

Public Opinion Research ►►

Canada This Month: Ontario Politics

Party Attributes, Leader Favourables
& Patrick Brown Resignation

Methodology & Demographics

Methodology

- These are the findings from two Innovative Research Group (INNOVATIVE) polls conducted from January 11th to January 17th, 2018 (Wave 1), and January 26th to 29th, 2018 (Wave 2), respectively.
- The online surveys of 1,040 (W1) and 1,027 (W2) adult Ontarians were conducted on INNOVATIVE's Canada 20/20 national research panel with additional sample from Survey Sampling International, a leading provider of online sample. The Wave 1 Ontario sample is drawn from a Canada wide survey of N=2,315 conducted on the same dates.
- Both samples are weighted by age, gender, and region of the province based on the latest Statistics Canada Census data. Weighted and unweighted N-sizes for each cell are provided on the following slides.
- The Canada 20/20 Panel is recruited from a wide variety of sources to reflect the age, gender, and region characteristics of the country as a whole. Each survey is administered to a series of randomly selected samples from the panel and weighted to ensure that the overall sample's composition reflects that of the actual population according to Census data to provide results that are intended to approximate a probability sample.
- INNOVATIVE provides each panellist with a unique URL via an email invitation so that only invited panel members are able to complete the survey, and panel members can only complete a particular survey once.
- This is a representative sample. We have set targets to ensure we properly reflect key regional and demographic distribution and then used weights to ensure we reflect the province properly. However, since the online survey was not a random probability based sample, a margin of error can not be calculated. The Marketing Research and Intelligence Association prohibits statements about margins of sampling error or population estimates with regard to most online panels.

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Wave 1 Weighting: Region, age, gender

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	Unweighted (n)	Unweighted (%)	Weighted (n)	Weighted (%)
Males 18-34	109	10.5%	137	13.7%
Males 35-54	152	14.6%	183	18.3%
Males 55+	306	29.4%	160	16.0%
Females 18-34	104	10.0%	140	14.0%
Females 35-54	141	13.6%	194	19.4%
Females 55+	228	21.9%	186	18.6%
Toronto	238	22.9%	209	20.9%
Rest of GTA	213	20.5%	253	25.3%
South/West	296	28.5%	262	26.2%
North/East	293	28.2%	276	27.6%

Wave 2 Weighting: Region, age, gender

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Females 35-54	179	17.4%	178	17.9%
Females 55+	216	21.0%	203	20.3%
Toronto	224	21.8%	209	20.9%
Rest of GTA	248	24.1%	260	26.0%
South/West	275	26.8%	258	25.8%
North/East	280	27.3%	273	27.3%

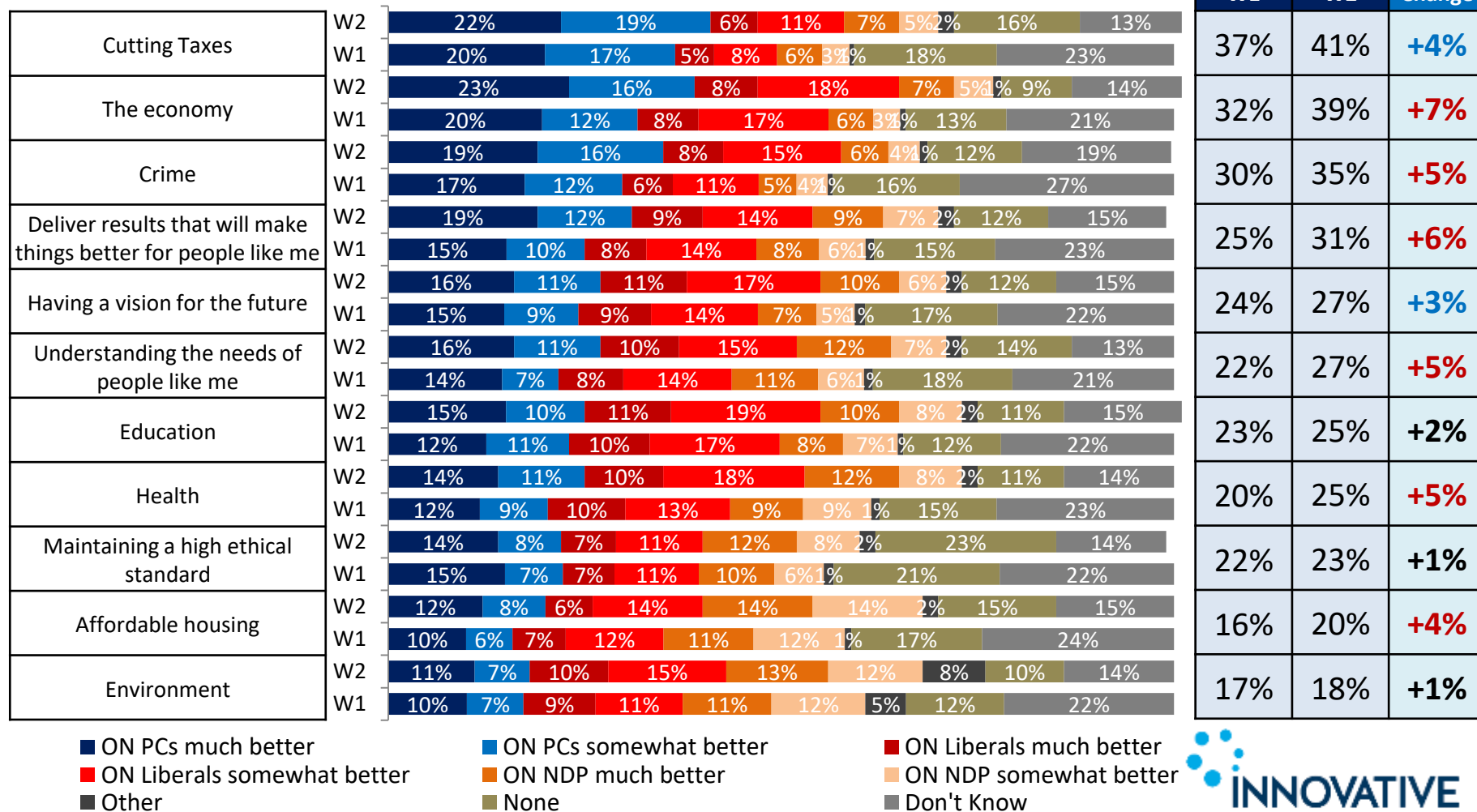
Party Attributes

Party Brand Attributes: PCs have made gains on all issues

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[asked of all respondents; W1 n=1,000, W2 n=1,000]



