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Alternative Diplomas in Ontario



SES/Osprey Media Poll

Methodology

Between October 14th and 17th, 2005, SES Research conducted a random telephone survey of 501 Ontarians 18 years and older.

The aggregate survey results are accurate $\pm 4.4\%$, 19 times out of 20. Margins of accuracy are wider for subgroup samples. Readers should note that the data was weighted for gender and age to match the 2001 Canadian census results for Ontario. Results should be considered representative of the Ontario population. Results may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

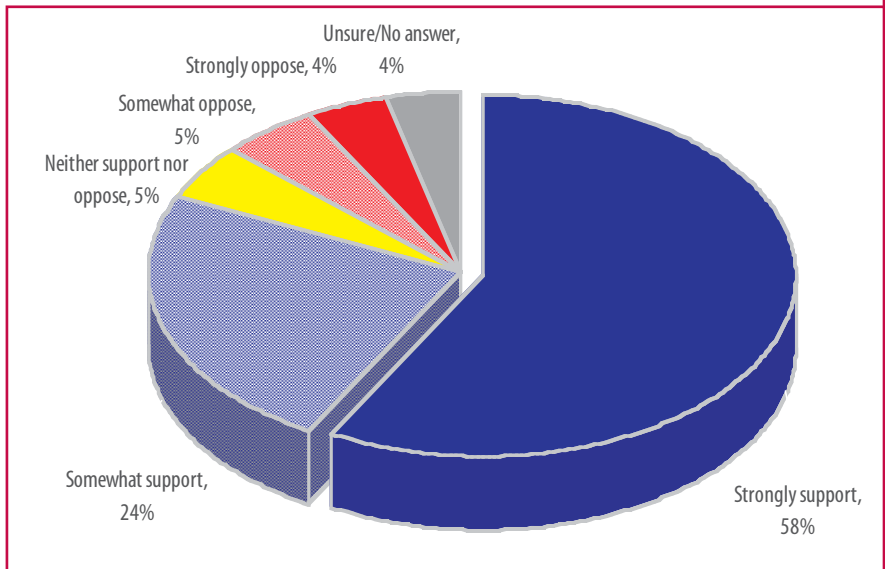
The initiative was part of the SES Ontario Omnibus Survey and was registered with the Marketing Research and Intelligence Association of which SES is a member.

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Question: Currently in Ontario, high school students can graduate with either an advanced or general high school diploma. Some people think that high schools should offer a third diploma that focuses more on skills training to discourage students from dropping out. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, neither support nor oppose, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose this idea?



Group (Margin of Accuracy)	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Neither	Somewhat oppose	Strongly support	Unsure/ No answer
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Ontario ($\pm 4.4\%$)	58	24	5	5	4	4
Men ($\pm 6.6\%$)	60	22	5	6	3	4
Women ($\pm 6.0\%$)	57	25	6	4	5	3
18 to 29 ($\pm 9.2\%$)	59	22	3	9	3	3
30 to 39 ($\pm 10.0\%$)	59	20	10	4	5	2
40 to 49 ($\pm 10.0\%$)	58	24	5	4	6	3
50 to 59 ($\pm 11.5\%$)	61	28	3	3	3	3
60 and over ($\pm 9.6\%$)	56	27	7	4	2	6