

Poll: Ontario Liberals Secures 47 Percent Voter Support

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Toronto, Ontario (AHN) - A telephone poll of 500 Ontario residents made from April 23 to 25 showed that the province's Liberal party continues to enjoy the support of residents. Proof of this is the 47 percent voter support the party got in the survey made by Nanos Research.

The Conservative Party got 31 percent, the New Democrats 16 percent and the Green Party 5 percent.

Nanos president and chief executive officer Nik Nanos attributes the large lead of the Liberals to the lack of opposition from the three other parties. Nanos explained, "The first step for a government to be in trouble is for there to be a clear counterpoint or alternative to the government. In a way, (McGuinty) is politically coasting on the fact that the New Democrats have a new leader and that the Conservatives currently have no leader."

The large lead enjoyed by the Liberals suggests that Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty and the party are not affected by the economic crisis and other provincial issues like the harmonized sales tax.

The poll said 42 percent of Ontario residents opted for McGuinty as premier. Conservative leader Bob Runciman got 15 percent, NDP leader Andrea Horwath secured 9 percent, Green Party leader was preferred by 3 percent and 11 percent indicate none of the four were their choice. Another 20 percent were unsure whom to pick.

Ontario residents are scheduled to elect provincial officials next month.

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