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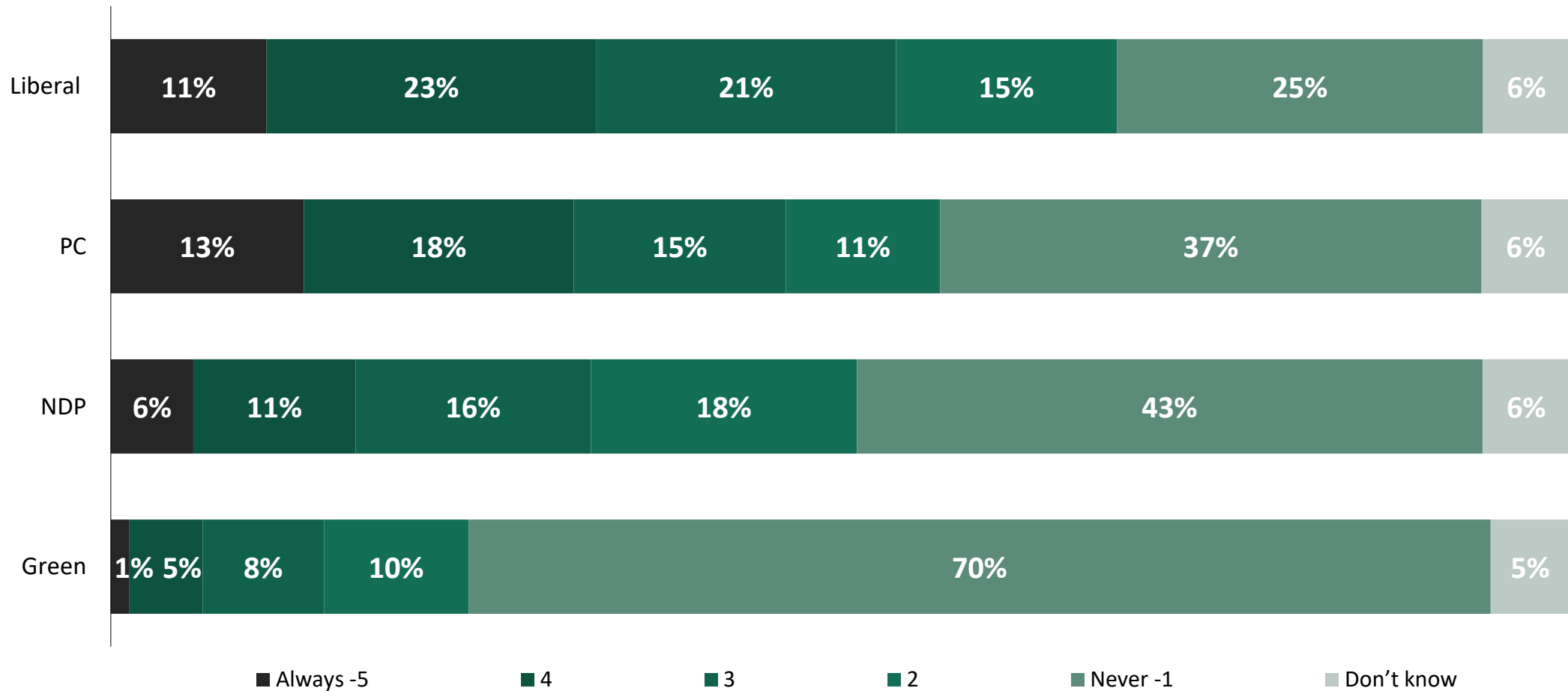
Brand Loyalty

Innovative explores brand loyalty by asking participants to recall how often they have voted for the 4 main parties in the past.

