green Party candidate		3	8	8	10

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

Base: Total Sample

How would Ontarians vote today in a provincial election? *By Region*

	Region																									
	Ontario			Toronto CMA						Rest of Ontario (excl. Toronto CMA)			Subregion													
				Toronto CMA			City of Toronto (416)			Toronto Suburbs (905)			Rest of Ontario (excl. Toronto CMA)			South-western (519)			Eastern (613)			Northern/Central (705/807)				
	2003 Election			2003 Election			2003 Election			2003 Election			2003 Election			2003 Election			2003 Election			2003 Election				
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%			%			%			%			%			%			%			%			%		
Liberal candidate	47	40	40	50	44	47	52	45	43	47	42	49	46	37	34	45	36	36	49	38	44	45	36	40		
Progressive Conservative candidate	35	35	34	34	32	30	27	24	27	43	41	38	36	36	37	37	33	36	37	46	36	31	34	37		
NDP candidate	15	18	16	13	17	14	18	25	19	8	10	6	16	19	17	15	20	18	9	10	11	21	22	12		
Green Party candidate	3	8	10	3	7	8	3	6	11	2	8	6	3	8	12	3	11	10	4	6	9	2	7	12		

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How would Ontarians vote today in a provincial election?

By Demographics

		September 13-16, 2007														
		Age			Education			Income			Gender		Community Size			
Ontario		18 – 34	35 – 49	50+	HS or Less	Some Post-Scndry	Grad. Coll/ Univ.	<\$50K	\$50K-\$99K	\$100K+	Male	Female	Under 30K	30K-249K	250K-1M	1M+
n=	850	252	269	323	196	139	507	256	321	179	428	422	129	158	143	421
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Liberal candidate	40	41	40	39	34	34	43	40	41	40	38	42	38	37	26	46
Progressive Conservative candidate	34	27	36	39	42	38	31	29	32	43	39	29	45	33	33	32
NDP candidate	16	20	16	13	16	18	15	18	18	9	14	17	7	19	28	14
Green Party candidate	10	12	9	10	9	10	11	13	9	8	9	11	10	11	13	9

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How would Ontarians vote today in a provincial election? *By Demographics*

		September 13-16, 2007								
		Ontario	Religious Affiliation					Visible Minority	Born in Canada	Children in HH under 19
			Cath.	Prot.	Evangelical Christian	Other	No Religion	Yes	No	Yes
n=		850	223	263	61 ^c	87 ^c	197	133	189	295
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Liberal candidate	40	47	38	26	58	29	42	44	43	
Progressive Conservative candidate	34	33	45	57	20	22	29	33	35	
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Which party is Ontario's second choice?

		Ontario	Party Supporters			
			Liberal Voters	Progressive Conservative Voters	NDP Voters	Green Voters
n=		769	302	259	120	77 ^c
		%	%	%	%	%
Second Choice	Liberal candidate	26	-	46	48	29
	Conservative candidate	17	34	-	15	14
	NDP candidate	25	35	21	-	41
	Green Party candidate	19	19	18	31	-
	Undecided/None of Them/Won't Vote	13	12	15	6	16

Q. Which party's candidate would be your second choice? Would it be...
 Base: Those who have a first choice.
 c Caution, small base size

How likely are Ontarians to switch their vote?

	Ontario	Party Supporters			
		Liberal Voters	Progressive Conservative Voters	NDP Voters	Green Voters
n=	670	268	222	114	64 ^c
	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL LIKELY	40	38	39	45	40
Very likely	5	5	4	5	7
Somewhat likely	35	33	35	40	33
Not too likely	32	35	33	30	21
Not at all likely	28	26	28	25	39
TOTAL UNLIKELY	60	61	61	55	60
DK/NA/Ref	<1	1	<1	-	-

Q. How likely is it that you might switch your vote to your second choice between now and the Ontario provincial election on October 10th, is it very likely somewhat likely not too likely or not at all likely?

Base: Those who have a second choice.

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Which Party has the most momentum?

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Progressive Conservative Party	30	33	28	35	28	27	28	24	21	49	21	23	20	23	24	47	46	22
NDP Party	5	4	4	2	6	5	3	7	2	3	22	2	1	3	3	-	11	13
Green Party	3	3	4	3	2	3	3	2	2	1	4	6	4	2	1	-	2	3
None of them	5	6	6	7	4	3	4	5	3	7	2	3	3	1	5	4	8	1
Other/DK/NA/Ref	13	11	12	12	16	19	15	19	9	14	8	23	11	8	6	19	6	8

Q. As you may know, there is an Ontario provincial election on October 10th. From what you can tell, which party, if any, is going into the campaign with the most momentum. Is it the ...
 Base: Total sample
 c Caution, small base size

Do Ontarians feel that it's the right time for a new government?

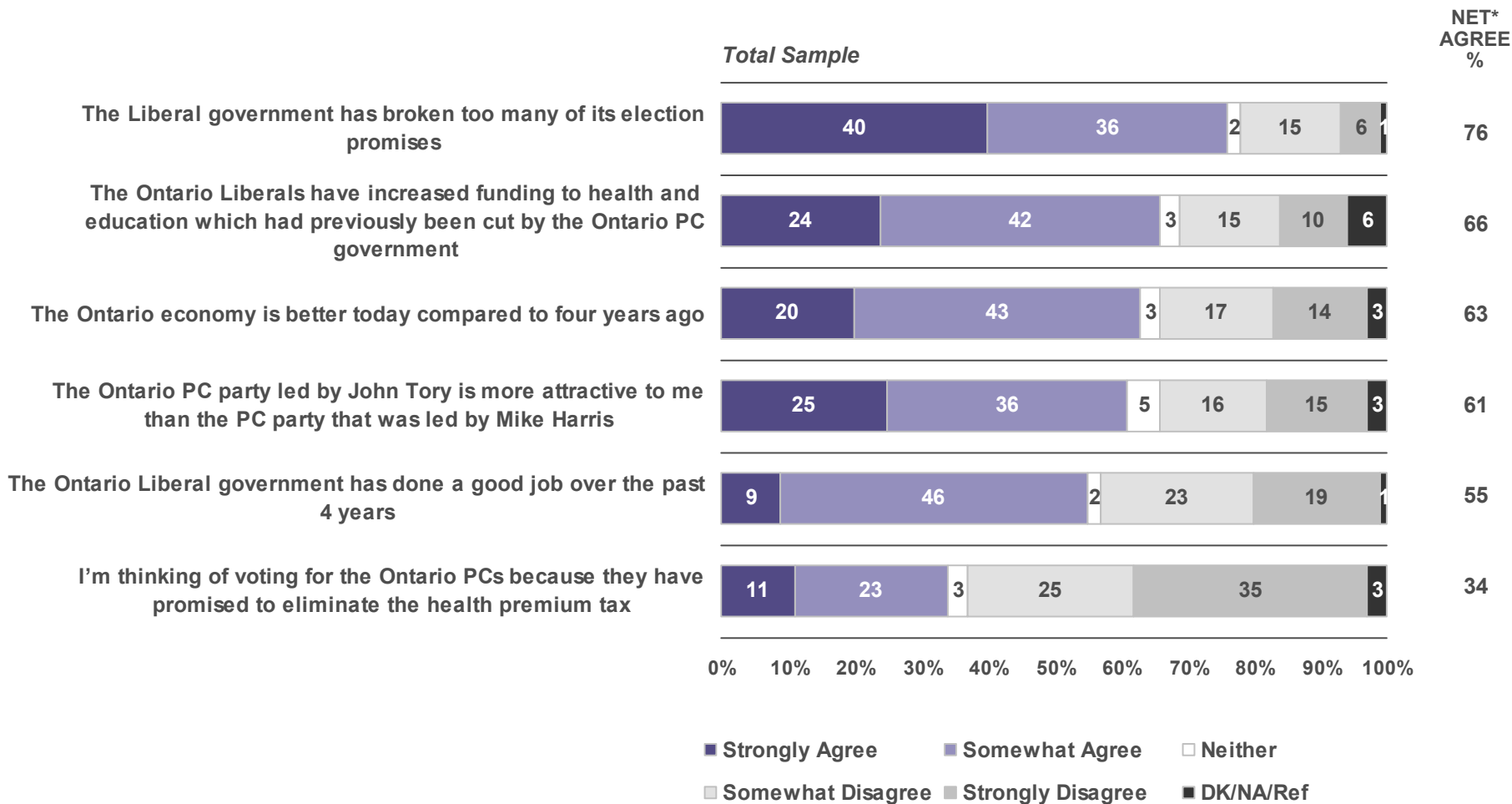
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It's time for a change and a new government should be voted in	53	49	50	48	57	53	47	54	18	86	66	70	18	21	15	77	93	53
Now is the wrong time to make a change and we should return the Ontario Liberals to power	40	43	44	42	37	40	42	37	77	12	27	24	73	77	84	21	5	38
DK/NA/Ref	7	8	6	10	6	7	11	8	5	2	7	6	9	2	1	2	2	9

Q. Some people have been saying it's time for a change and that a new government should be voted in. Other people have said that now would be the wrong time to make a change and we should return the Ontario Liberals to power. Which one of these two views best represents your own?

