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Sorbara Resignation - Attention



SES/Osprey Media Poll

Methodology

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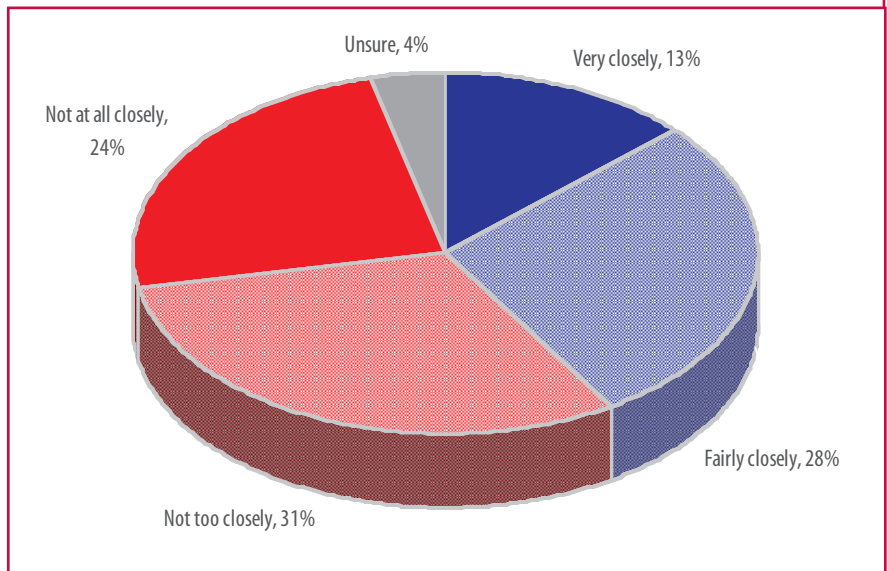
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Question: On October 11th, Ontario Finance Minister Greg Sorbara resigned from Cabinet due to allegations of fraud. Would you say you are following news coverage very closely, fairly closely, not too closely or not at all closely?



	Very closely	Fairly closely	Not too closely	Not at all closely	Unsure
Group (Margin of Accuracy)	%	%	%	%	%
Ontario ($\pm 4.4\%$)	13	28	31	24	4
Men ($\pm 6.6\%$)	17	33	26	21	4
Women ($\pm 6.0\%$)	11	24	35	27	4
Liberals ($\pm 7.8\%$)	9	27	35	21	8
Conservatives ($\pm 7.9\%$)	18	34	27	19	3
New Democrats ($\pm 10.9\%$)	16	23	28	31	2



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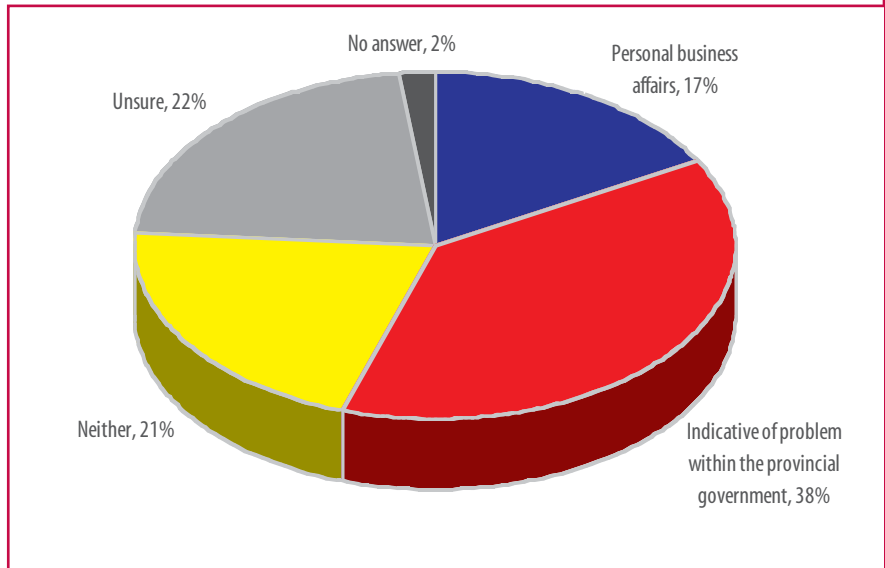
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Question: Which of the following two statements about Greg Sorbara's resignation, if any, is closest to your view?

- a. The issue is one regarding the personal business affairs of Greg Sorbara only, and does not involve the provincial government.
- b. The issue is indicative of a broader problem within the provincial Liberal government



	Personal business affairs	Problem within the provincial government	Neither close to view	Unsure	No answer
Group (Margin of Accuracy)	%	%	%	%	%
Ontario ($\pm 4.4\%$)	17	38	21	22	2
Men ($\pm 6.6\%$)	21	38	19	20	2
Women ($\pm 6.0\%$)	14	38	23	23	2
Liberals ($\pm 7.8\%$)	20	29	24	24	3
Conservatives ($\pm 7.9\%$)	20	46	14	19	1
New Democrats ($\pm 10.9\%$)	15	43	22	17	4