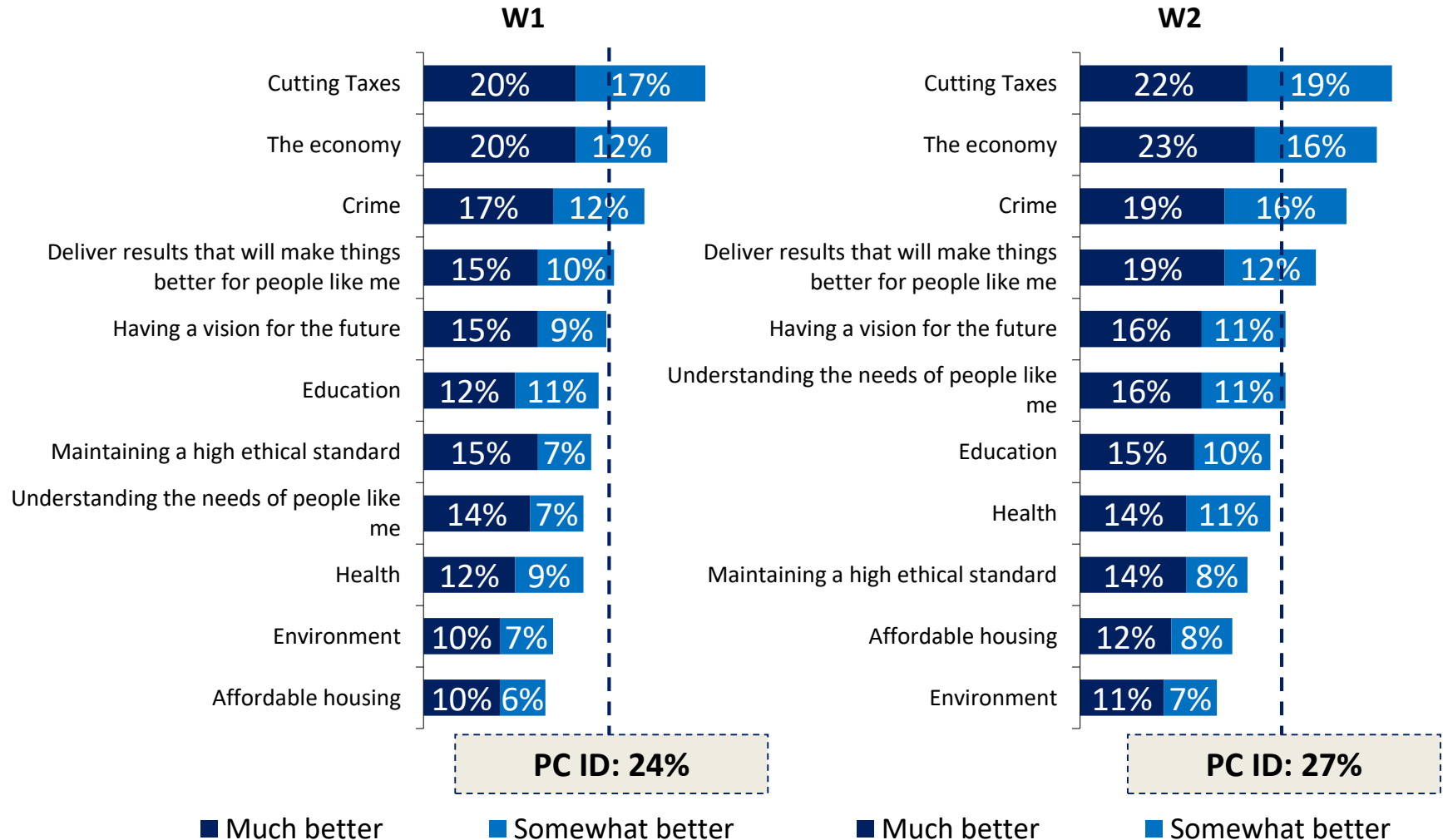
T-Tests: Changes highlighted in **red** are statistically significant at 95% confidence. Changes highlighted in **blue** are significant at 90%.

PC Party Attributes: PCs score above PID on cutting taxes, the economy, crime and “for people like me”

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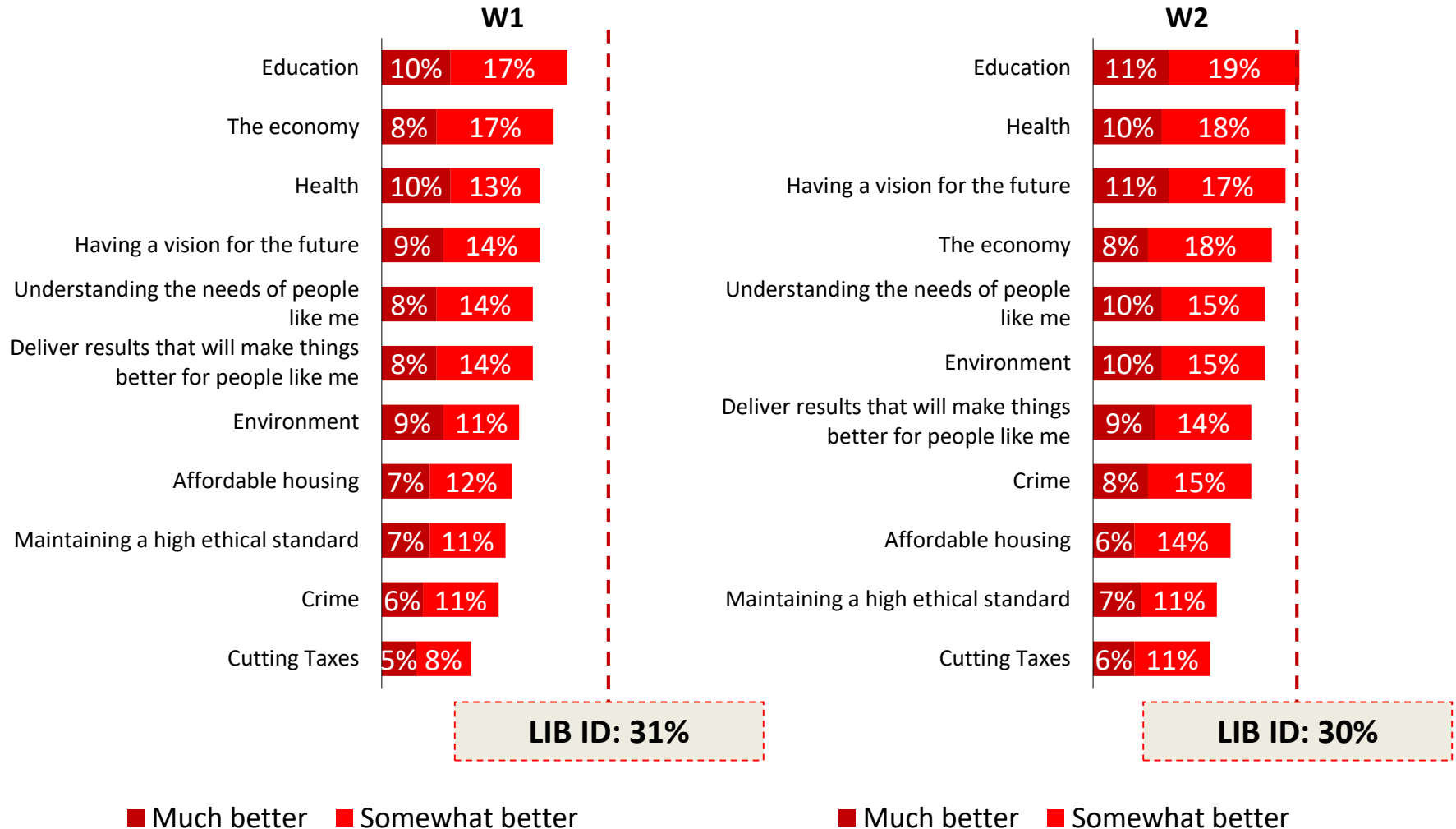


Liberal Party Attributes: Liberals now match PID on education. Getting close on health and having a vision

