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Ontario Perceptions on Tory School Funding



SES/Osprey Media Poll

Methodology

Between March 5th and March 8th, 2006, SES Research conducted a random telephone survey of 500 Ontarians 18 years and older.

The aggregate survey results are accurate $\pm 4.5\%$, 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 consider 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.

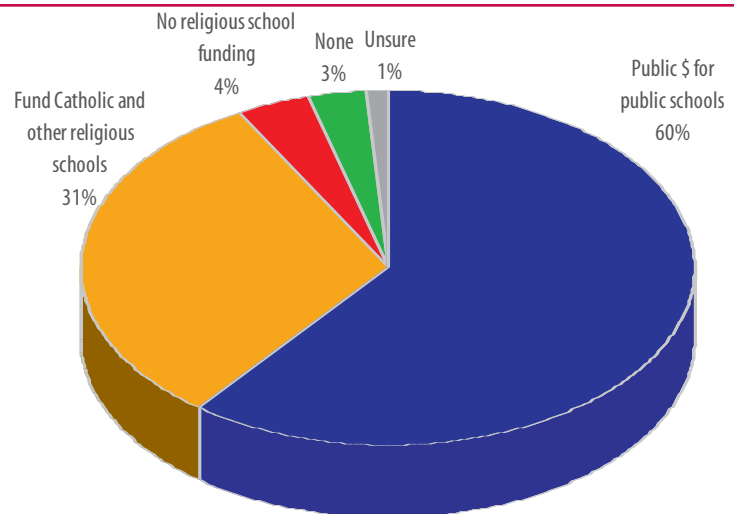
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Question: Ontario PC Leader John Tory recently announced that if elected Premier, the government of Ontario would provide public funding to private religious schools. Which of the following statements, if any, comes closest to your view? (Read and Rotate)

- a. Public money should go towards supporting public schools.
- b. If the government funds Catholic schools, it should also fund other religious schools.
- c. The government should get out of the business of funding religious schools altogether.



Group (Margin of Accuracy)	Public \$ public schools	Fund Catholic and other religious schools	No religious school funding	None	Unsure
	%	%	%	%	%
Ontario ($\pm 4.5\%$)	60	31	4	3	1
Men ($\pm 6\%$)	60	29	6	4	1
Women ($\pm 6\%$)	60	33	3	3	1
18 to 29 ($\pm 10\%$)	51	43	1	5	0
30 to 39 ($\pm 10\%$)	64	33	1	1	1
40 to 49 ($\pm 10\%$)	63	29	4	4	0
50 to 59 ($\pm 11\%$)	64	24	9	1	2
60 plus ($\pm 9\%$)	59	27	7	5	3