Base: Total sample

c Caution, small base size

Agreement with Statements



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* NET Agree is the difference between percentage who strongly/somewhat agree and those who strongly/somewhat disagree

Agreement with Statements

% Strongly/Somewhat Agree

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			City of Toronto (416)	Toronto Suburbs (905)		South-western (519)	Eastern (613)	Nth/Central (705/807)					Cons	NDP	Green	Lib	NDP	Lib
			%	%		%	%	%					%	%	%	%	%	%
n=	850	360	192	200	490	190	190	190	302	259	120	77 ^c	104	107	58 ^c	119	54 ^c	58 ^c
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
The Liberal government has broken too many of its election promises	76	77	70	81	76	74	67	81	59	93	84	76	66	60	52	90	92	82
The Ontario Liberals have increased funding to health and education which had previously been cut by the Ontario PC government	66	65	66	64	67	68	69	65	83	52	66	66	77	85	87	68	33	64
The Ontario economy is better today compared to four years ago	63	65	63	65	61	57	67	62	77	52	64	57	77	76	77	56	53	65
The Ontario PC party led by John Tory is more attractive to me than the PC party that was led by Mike Harris	61	62	65	61	61	63	55	58	58	67	65	61	65	60	52	69	65	68
The Ontario Liberal government has done a good job over the past 4 years	55	55	56	54	56	56	62	58	85	33	47	43	83	84	83	50	24	56
I'm thinking of voting for the Ontario PCs because they have promised to eliminate the health premium tax	34	31	28	36	36	35	34	34	21	60	22	28	33	17	14	56	51	21

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Agreement with Statements

The Liberal government has broken too many of its election promises

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			%	%		%	%	%					%	%	%	%	%	%
n=	850	360	192	200	490	190	190	190	302	259	120	77 ^c	104	107	58 ^c	119	54 ^c	58 ^c
TOTAL Agree	76	77	70	81	76	74	67	81	59	93	84	76	66	60	52	90	92	82
Strongly Agree	41	38	37	43	42	45	32	42	18	64	45	36	24	17	17	51	63	40
Somewhat Agree	36	39	33	38	34	29	35	39	41	29	39	40	42	43	35	39	29	42
Neither (vol.)	2	1	1	2	2	3	1	2	1	-	3	3	-	3	1	-	-	3
Somewhat Disagree	15	16	21	11	15	17	18	10	28	3	11	18	27	24	34	6	2	15
Strongly Disagree	6	6	7	6	5	5	12	6	11	3	2	3	4	13	13	3	4	-
TOTAL Disagree	21	22	28	17	20	22	30	16	39	6	13	21	31	37	47	9	6	15
DK/NA/Ref	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	2	1	1	-	-	3	-	-	1	2	-
NET Agree minus Disagree	55	55	42	64	56	52	37	65	20	87	71	55	35	23	5	81	86	67

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Agreement with Statements

The Ontario Liberals have increased funding to health and education which had previously been cut by the Ontario PC government

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL Agree	66	65	66	64	67	68	69	65	83	52	66	66	77	85	87	68	33	64
Strongly Agree	24	25	29	24	22	21	24	26	36	14	27	18	31	37	43	16	13	31
Somewhat Agree	42	40	37	40	45	47	45	39	47	38	39	48	46	48	44	52	20	33
Neither (vol.)	2	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	1	1	4	5	-	2	-	2	-	6
Somewhat Disagree	15	17	15	18	14	17	10	14	9	24	16	9	15	9	5	17	33	21
Strongly Disagree	10	9	8	12	10	9	9	12	4	16	9	7	2	3	7	8	26	9
TOTAL Disagree	25	26	23	30	24	26	19	26	13	40	25	16	17	12	12	25	59	30
DK/NA/Ref	7	6	7	4	6	4	10	5	3	7	5	13	6	1	1	5	8	-
NET Agree minus Disagree	41	39	43	34	43	42	50	39	70	12	41	50	60	73	75	43	-26	34

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Base: Total sample

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Agreement with Statements

The Ontario economy is better today compared to four years ago

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			%	%		%	%	%					%	%	%	%	%	%
n=	850	360	192	200	490	190	190	190	302	259	120	77 ^c	104	107	58 ^c	119	54 ^c	58 ^c
TOTAL Agree	63	65	63	65	61	57	67	62	77	52	64	57	77	76	77	56	53	65
Strongly Agree	20	21	20	23	19	15	22	23	32	12	11	16	29	37	29	16	13	12
Somewhat Agree	43	44	43	42	42	42	45	39	45	40	53	41	48	39	48	40	40	53
Neither (vol.)	3	3	5	2	3	4	3	-	2	3	3	4	1	4	-	3	1	2
Somewhat Disagree	18	15	17	18	19	17	16	23	9	23	15	25	11	11	8	27	16	16
Strongly Disagree	14	13	10	14	15	20	10	13	9	20	15	12	7	9	11	13	30	13
TOTAL Disagree	31	28	27	32	34	37	26	36	18	43	30	37	18	20	19	40	46	29
DK/NA/Ref	3	4	5	2	2	2	4	2	3	2	3	2	4	-	4	1	-	4
NET Agree minus Disagree	32	37	36	33	27	20	41	26	59	9	34	20	59	56	58	16	7	36

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Agreement with Statements

The Ontario PC party led by John Tory is more attractive to me than the PC party that was led by Mike Harris

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n=	850	360	192	200	490	190	190	190	302	259	120	77 ^c	104	107	58 ^c	119	54 ^c	58 ^c
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL Agree	61	62	65	61	61	63	55	58	58	67	65	61	65	60	52	69	65	68
Strongly Agree	25	26	32	23	25	27	20	22	20	33	31	16	21	23	17	35	27	29
Somewhat Agree	36	36	33	38	36	36	35	36	38	34	34	45	44	37	35	34	38	39
Neither (vol.)	5	4	5	5	4	3	6	5	4	3	3	9	1	3	6	2	1	2
Somewhat Disagree	16	16	13	16	16	15	16	19	16	20	10	11	23	12	10	19	23	11
Strongly Disagree	15	15	16	16	15	15	16	13	19	8	20	16	10	22	31	9	4	17
TOTAL Disagree	31	31	29	32	31	30	32	32	35	28	30	27	33	34	41	28	27	28
DK/NA/Ref	3	2	2	2	4	5	7	5	3	2	2	3	1	3	1	1	7	2
NET Agree minus Disagree	30	31	36	29	30	33	23	26	23	39	35	34	32	26	11	41	38	40

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Agreement with Statements

The Ontario Liberal government has done a good job over the past 4 years

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL Agree	55	55	56	54	56	56	62	58	85	33	47	43	83	84	83	50	24	56
Strongly Agree	9	9	13	9	9	6	15	8	22	1	4	2	11	24	29	1	3	3
Somewhat Agree	46	56	43	45	47	50	47	50	63	32	43	41	72	60	54	49	21	53
Neither (vol.)	2	2	2	2	1	3	1	1	1	-	1	4	2	3	-	-	-	1
Somewhat Disagree	23	24	24	24	22	22	21	22	10	33	27	33	12	11	12	30	36	23
Strongly Disagree	19	17	17	19	20	18	15	18	3	34	23	18	2	2	4	18	38	16
TOTAL Disagree	42	41	41	43	42	40	36	40	13	66	50	51	14	13	16	48	74	39
DK/NA/Ref	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	-	1	2	2	3
NET Agree minus Disagree	13	14	15	11	14	16	26	18	72	-33	-3	-8	69	71	67	2	-50	17

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Agreement with Statements

I'm thinking of voting for the Ontario PCs because they have promised to eliminate the health premium tax

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			%	%		%	%	%					%	%	%	%	%	%
n=	850	360	192	200	490	190	190	190	302	259	120	77 ^C	104	107	58 ^C	119	54 ^C	58 ^C
TOTAL Agree	34	31	28	36	36	35	34	34	21	60	22	28	33	17	14	56	51	21
Strongly Agree	11	11	11	13	11	13	9	12	4	23	5	7	5	4	7	18	22	6
Somewhat Agree	23	20	17	23	25	22	25	22	17	37	17	21	28	13	7	38	29	15
Neither (vol.)	3	4	3	6	3	4	1	3	-	3	1	2	1	-	-	3	-	1
Somewhat Disagree	25	28	27	24	23	24	25	28	27	24	22	20	32	30	20	27	28	23
Strongly Disagree	35	35	38	33	34	34	35	33	49	10	52	47	31	53	62	11	17	53
TOTAL Disagree	60	63	65	57	57	58	60	61	76	34	74	67	63	83	82	38	45	76
DK/NA/Ref	3	3	4	2	4	3	6	3	3	3	3	3	3	<1	4	3	4	2
NET Agree minus Disagree	-26	-32	-37	-21	-21	-23	-26	-27	-55	26	-52	-39	-30	-66	-68	18	6	-55