Brand Loyalty Overview: NDP have fewer deeply committed supporters, Liberals have a largest number of infrequent supporters



On a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is never and 5 is always, how often have you voted for each of the following parties?
[asked of all respondents; n=1,000]

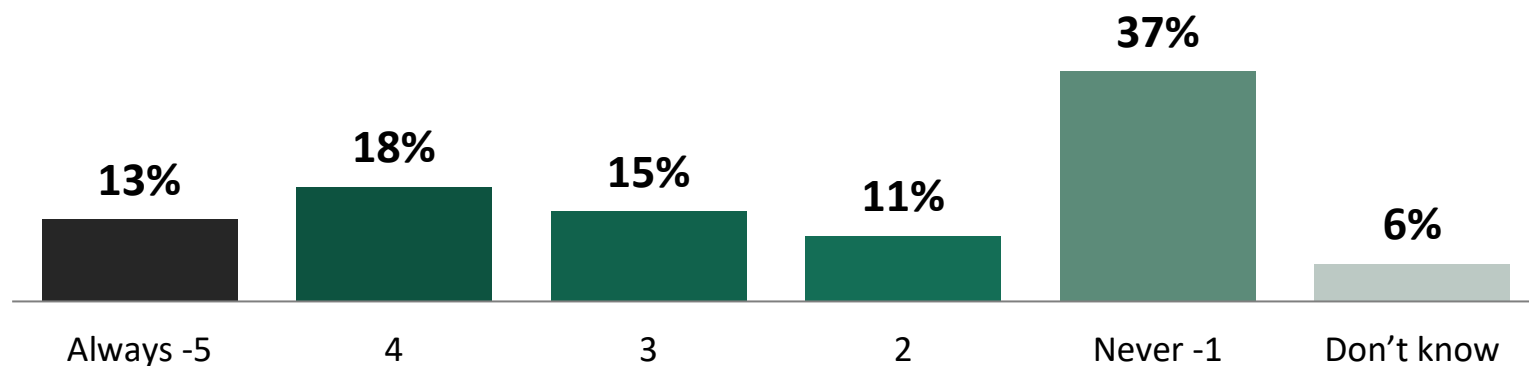


The Progressive Conservative Party: Only 13% of respondents have always voted for the PCs; 2-in-5 (37%) have never voted for the PCs



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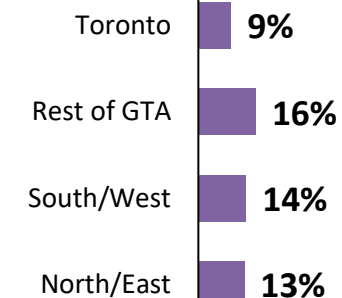
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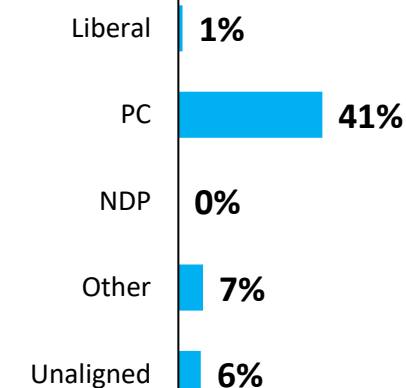
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Those who say 'Always'

Region



Party ID

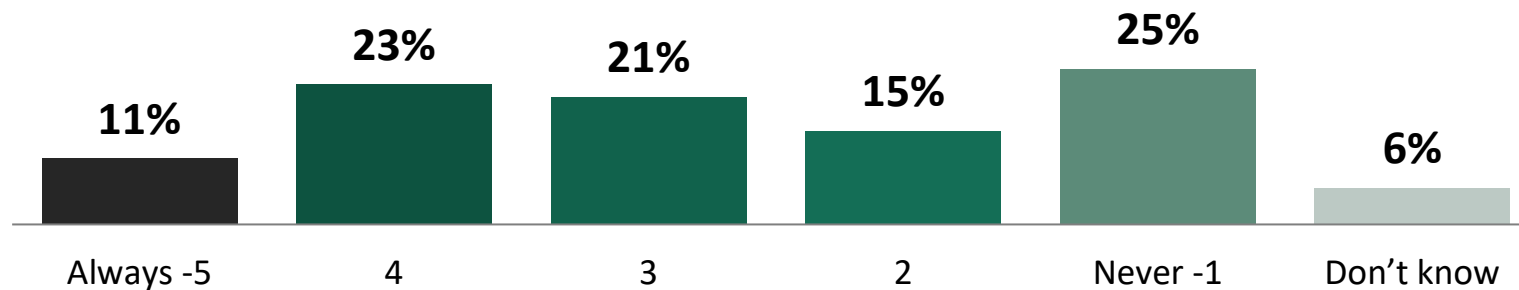


The Liberal Party: 1-in-9 (11%) respondents have always voted for the Ontario Liberal Party; only 25% have never voted for the Liberals