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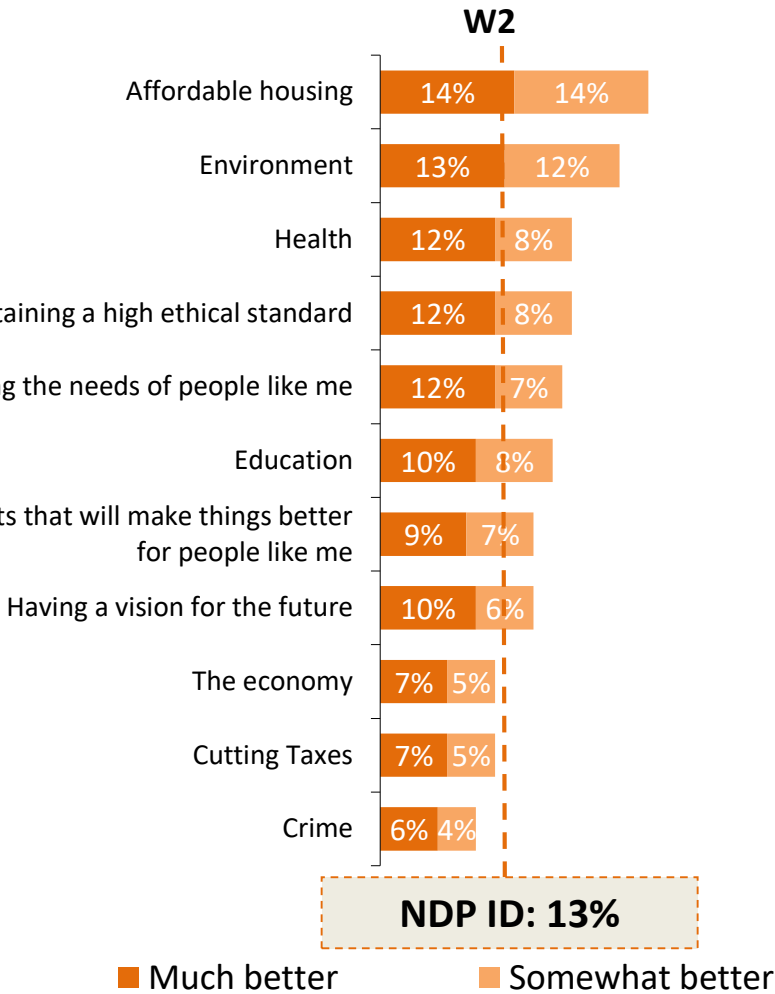
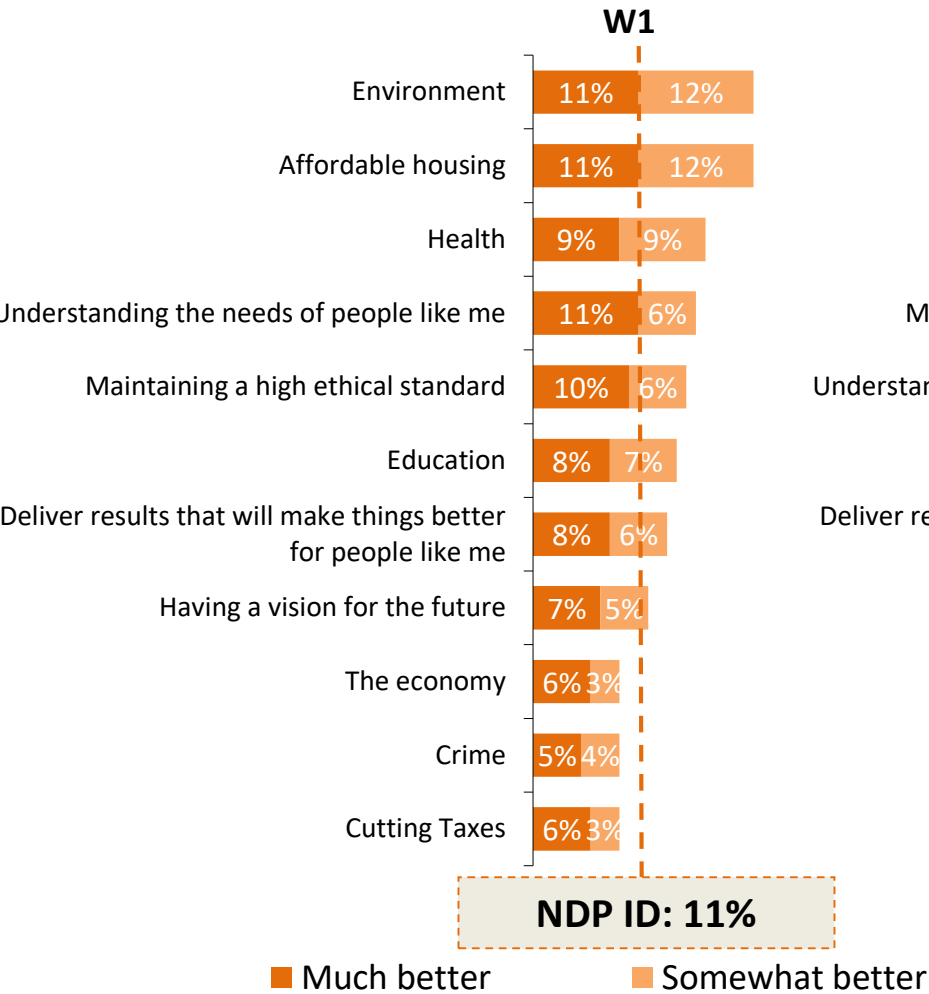


NDP Party Attributes: NDP surpasses PID on all but three issues



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[asked of all respondents; W1 n=1,000, W2 n=1,000]



PC Party Attributes by Party ID: On all but 3 issues, Unaligned voters are giving PCs higher ratings post-scandal

PC Party Attributes by Party ID (% who say PCs much or somewhat better)

PC Party Attributes	Party ID										
	Liberal		Progressive Conservative		NDP		Green/Other		Unaligned		
	W1	W2	W1	W2	W1	W2	W1	W2	W1	W2	
	Cutting Taxes	29%	28%	70%	75%	21%	20%	28%	35%	24%	28%
	The economy	14%	18%	77%	80%	10%	12%	33%	32%	20%	34%
	Crime	17%	20%	70%	72%	13%	15%	29%	22%	16%	25%
	Deliver results that will make things better for people like me	5%	11%	73%	74%	2%	7%	23%	20%	13%	21%
	Having a vision for the future	5%	7%	70%	69%	5%	5%	19%	20%	15%	22%
	Understanding the needs of people like me	5%	6%	64%	71%	3%	7%	12%	15%	13%	19%
	Education	6%	6%	64%	61%	3%	6%	17%	18%	15%	19%
	Health	5%	8%	57%	63%	2%	3%	17%	16%	14%	19%
	Maintaining a high ethical standard	6%	7%	62%	58%	5%	5%	14%	13%	14%	13%
	Affordable housing	4%	7%	42%	47%	4%	5%	4%	13%	13%	12%
	Environment	5%	5%	47%	46%	1%	5%	10%	9%	12%	12%

PC Party Attributes by Gender: More substantial gains among women than among men

PC Party Attributes by Gender (% who say PCs much or somewhat better)

PC Party Attributes	Gender				
		Men		Women	
		W1	W2	W1	W2
	Cutting Taxes	45%	49%	29%	33%
	The economy	39%	44%	25%	34%
	Crime	38%	40%	23%	29%
	Deliver results that will make things better for people like me	31%	37%	19%	25%
	Having a vision for the future	31%	32%	18%	24%
	Understanding the needs of people like me	27%	30%	17%	25%
	Education	28%	27%	18%	22%
	Health	24%	29%	17%	22%
	Maintaining a high ethical standard	26%	27%	19%	19%
Affordable housing	19%	21%	13%	18%	
Environment	21%	19%	14%	17%	


PC Party Attributes by Value Cluster: Some losses among conservative feminists, but big gains in 3 other clusters

PC Party Attributes by Value Cluster (% who say PCs much or somewhat better)