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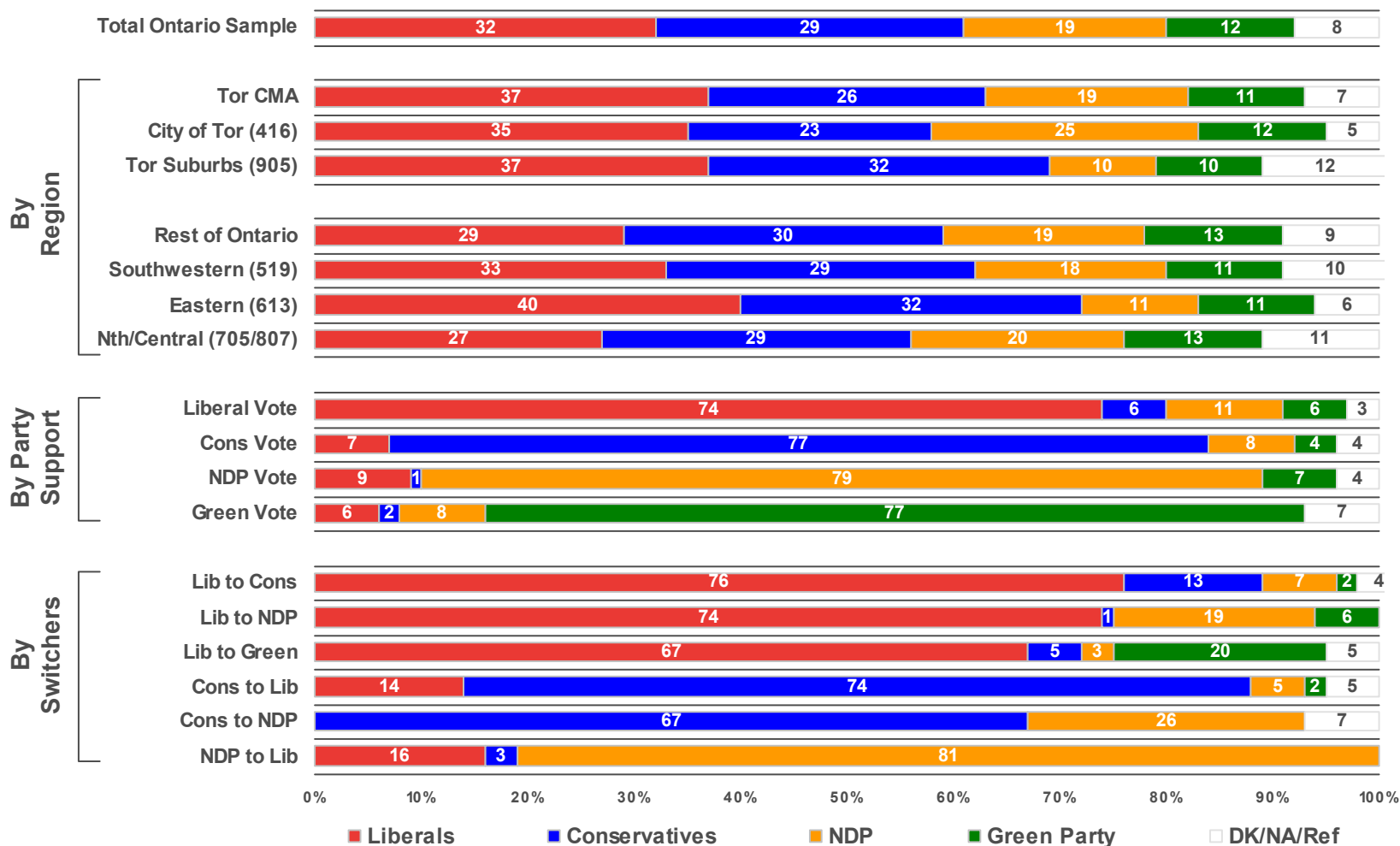
Which political party ...

	Total Ontario Sample					Correlation with Voting Intention (Pearson r)
	Liberal	Progressive Conservative	NDP	Green	DK/NA/Ref	
	%	%	%	%	%	
Has values that most reflect your own	32	29	19	12	8	0.666
Would spend taxpayers' money most wisely	27	32	17	8	16	0.565
Is best able to manage the economy	38	36	9	4	13	0.541
Is most willing to correct the imbalance in funding to Ontario's municipal governments	27	29	21	4	19	0.523
Is best able to look after Ontario's infrastructure such as highways and public transit	34	31	13	4	18	0.493
Is best able to maintain high quality education	45	22	16	4	13	0.483
Is best able to deal with crime	27	40	11	3	19	0.466
Is best able to manage health care	39	24	18	3	16	0.453
Is best able to deal with future development of nuclear power	26	27	10	16	21	0.405
Is best able to deal with Stephen Harper and the federal Conservative government	33	42	8	2	15	0.391

Q. Now I would like to ask a series of questions about the Ontario political parties. Which one of the political parties – Liberals, Progressive Conservatives, NDP, or the Green Party ...
Base: Total sample

Which political party ...

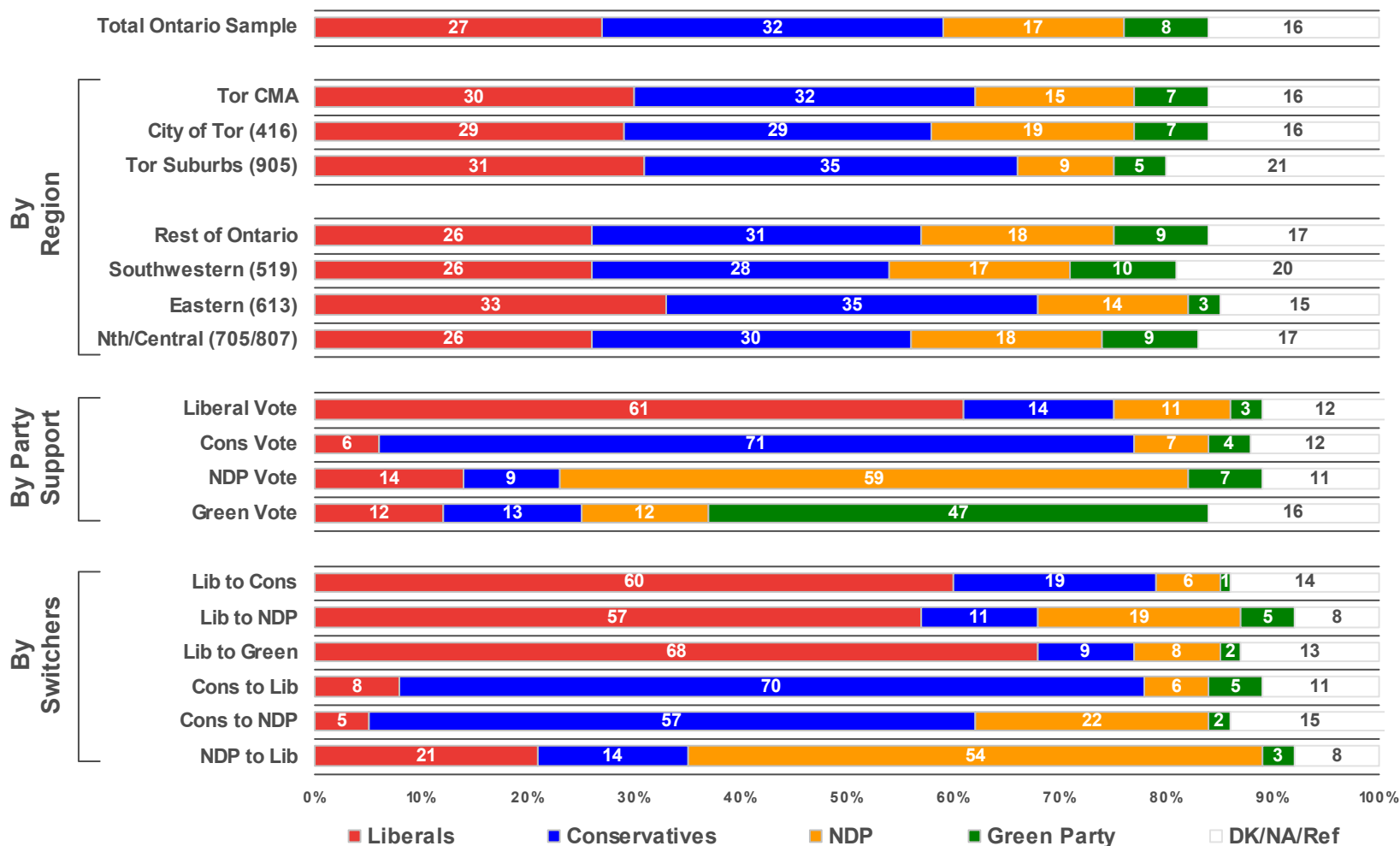
Has values that most reflect your own?