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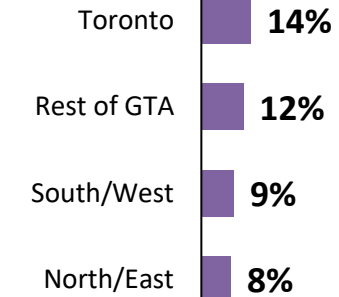
[asked of all respondents; n=1,000]



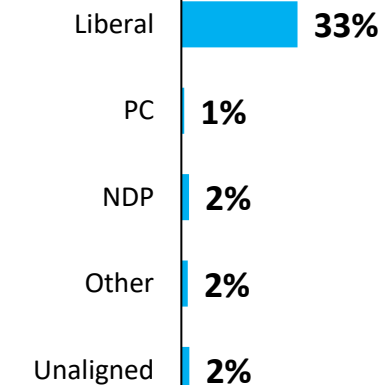
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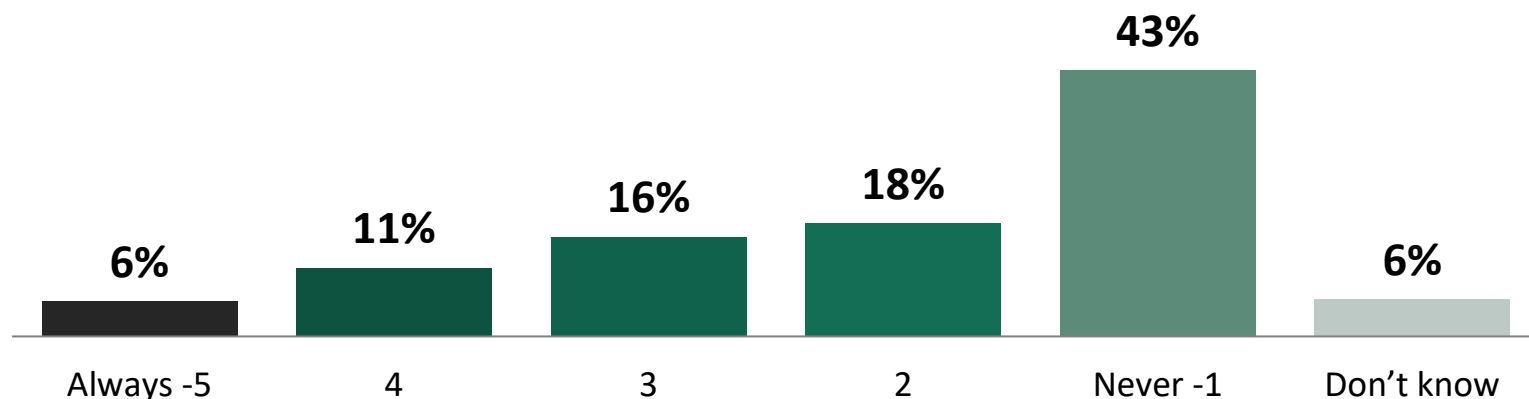


The New Democrat Party: Only 6% have always voted for the NDP; while 2-in-5 (43%) have never voted for the NDP



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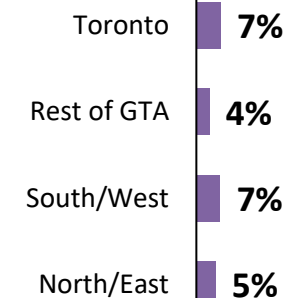
[asked of all respondents; n=1,000]