Value Cluster

PC Party Attributes

	Conservative-more feminist		Conservative-neutral/less feminist		Liberal-more feminist		Liberal neutral/less feminist		Left more feminist		Left neutral/less feminist	
	W1	W2	W1	W2	W1	W2	W1	W2	W1	W2	W1	W2
Cutting Taxes	51%	53%	60%	65%	31%	29%	31%	37%	29%	31%	25%	32%
The economy	54%	56%	61%	68%	16%	27%	32%	38%	14%	20%	23%	30%
Crime	48%	53%	51%	59%	23%	26%	32%	30%	19%	20%	15%	28%
Deliver results that will make things better for people like me	52%	48%	53%	61%	8%	18%	25%	29%	11%	10%	14%	25%
Having a vision for the future	43%	41%	50%	56%	12%	11%	25%	28%	8%	13%	15%	22%
Understanding the needs of people like me	44%	38%	43%	56%	8%	16%	24%	26%	8%	11%	12%	21%
Education	44%	37%	46%	52%	13%	11%	24%	23%	8%	11%	14%	18%
Health	40%	40%	43%	52%	8%	12%	18%	23%	7%	8%	13%	23%
Maintaining a high ethical standard	41%	33%	44%	43%	11%	14%	24%	21%	9%	9%	13%	19%
Affordable housing	25%	29%	32%	32%	7%	12%	16%	20%	5%	7%	11%	19%
Environment	27%	31%	35%	33%	8%	8%	18%	18%	7%	8%	12%	15%

 = gain of at least 5 points

 = loss of at least 5 points

PC Party Attributes by TfC/Alienation: All non-conservatives¹⁴ give PCs highest marks on taxes, crime and economy


PC Party Attributes by TfC/Alienation Segment (% who say PCs much or somewhat better)


PC Party Attributes	TfC/Alienation Segments					
		Conservative	Core/Soft Liberal	Time for Change Liberal	NDP	Uncertain
	Cutting Taxes	64%	29%	24%	29%	40%
	The economy	72%	12%	23%	31%	38%
	Crime	59%	15%	21%	28%	35%
	Deliver results that will make things better for people like me	63%	3%	24%	16%	31%
	Having a vision for the future	60%	3%	13%	15%	28%
	Understanding the needs of people like me	60%	3%	12%	16%	28%
	Education	54%	3%	16%	13%	22%
	Health	53%	1%	18%	12%	28%
	Maintaining a high ethical standard	46%	6%	13%	12%	23%
	Affordable housing	38%	5%	17%	8%	21%
	Environment	37%	2%	12%	9%	20%

PC Party Attributes by Economic Alienation: Gains among all segments except the Heavy Strugglers

PC Party Attributes by Economic Alienation Segment (% who say PCs much or somewhat better)

Economic Alienation Segments													
PC Party Attributes	Achievers		Hopefuls		Moderate Strugglers		Heavy Strugglers		Ambivalent		Alienated		
	W1	W2	W1	W2	W1	W2	W1	W2	W1	W2	W1	W2	
	Cutting Taxes	45%	46%	45%	58%	39%	44%	41%	32%	29%	33%	34%	36%
	The economy	25%	38%	37%	50%	36%	47%	44%	37%	24%	32%	34%	35%
	Crime	23%	34%	30%	39%	33%	45%	45%	34%	24%	29%	31%	31%
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	Education	17%	26%	20%	25%	26%	30%	43%	30%	17%	19%	23%	23%
	Health	15%	21%	17%	27%	23%	34%	40%	32%	15%	21%	20%	22%
	Maintaining a high ethical standard	14%	19%	19%	28%	30%	28%	44%	28%	18%	17%	19%	21%
Affordable housing	12%	17%	12%	22%	23%	26%	32%	25%	12%	16%	13%	16%	
Environment	13%	16%	12%	20%	21%	22%	33%	21%	13%	13%	17%	19%	

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Leader Favours

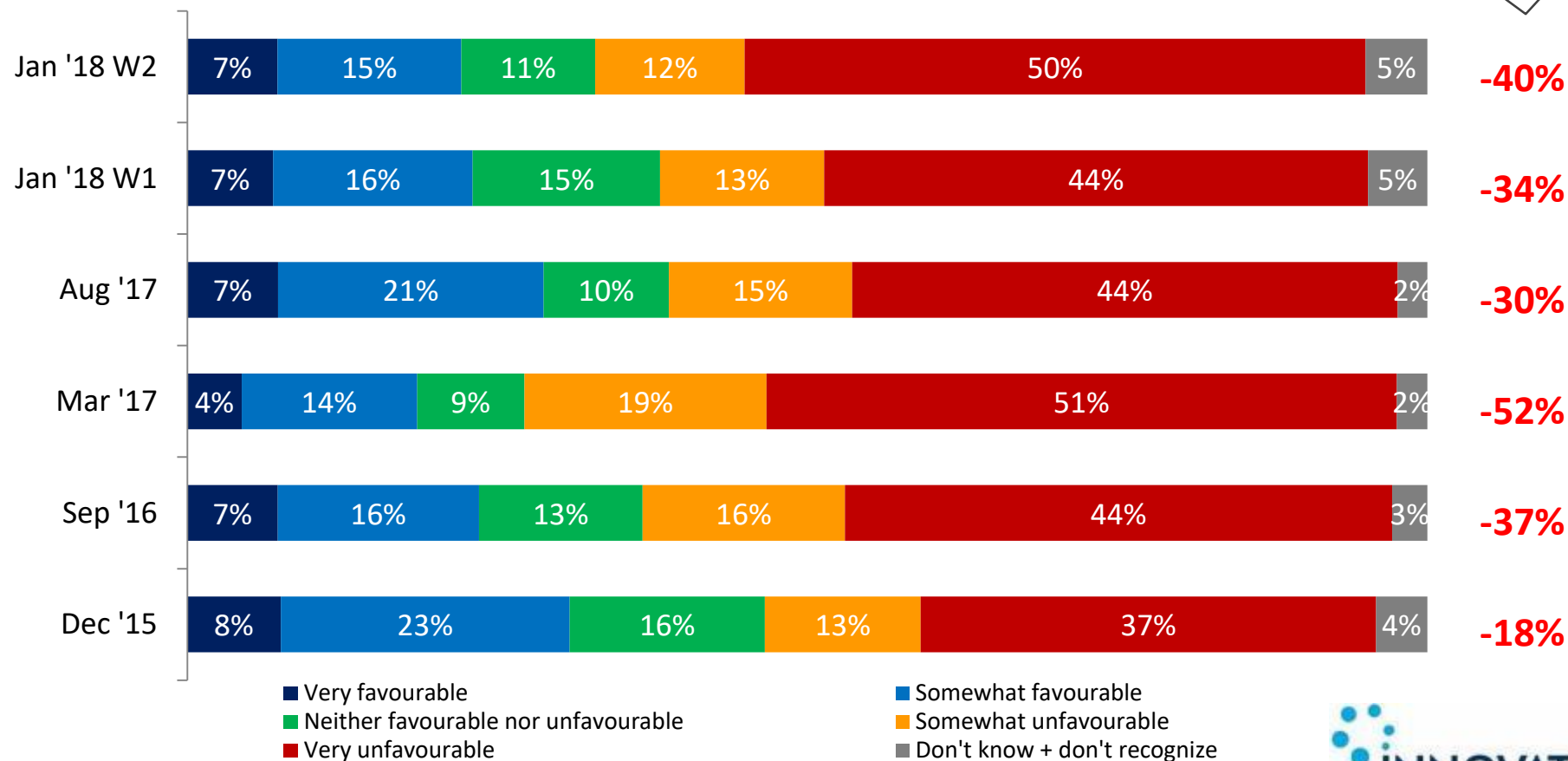
Kathleen Wynne: Opinion of Wynne continues to decline



Below are the names of several individuals who have been mentioned in the news recently. For each one, please indicate whether you have heard of that person and, if so, whether you have a *very favourable*, *somewhat favourable*, *somewhat unfavourable* or *very unfavourable* impression of that person. If you do not recognize the name, just choose that response. How about...**Kathleen Wynne**