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Base: Total sample (n=850)

Which political party ...

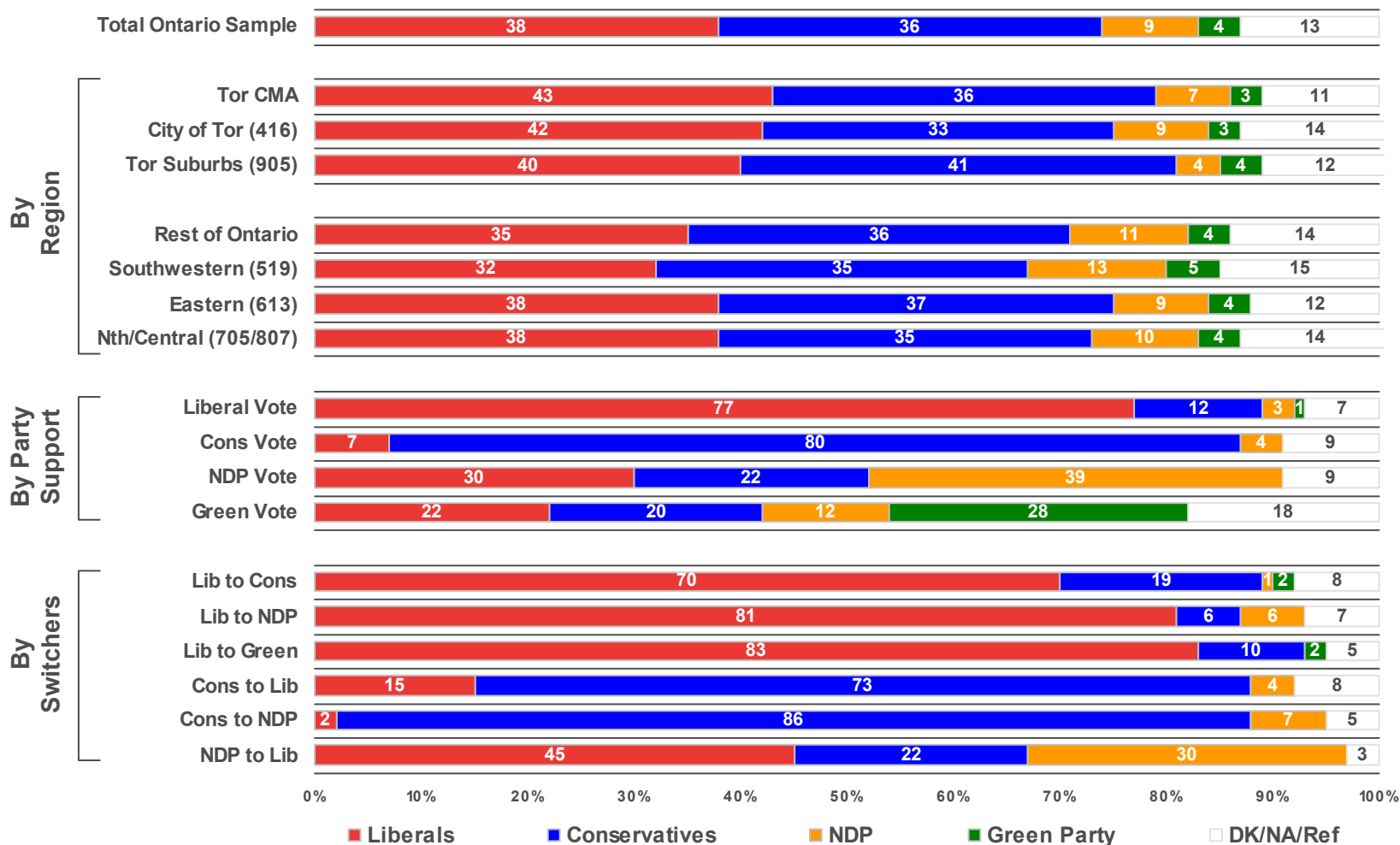
Would spend the taxpayers' money most wisely?



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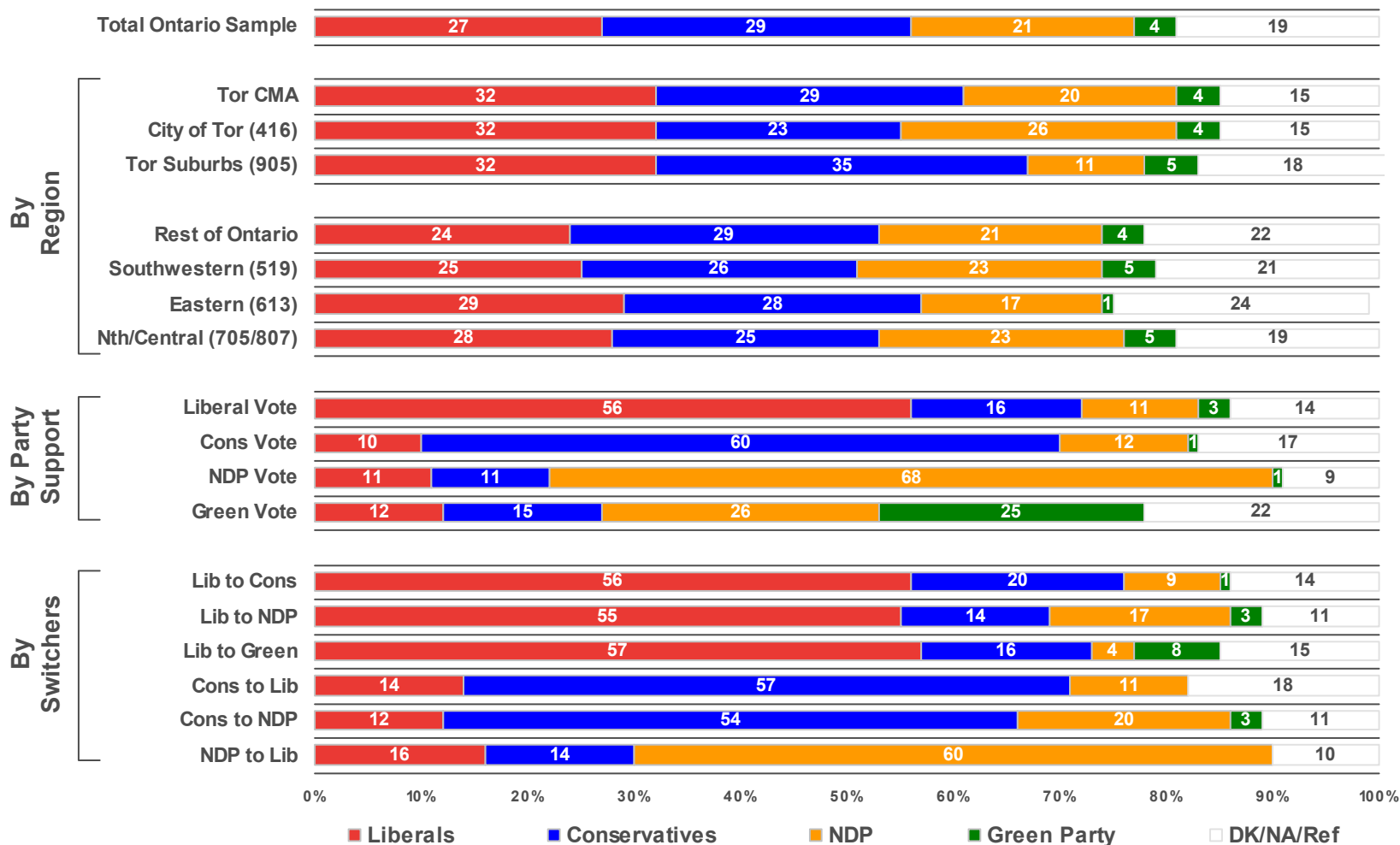
Is best able to manage the economy?