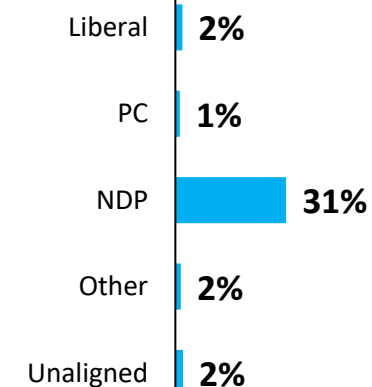
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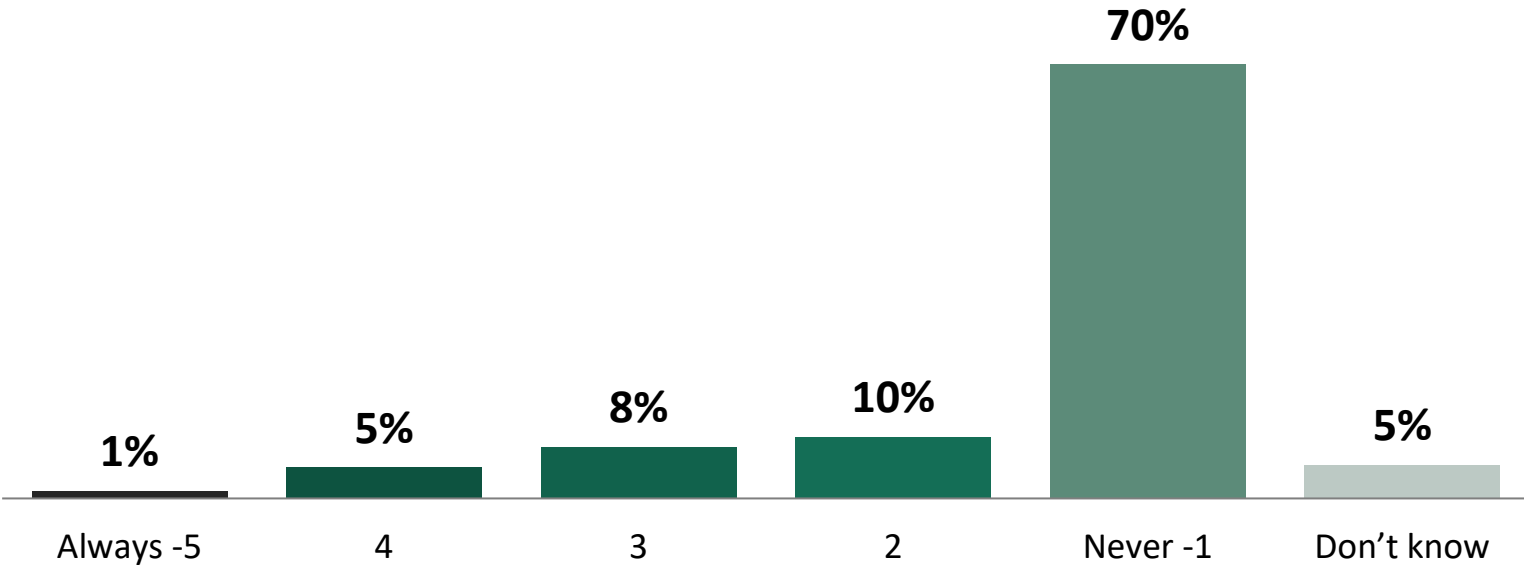
Party ID



The Green Party: 7-in-10 (70%) of respondents have never voted for the Green Party; only 1% have always voted Green



On a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is never and 5 is always, how often have you voted for each of the following parties? **The Green Party**
[asked of all respondents; n=1,000]



Segmentation

Those who say 'Always'

Region

Toronto	2%
Rest of GTA	1%
South/West	2%
North/East	1%

Party ID

Liberal	1%
PC	<1%
NDP	<1%
Other	8%
Unaligned	<1%

Brand Loyalty: PCs having the greatest success in securing support of brand loyalists; Liberals struggle outside their core supporters



Decided Vote BY On a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is never and 5 is always, how often have you voted for each of the following parties?
[asked of all respondents; n=1,000]

Liberal Loyalty

Decided Vote

	5 Always	4	3	2	1 Never
Liberal	82%	50%	18%	10%	4%
PC	7%	23%	42%	50%	59%
NDP	9%	23%	33%	27%	21%
Green	3%	4%	7%	11%	9%
Other	0%	0%	0%	2%	7%

PC Loyalty

Decided Vote

	5 Always	4	3	2	1 Never
Liberal	4%	10%	33%	44%	42%
PC	89%	76%	44%	21%	4%
NDP	2%	7%	13%	27%	43%
Green	0%	4%	7%	8%	11%
Other	4%	3%	4%	1%	1%

NDP Loyalty

Decided Vote

	5 Always	4	3	2	1 Never
Liberal	4%	18%	40%	31%	30%
PC	11%	12%	22%	39%	56%
NDP	84%	64%	30%	17%	4%
Green	1%	6%	7%	12%	5%
Other	1%	0%	1%	1%	4%

Green Loyalty

Decided Vote

	5 Always	4	3	2	1 Never
Liberal	14%	9%	24%	30%	31%
PC	17%	19%	27%	26%	44%
NDP	4%	21%	29%	32%	22%
Green	65%	50%	18%	9%	1%
Other	0%	2%	1%	3%	2%

Positive and Negative Views of Parties

Many voters have both positive and negative feelings about parties, so we ask voters to describe how positive or negative their views are for each party.