[asked of all respondents; W1 n=1,000; W2 n=1,000]

Net Favourability



Patrick Brown: Sharp drop in favourables for Brown – “very unfavourable” (35%) more than doubled since Wave 1 (16%)

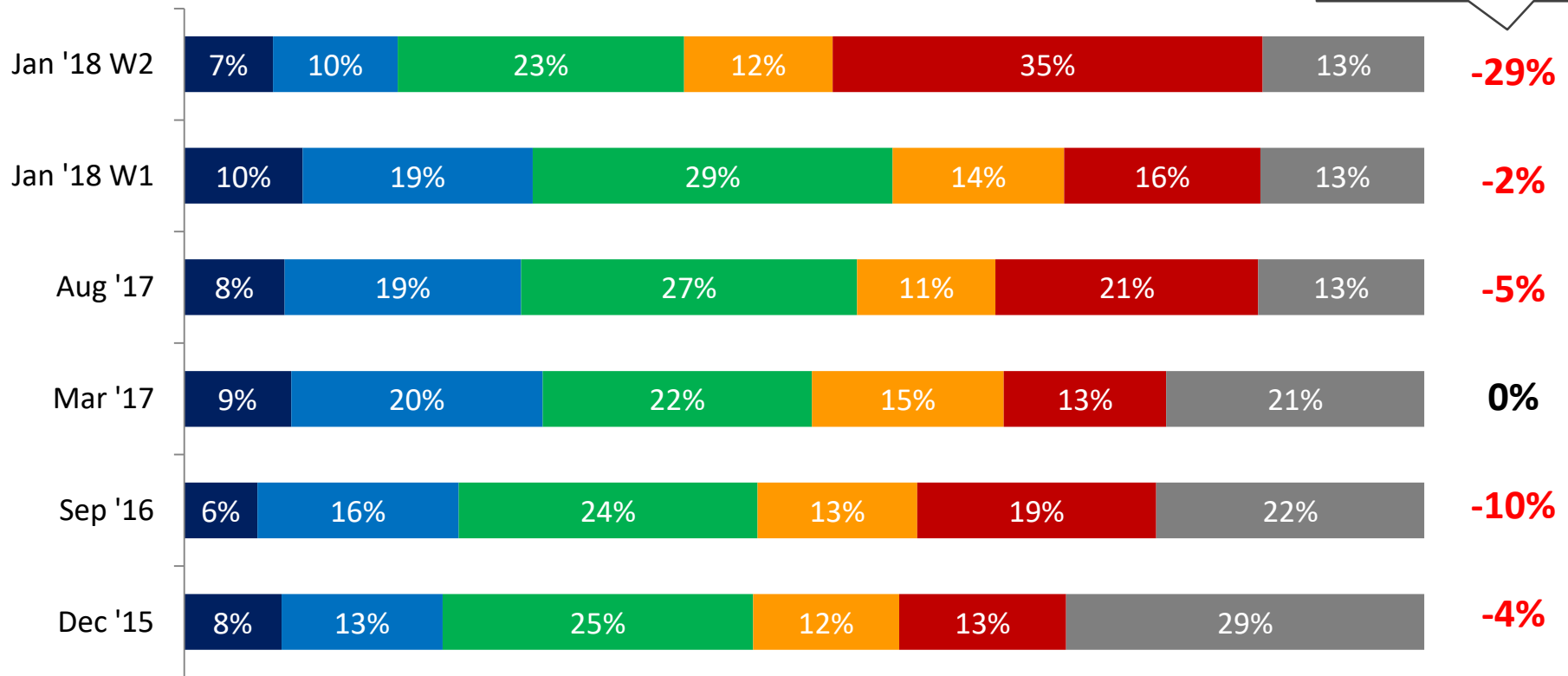
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Brown

[asked of all respondents; W1 n=1,000; W2 n=1,000]

Net Favourability



■ Very favourable
 ■ Neither favourable nor unfavourable
 ■ Very unfavourable

■ Somewhat favourable
 ■ Somewhat unfavourable
 ■ Don't know + don't recognize

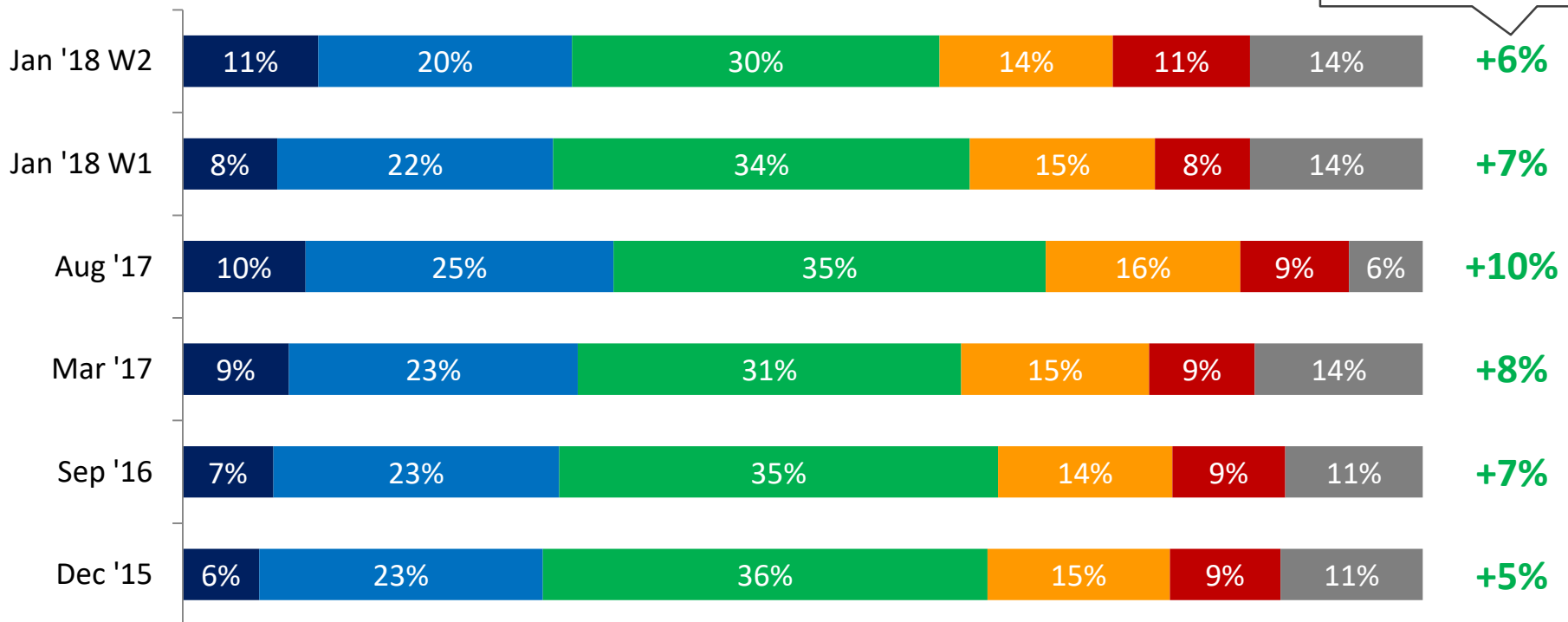
Andrea Horwath: Though trending downward, Horwath maintains positive net favourability

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[asked of all respondents; W1 n=1,000; W2 n=1,000]