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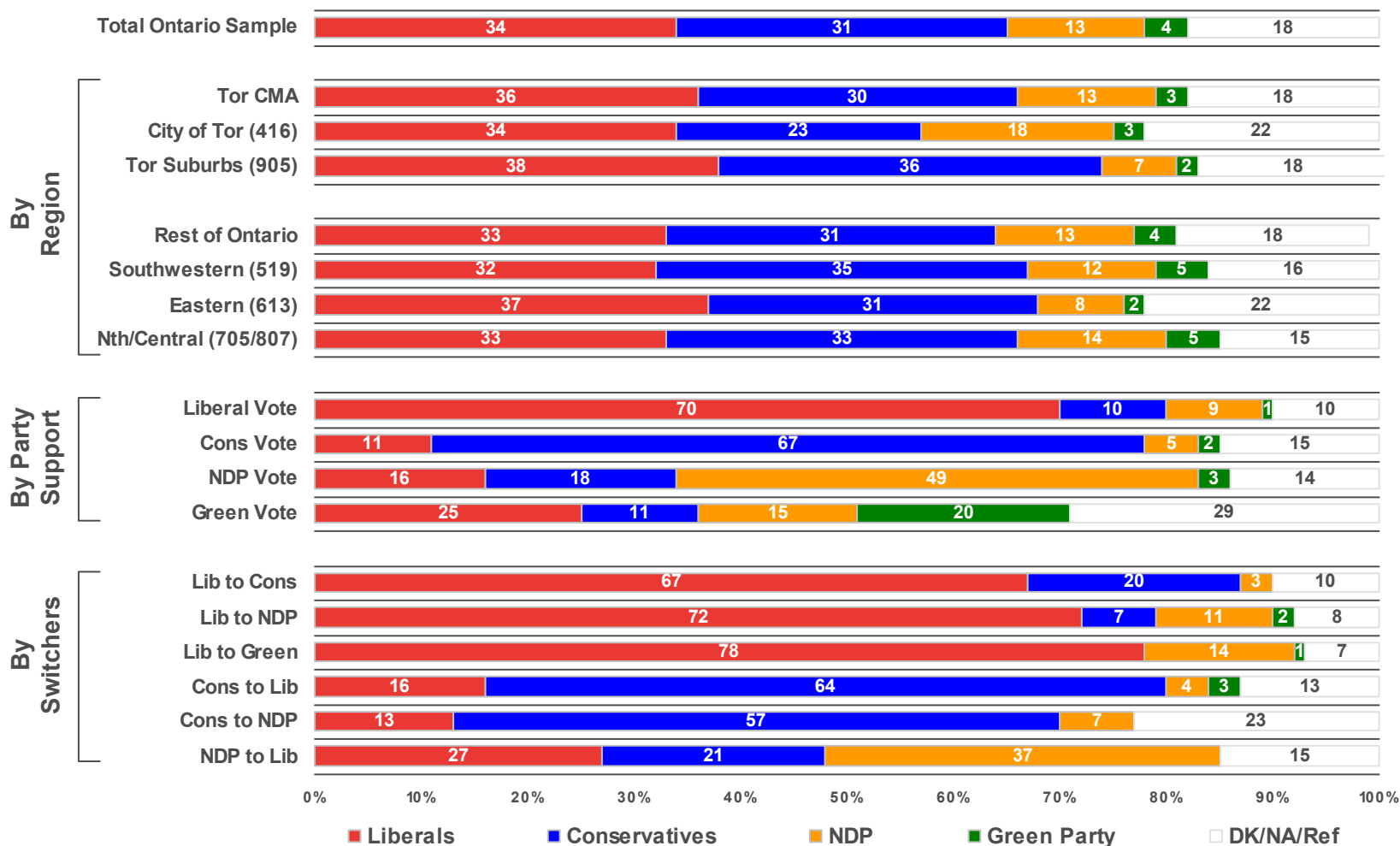
Is most willing to correct the imbalance in funding to Ontario's municipal governments?



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Which political party ...

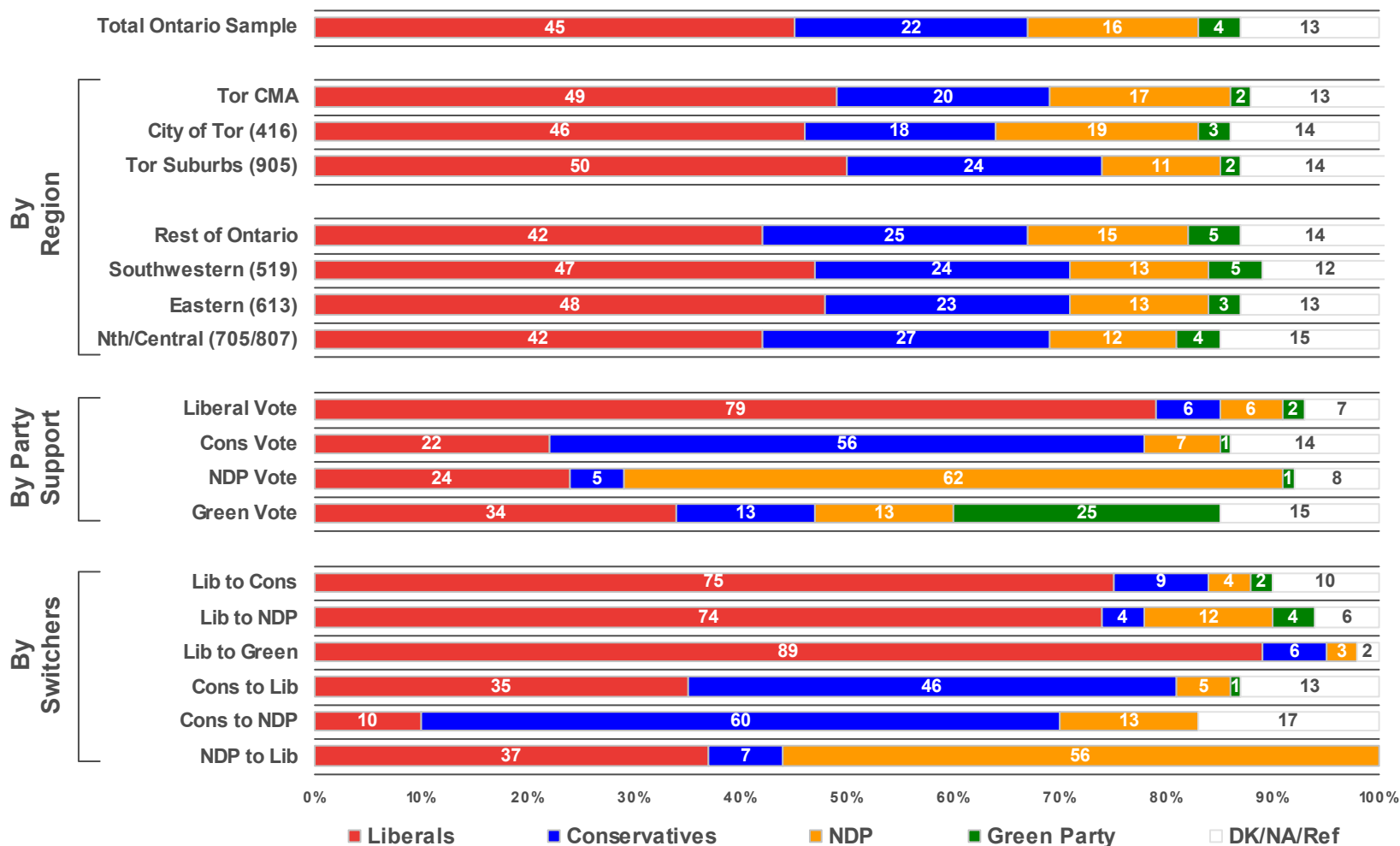
Is best able to look after Ontario's infrastructure such as highways and public transit?