Net Favourability



Very favourable

Neither favourable nor unfavourable

Very unfavourable

Somewhat favourable

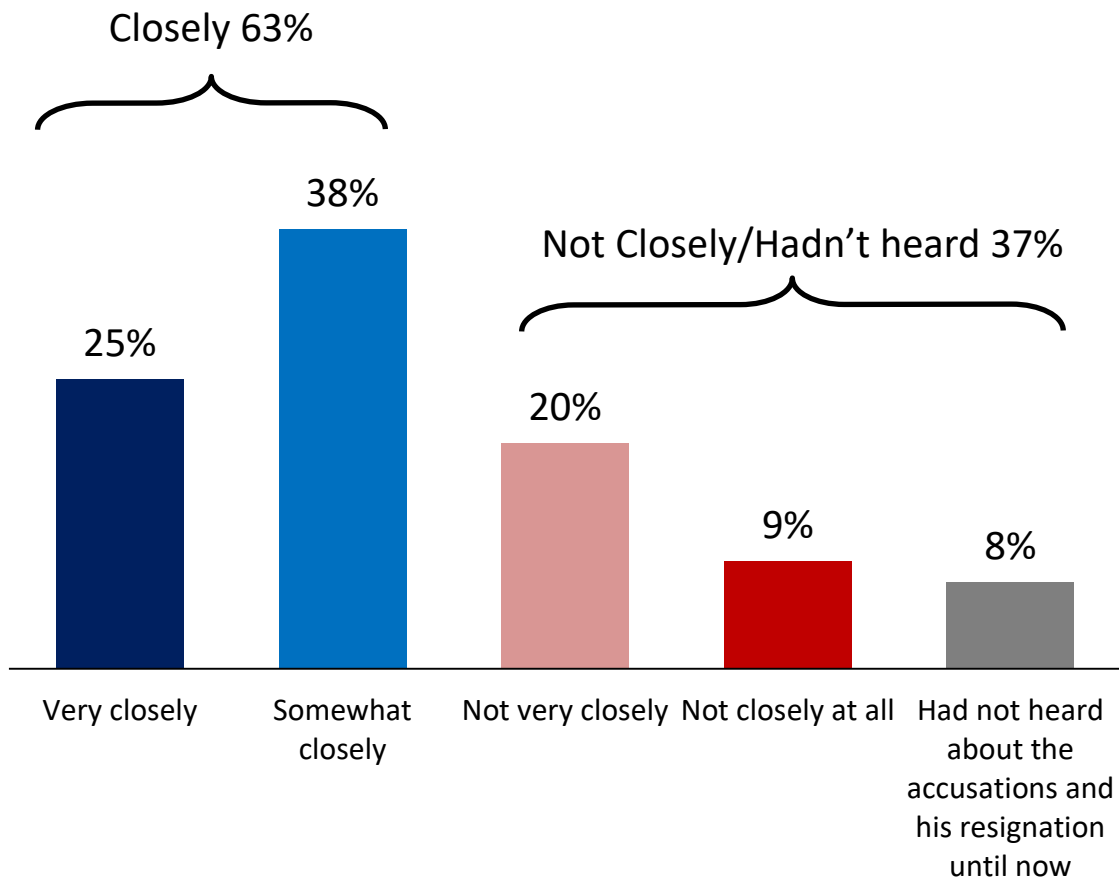
Somewhat unfavourable

Don't know + don't recognize

Patrick Brown Resignation

Patrick Brown Resignation: Most are watching closely; esp. More Feminist Conservatives. Men more than women.

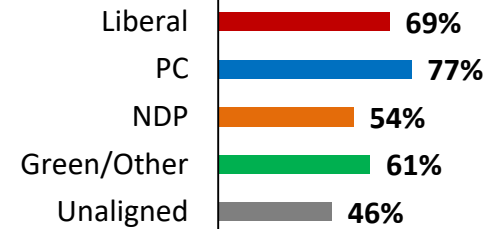
Q As you may be aware, Patrick Brown has resigned as leader of the Ontario PC party after being accused of sexual misconduct by two women. How closely have you been following the events around Patrick Brown's resignation?
[asked of all respondents; n=1,000]



Sample Breakdown ▶▶

Those who say "Closely"

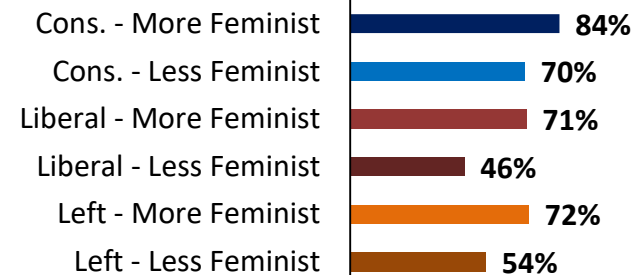
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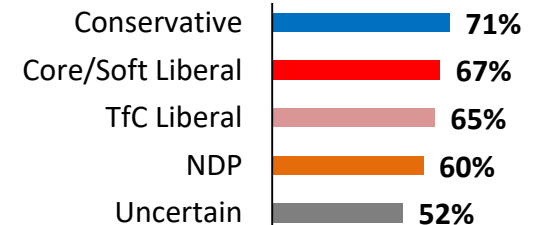
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Value Clusters

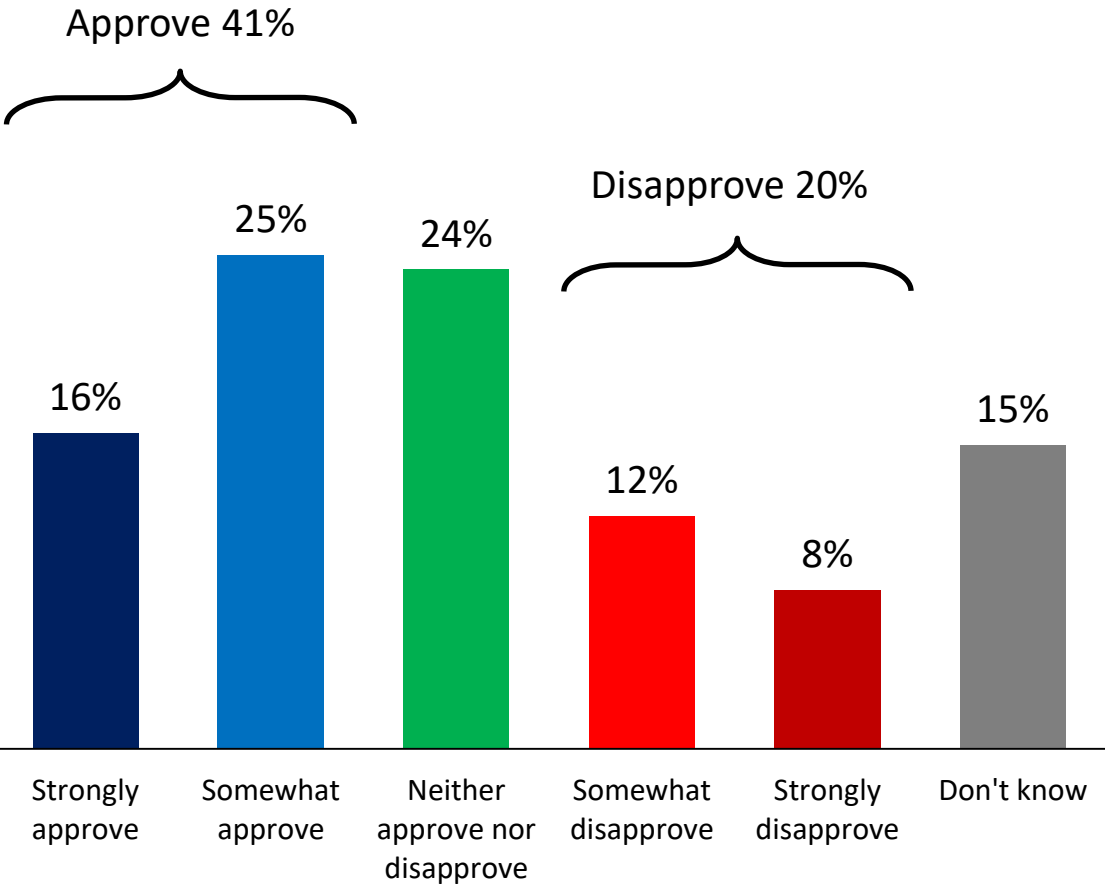


Time for Change/Alienation Segments

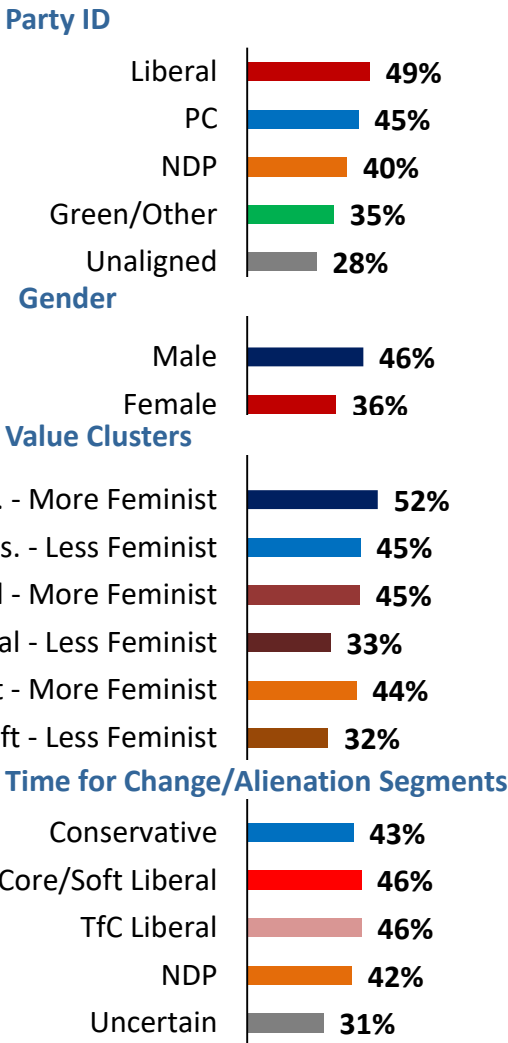


PC Party Response: While many are unsure, a plurality approve of the PC Party's response to the accusations

Q From what you have read, seen or heard, do you approve or disapprove of the way the PC party responded to these accusations?
[asked of all respondents; n=1,000]

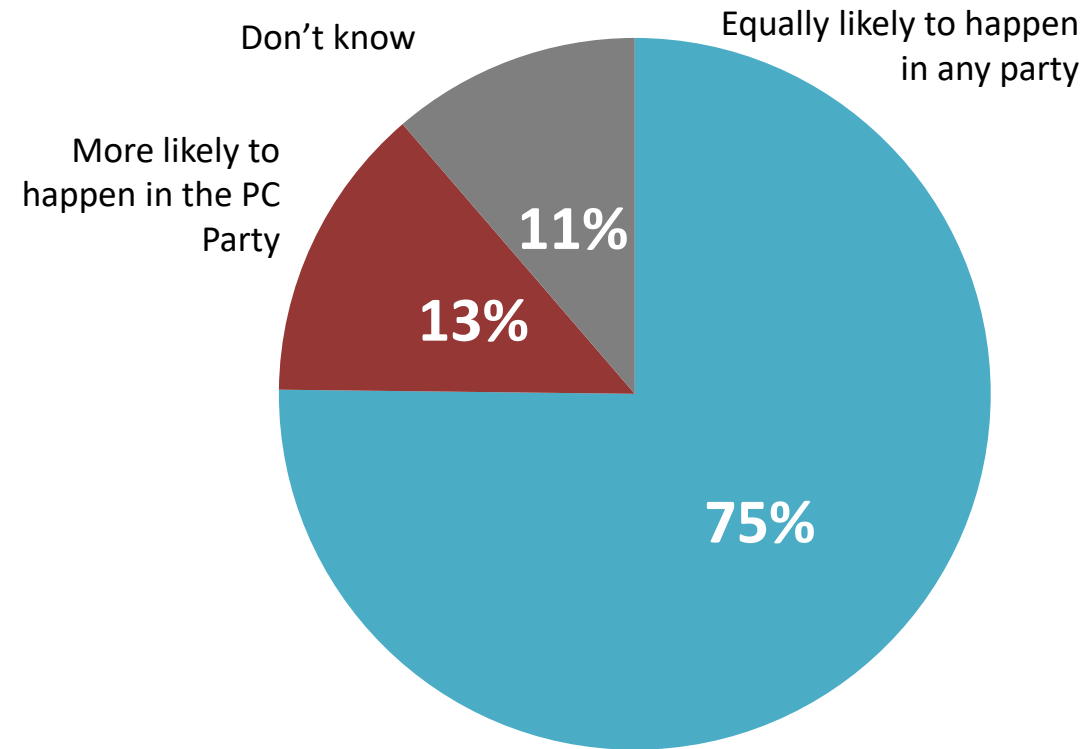


Sample Breakdown ▶▶ *Those who say "Approve"*



More Likely for the PC Party?: Three-quarters say it's equally likely to happen in any party, but big variation across segments

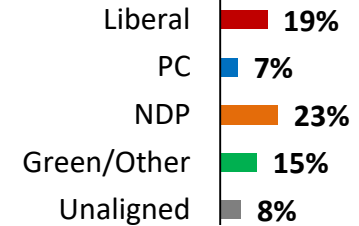
Q If the accusation turns out to be true, do you think this is equally likely to happen in any political party or do you think it is more likely to happen in the PC Party?
[asked of all respondents; n=1,000]



Sample Breakdown ▶▶

Those who say "More likely to happen in the PC Party"