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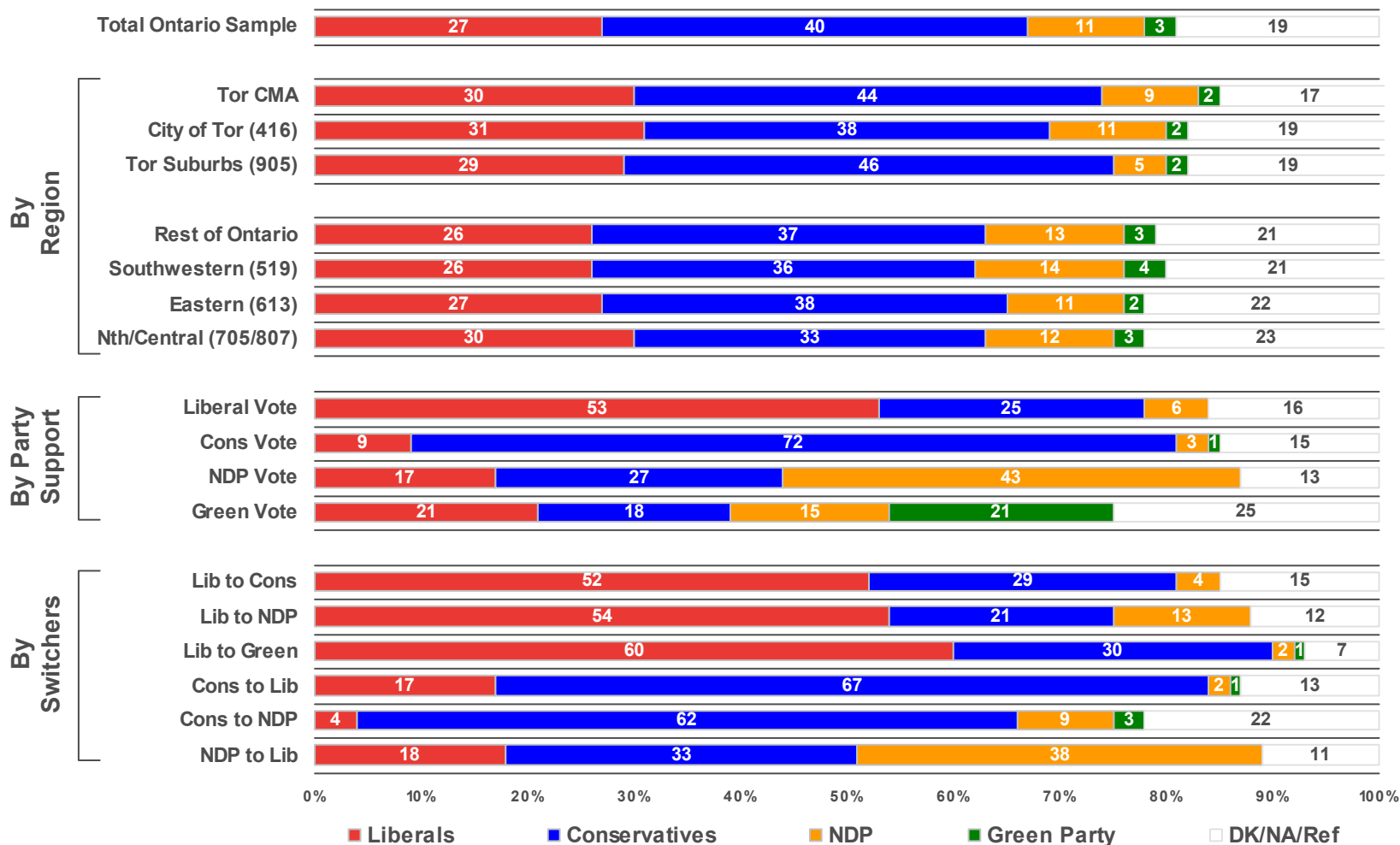
Is best able to maintain high quality public education?



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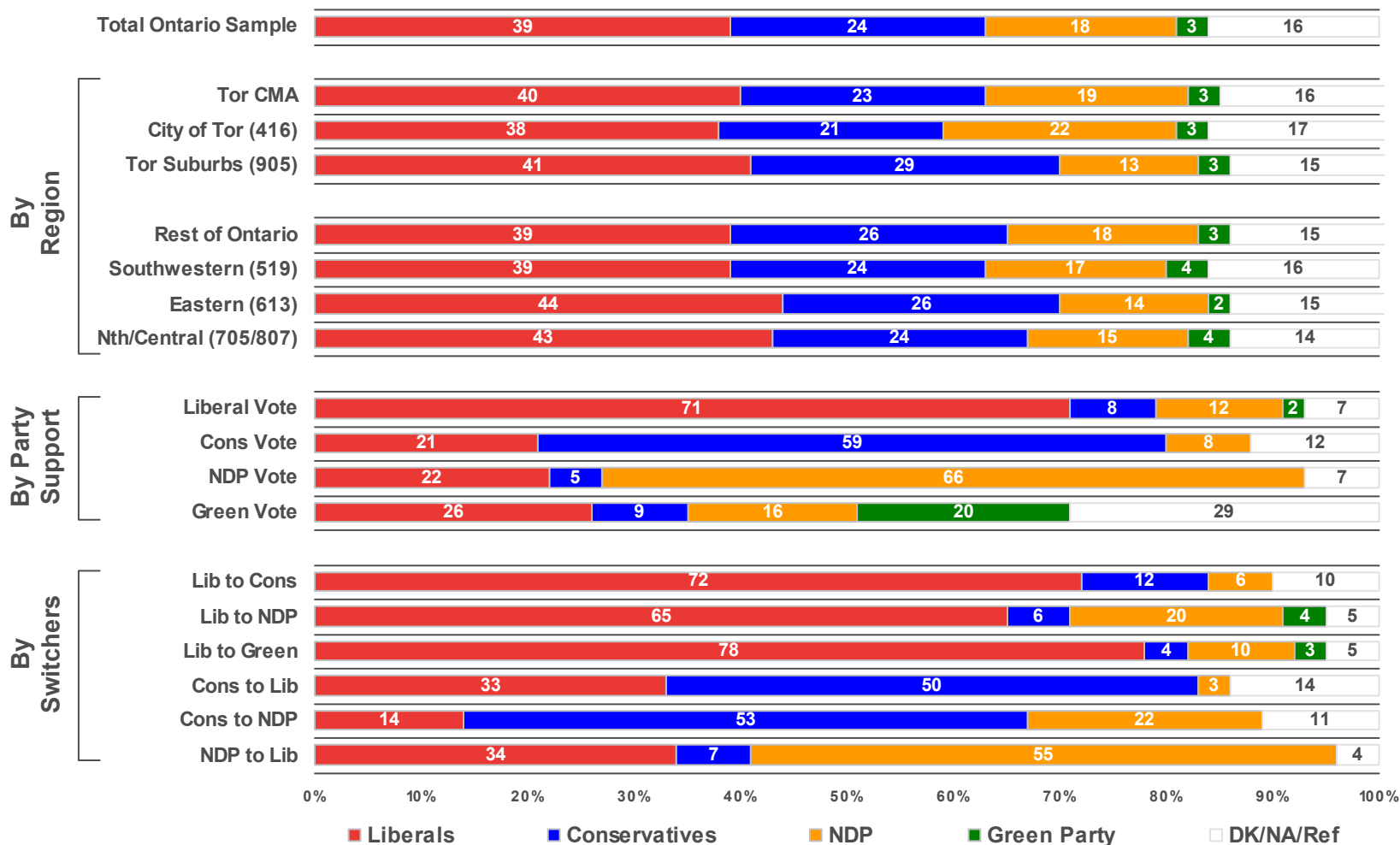
Is best able to deal with crime?



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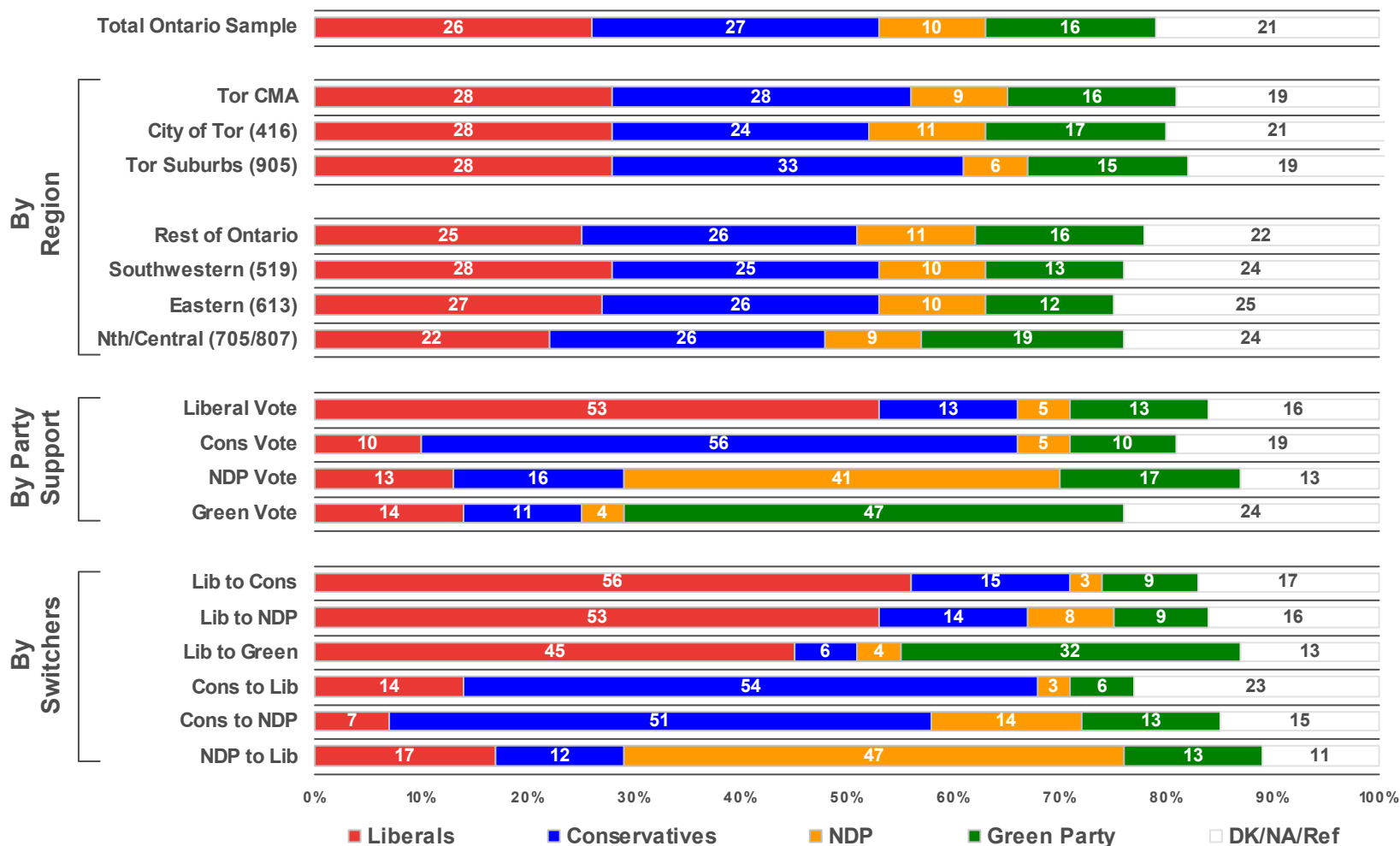
Is best able to manage health care?