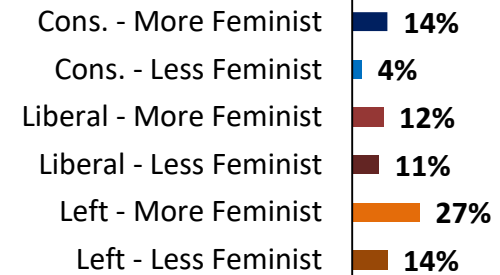
Party ID



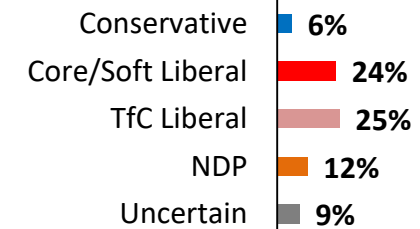
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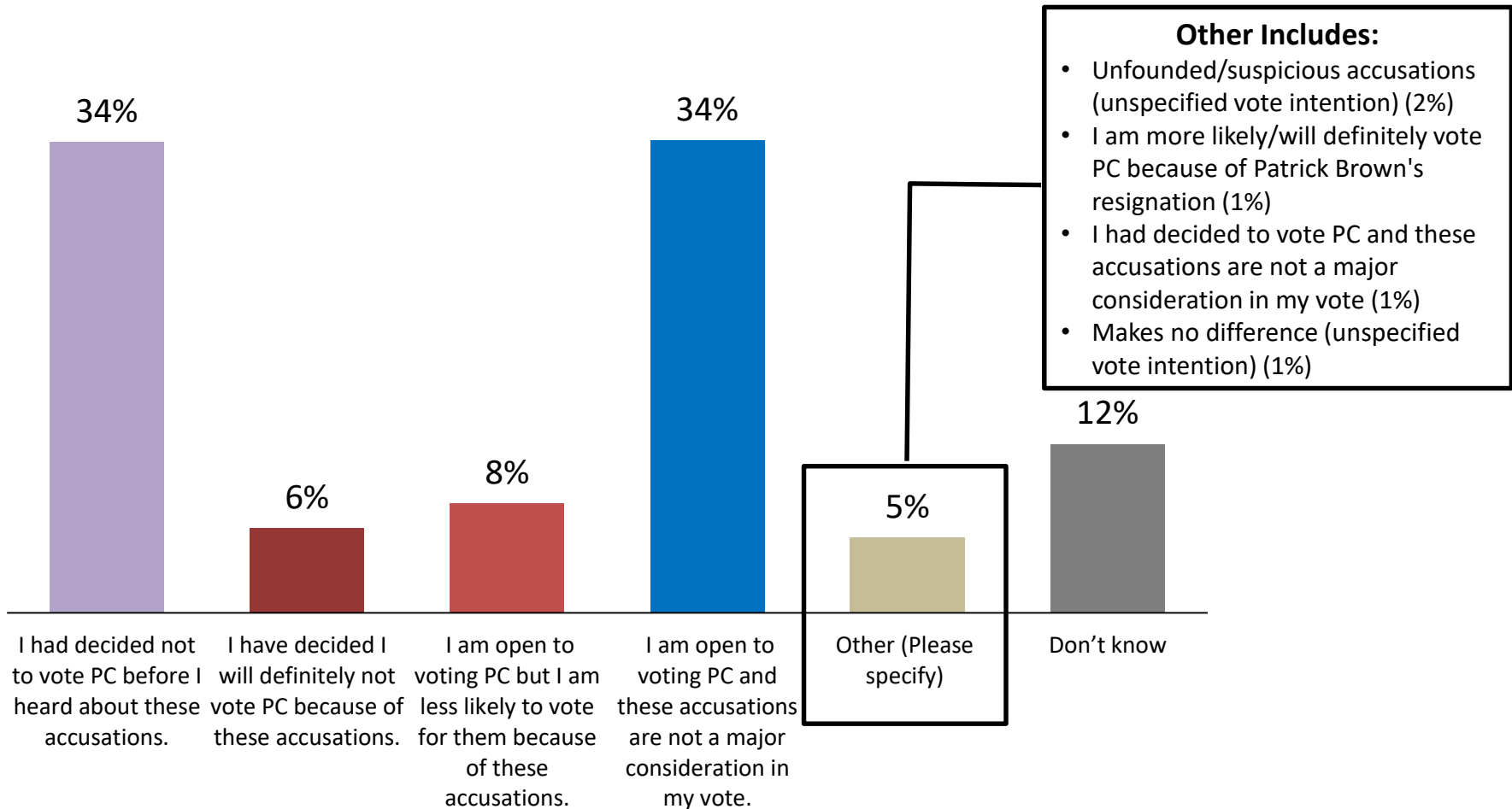


Impact: Accusations do not appear to have a major impact on PC voting intentions



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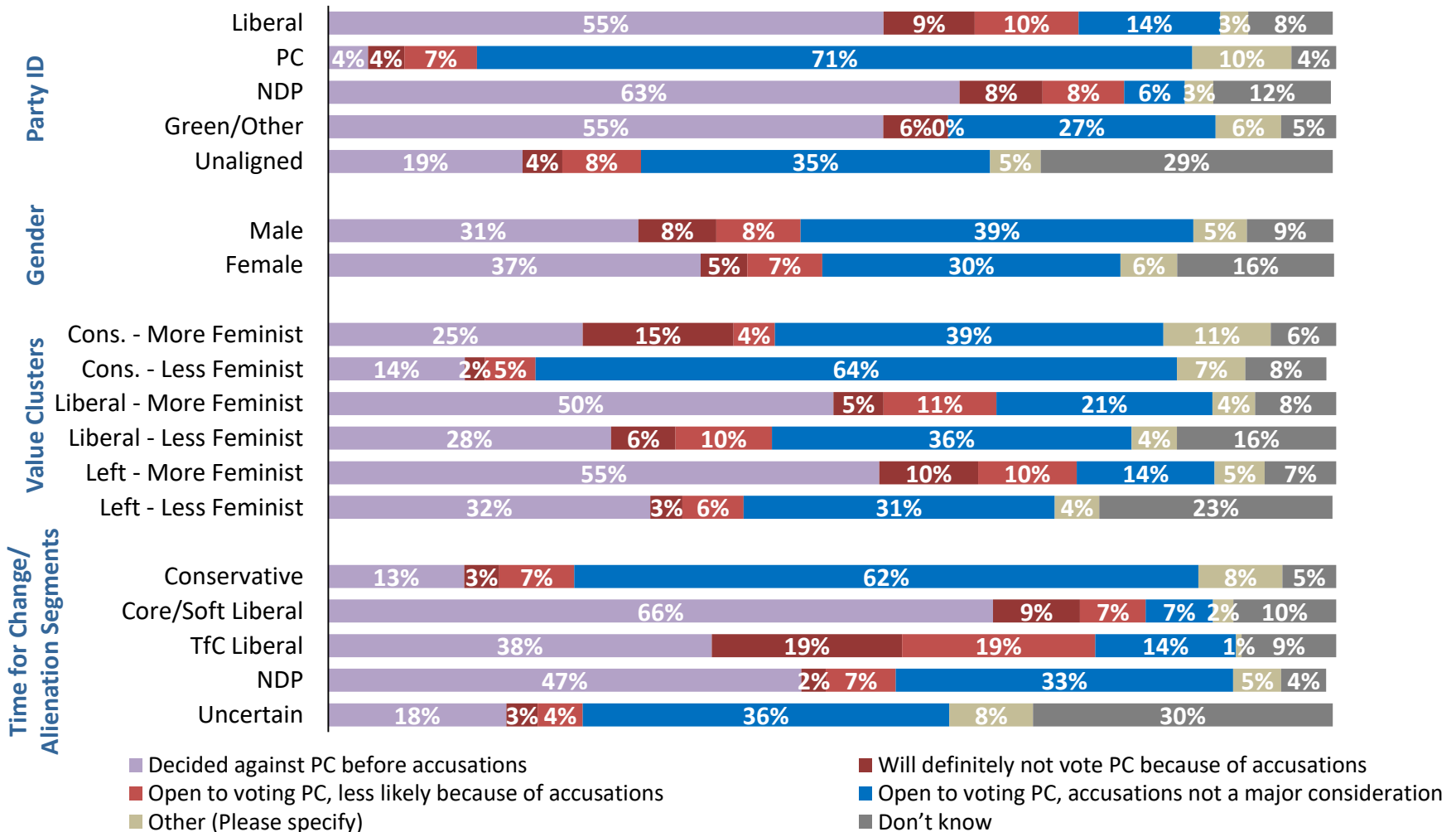


Impact: TfC Liberals most likely to report reconsidering or not voting PC as a result of accusations



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Appendix: Telephone Methodology

Telephone Methodology

- For the January 2018 telephone results from slide 26, the survey was conducted by telephone among 670 randomly-selected Ontario residents, 18 years of age and older, from January 10th to January 16th, 2018.
- Only one respondent per household was eligible to complete this survey. The final sample includes both landline and cell phone respondents, so that individuals who don't have a landline are represented. Numbers are dialed from RDD telephone sample. A maximum of 8 call backs are attempted for each record.
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- The margin of error for a sample of n=600 is approximately $\pm 4.0\%$, 19 times out of 20.
- The vote intention questions reported here come at the beginning of the survey, preceded only by screening questions and questions asking whether the province is on the right or wrong track, how respondents feel about the economy, and what they believe is the most important issue facing the province.
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