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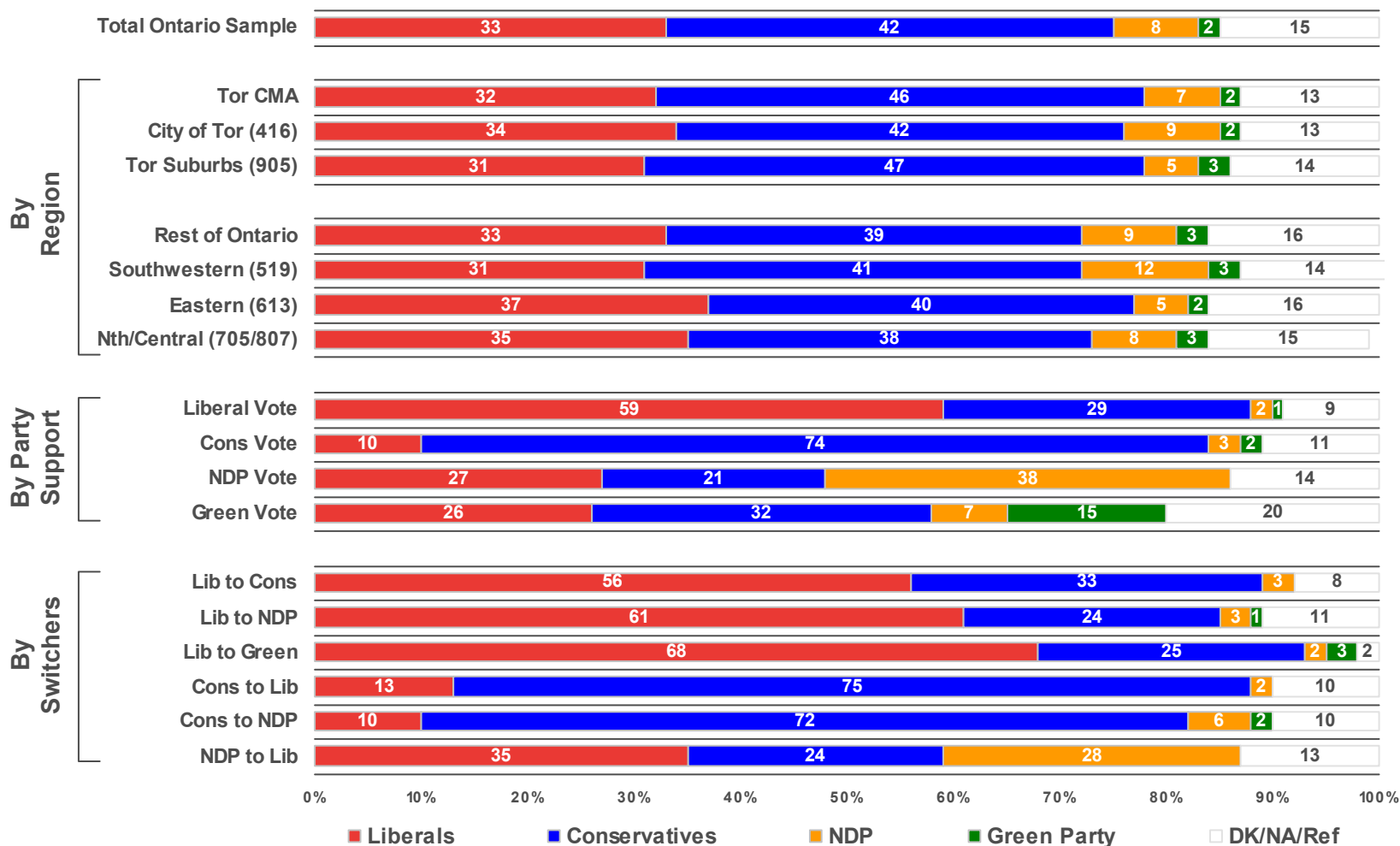
Is best able to deal with future development of nuclear power?



Q. Now I would like to ask a series of questions about the Ontario political parties. Which one of the political parties – Liberals, Progressive Conservatives, NDP, or the Green Party ...
Base: Total sample (n=850)

Which political party ...

Is best able to deal with Stephen Harper and the federal Conservative government?



Q. Now I would like to ask a series of questions about the Ontario political parties. Which one of the political parties – Liberals, Progressive Conservatives, NDP, or the Green Party ...
Base: Total sample (n=850)

Who would be the best Premier for Ontario?

	Ontario	Region							Party Support				Switchers					
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n=	850	360	192	200	490	190	190	190	302	259	120	77 ^c	104	107	58 ^c	119	54 ^c	58 ^c
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Dalton McGuinty of the Liberals	31	32	33	28	30	28	37	33	69	6	13	15	61	74	71	12	3	21
John Tory of the Progressive Conservatives	37	38	35	45	36	34	34	31	14	83	6	18	23	6	15	79	76	3
Howard Hampton of the NDP	17	15	17	10	18	17	13	22	9	6	70	12	4	17	5	3	16	69
Frank de Jong of the Green Party	6	5	5	5	7	7	6	6	2	1	5	42	-	1	6	2	-	2
None of them	3	4	3	4	2	3	1	2	3	1	-	2	4	1	3	2	1	-
Other/DK/NA/Ref	6	6	7	8	8	11	9	7	4	3	6	11	8	1	-	2	4	5

Q. From your point of view, who would be the best Premier for Ontario, would it be ... ?
 Base: Total sample
 c Caution, small base size

Do Ontarians support or oppose funding for faith-based schools?

	Ontario	Region							Party Support				Switchers					
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			Lib Vote	Cons Vote		NDP Vote	Green Vote	Cons	NDP	Green	Lib	NDP	Lib					
n=	850	360	192	200	490	190	190	190	302	259	120	77 ^C	104	107	58 ^C	119	54 ^C	58 ^C
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL Support	26	23	20	24	29	29	35	28	24	37	24	15	26	23	24	29	43	19
Strongly Support	12	8	9	8	15	14	15	15	11	16	9	12	14	7	15	11	20	9
Somewhat Support	14	15	11	16	14	15	20	13	13	21	15	3	12	16	9	18	23	10
Neither (vol.)	2	1	2	2	2	1	3	1	1	3	-	-	3	-	2	3	-	-
Somewhat Oppose	18	15	10	21	20	18	14	13	18	15	15	25	18	23	14	24	7	15
Strongly Oppose	53	60	66	53	48	50	49	57	56	44	61	58	52	54	60	43	48	64
TOTAL Oppose	71	75	76	74	68	68	63	70	74	59	76	83	70	77	74	67	55	81
DK/NA/Ref	1	1	2	1	1	2	-	1	1	1	-	2	1	-	-	1	2	-

Q. As you may know, one of the issues in the upcoming provincial election is the funding of private faith-based schools. Currently, the province funds public schools and Catholic schools, but does not fund private religious or faith-based schools. In your opinion, do you support or oppose extending funding to private religious and faith-based schools?

Base: Total sample

c Caution, small base size

Do Ontarians support or oppose funding for faith-based schools?

	Ontario	Religious Affiliation					Visible Minority	Born in Canada	Children in HH under 19
		Catholic	Protestant	Evangelical Christian	Other	No Religion	Yes	No	Yes
n=	850	223	263	61 ^c	87 ^c	197	148	210	328
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL Support	26	32	25	46	30	15	29	32	32
Strongly Support	12	12	12	31	17	3	15	12	15
Somewhat Support	14	20	13	15	13	12	14	20	17
Neither (vol.)	2	5	<1	2	2	1	1	2	3
Somewhat Oppose	18	17	16	16	18	22	16	13	19
Strongly Oppose	53	46	58	34	49	62	53	53	46
TOTAL Oppose	71	63	74	50	67	84	69	66	65
DK/NA/Ref	1	1	1	3	1	<1	1	1	1

Q. As you may know, one of the issues in the upcoming provincial election is the funding of private faith-based schools. Currently, the province funds public schools and Catholic schools, but does not fund private religious or faith-based schools. In your opinion, do you support or oppose extending funding to private religious and faith-based schools?

Base: Total sample

c Caution, small base size

Why do Ontarians oppose extending funding to faith-based schools?

	Ontario	Region							Party Support				Switchers					
		Toronto CMA	Subregion		Rest of Ont. (excl. Tor. CMA)	Subregion							Liberal to:			Conservative to:		NDP to:
			City of Toronto (416)	Toronto Suburbs (905)		South-western (519)	Eastern (613)	Nth/Central (705/807)					Cons	NDP	Green	Lib	NDP	Lib
									Lib Vote	Cons Vote	NDP Vote	Green Vote	Cons	NDP	Green	Lib	NDP	Lib
n=	602	268	146	148	334	129	119	134	223	155	92	63	72	82	43	80	30	47
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
You believe that only the public system should be funded with taxpayers dollars and religion should not be a part of government funded education	33	31	38	26	34	30	37	38	32	35	31	37	30	30	Base size too small to report	26	Base size too small to report	Base size too small to report
You believe that the public school system is only barely making ends meet and money should not be diverted to a faith-based school system	25	22	16	26	28	27	25	24	26	25	23	26	30	29		35		
You believe that no faith-based schools, including the Catholic schools, should receive government funding	20	23	25	21	17	16	17	16	20	16	28	21	18	18		16		
You are concerned about what might be taught or included in the curriculum at some faith-based schools	10	12	10	15	9	12	10	7	11	11	8	9	12	10		10		
Other reason	11	11	10	10	12	15	10	13	11	12	10	7	8	13		12		
DK/NA/Ref	1	1	-	2	1	1	1	2	<1	1	-	-	2	-	1			

Q. What is the main reason that you oppose extending funding to private religious or faith-based schools?

Base: Those who strongly/somewhat oppose funding for faith-based schools

c Caution, small base size

Why do Ontarians oppose extending funding to faith-based schools?

	Ontario	Religious Affiliation					Visible Minority	Born in Canada	Children in HH under 19
		Catholic	Protestant	Evangelical Christian	Other	No Religion	Yes	No	Yes
n=	602	140	194	30 ^c	59 ^c	166	103	138	213
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
You believe that only the public system should be funded with taxpayers dollars and religion should not be a part of government funded education	32	27	37	Base size too small to report	30	35	41	37	26
You believe that the public school system is only barely making ends meet and money should not be diverted to a faith-based school system	25	35	29		14	17	21	17	34
You believe that no faith-based schools, including the Catholic schools, should receive government funding	20	8	17		28	32	15	20	16
You are concerned about what might be taught or included in the curriculum at some faith-based schools	10	17	8		13	6	14	14	12
Other reason	11	12	10		15	10	8	11	11
DK/NA/Ref	1	1	1		2	1	1	1	1

Q. What is the main reason that you oppose extending funding to private religious or faith-based schools?

Base: Those who strongly/somewhat oppose funding for faith-based schools

c Caution, small base size

Why do Ontarians support extending funding to faith-based schools?

	Ontario	Region							Party Support			
		Toronto CMA	Subregion		Rest of Ont. (excl. Tor. CMA)	Subregion			Lib Vote	Cons Vote	NDP Vote	Green Vote
			City of Toronto (416)	Toronto Suburbs (905)		South-western (519)	Eastern (613)	Nth/Central (705/807)				
n=	224	83 ^c	39	48	142	55 ^c	66 ^c	53 ^c	71 ^c	95 ^c	29	12
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
You believe that it is only fair to extend funding to all religious schools given that Catholic schools are already funded by the province	44	46	Base size too small to report	Base size too small to report	42	44	32	32	34	47	Base size too small to report	Base size too small to report
You believe that all available money for education should be distributed among all religious groups living here in Ontario	21	23			19	15	15	15	25	15		
You believe that government has a role to play in ensuring that different religions are supported through funding that allows specific religions to be taught	14	11			16	20	11	19	20	10		
You believe that if public funds are directed to private faith-based schools, government will have more control over what is included in the curriculum of such schools	15	11			17	13	26	25	11	21		
Other reason	4	5			4	6	12	9	6	5		
DK/NA/Ref	2	4			2	4	5	-	4	2		

Q. What is the main reason that you support extending funding to private religious or faith-based schools?
 Base: Those who strongly/somewhat support funding for faith-based schools
 c Caution, small base size

Why do Ontarians support extending funding to faith-based schools?

	Ontario	Religious Affiliation					Visible Minority	Born in Canada	Children in HH under 19
		Catholic	Protestant	Evangelical Christian	Other	No Religion	Yes	No	Yes
n=	224	71 ^c	66 ^c	28 ^c	26 ^c	29 ^c	43 ^c	67 ^c	104
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
You believe that it is only fair to extend funding to all religious schools given that Catholic schools are already funded by the province	43	39	49	Base size too small to report	Base size too small to report	Base size too small to report	Base size too small to report	45	46
You believe that all available money for education should be distributed among all religious groups living here in Ontario	21	29	12					30	26
You believe that government has a role to play in ensuring that different religions are supported through funding that allows specific religions to be taught	14	17	11					7	8
You believe that if public funds are directed to private faith-based schools, government will have more control over what is included in the curriculum of such schools	15	13	22					9	13
Other reason	4	2	5					5	3
DK/NA/Ref	2	-	2	4	5				

Q. What is the main reason that you support extending funding to private religious or faith-based schools?
 Base: Those who strongly/somewhat support funding for faith-based schools
 c Caution, small base size

Since Catholic schools are funded, it's only fair to extend funding to other faith-based schools: Agree or Disagree?

	Ontario	Region							Party Support				Switchers					
		Toronto CMA	Subregion		Rest of Ont. (excl. Tor. CMA)	Subregion							Liberal to:			Conservative to:		NDP to:
			City of Toronto (416)	Toronto Suburbs (905)		South-western (519)	Eastern (613)	Nth/Central (705/807)					Cons	NDP	Green	Lib	NDP	Lib
			Lib Vote	Cons Vote		NDP Vote	Green Vote	Cons	NDP	Green	Lib	NDP	Lib					
n=	850	360	192	200	490	190	190	190	302	259	120	77 ^C	104	107	58 ^C	119	54 ^C	58 ^C
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL Agree	36	33	31	34	38	37	36	34	31	43	38	31	36	29	30	41	48	38
Strongly Agree	13	11	12	11	14	13	12	15	11	16	13	12	12	9	14	10	22	9
Somewhat Agree	23	22	19	23	24	24	24	19	20	27	25	19	24	20	16	31	26	29
Neither (vol.)	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	1	2	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Somewhat Disagree	18	17	13	18	19	17	20	13	18	19	15	13	21	20	13	25	13	14
Strongly Disagree	44	49	55	48	41	42	42	50	50	36	46	53	43	50	54	33	39	48
TOTAL Disagree	62	66	68	66	60	59	62	63	68	55	61	66	64	70	67	58	52	62
DK/NA/Ref	1	<1	1	-	1	4	-	1	1	1	-	2	-	1	2	-	-	-

Q. Some people say that because Catholic schools are already funded by the provincial government, it is only fair to extend funding to private religious groups for their own, separate schools. Would you say that you ... ?

Base: Total sample

c Caution, small base size

Since Catholic schools are funded, it's only fair to extend funding to other faith-based schools: Agree or Disagree?

	Ontario	Religious Affiliation					Visible Minority	Born in Canada	Children in HH under 19
		Catholic	Protestant	Evangelical Christian	Other	No Religion	Yes	No	Yes
n=	850	223	263	61 ^c	87 ^c	197	148	210	328
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL Agree	36	33	35	54	42	34	37	34	42
Strongly Agree	13	12	12	25	17	9	13	13	15
Somewhat Agree	23	21	23	29	25	25	24	21	27
Neither (vol.)	1	1	1	2	1	-	1	2	1
Somewhat Disagree	18	22	18	18	15	14	17	23	17
Strongly Disagree	45	42	45	25	42	52	45	40	39
TOTAL Disagree	62	64	63	43	57	66	62	63	56
DK/NA/Ref	1	2	2	1	-	-	1	1	1

Q. Some people say that because Catholic schools are already funded by the provincial government, it is only fair to extend funding to private religious groups for their own, separate schools. Would you say that you ... ?

Base: Total sample

c Caution, small base size