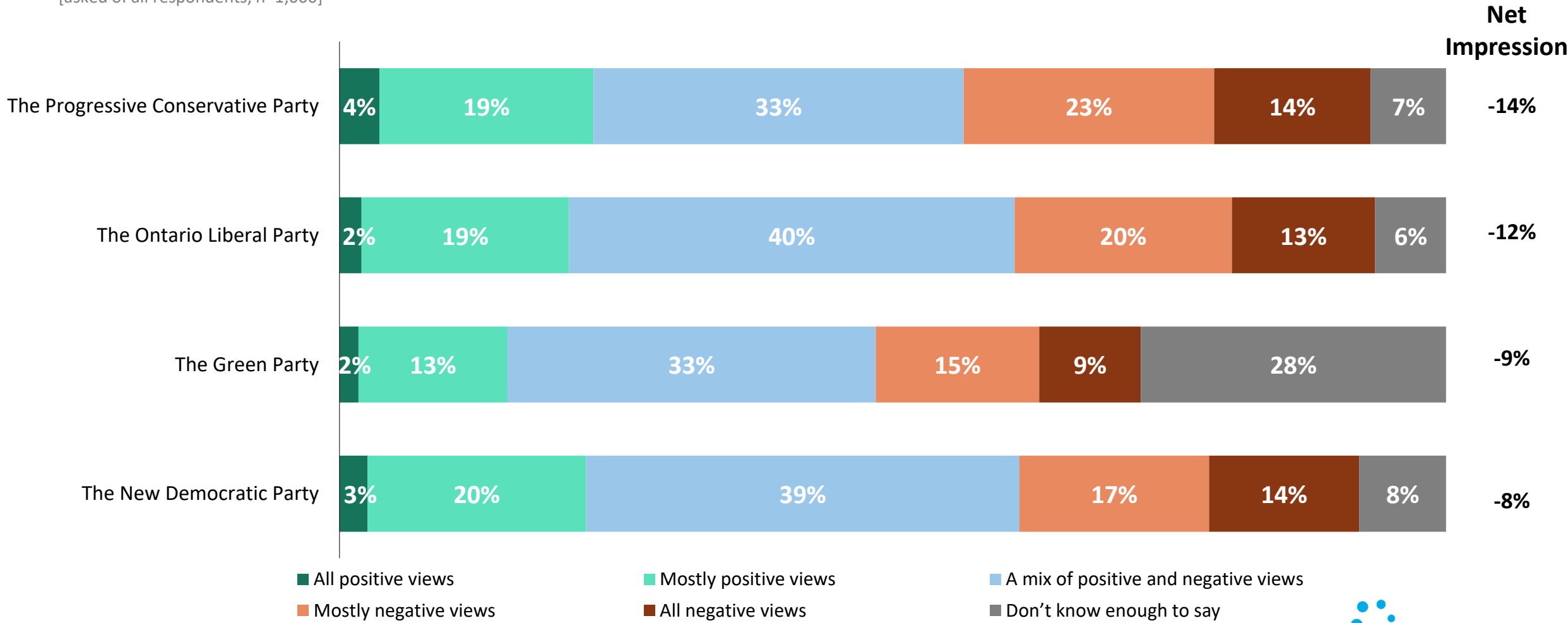
There has been a lot of change in how people feel about the parties since the 2019 election. Just prior to that campaign we found out all 4 major parties have a negative net view. The PCs have a net positive of -17 percent, while the Liberals have a -10 percent net positive score. The Green party have a net positive of -7 percent and as for the NDPs, they have a net positive of -5 percent.

Party Brand Conflict: The 3 major parties have similar levels of positive views, PCs have a few more negatives¹⁰



Thinking about each of the following parties, please indicate if you have all positive, mostly positive, some positive and some negative, mostly negative, or all negative views of that party. If you don't know enough about the party to say, please indicate that.

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



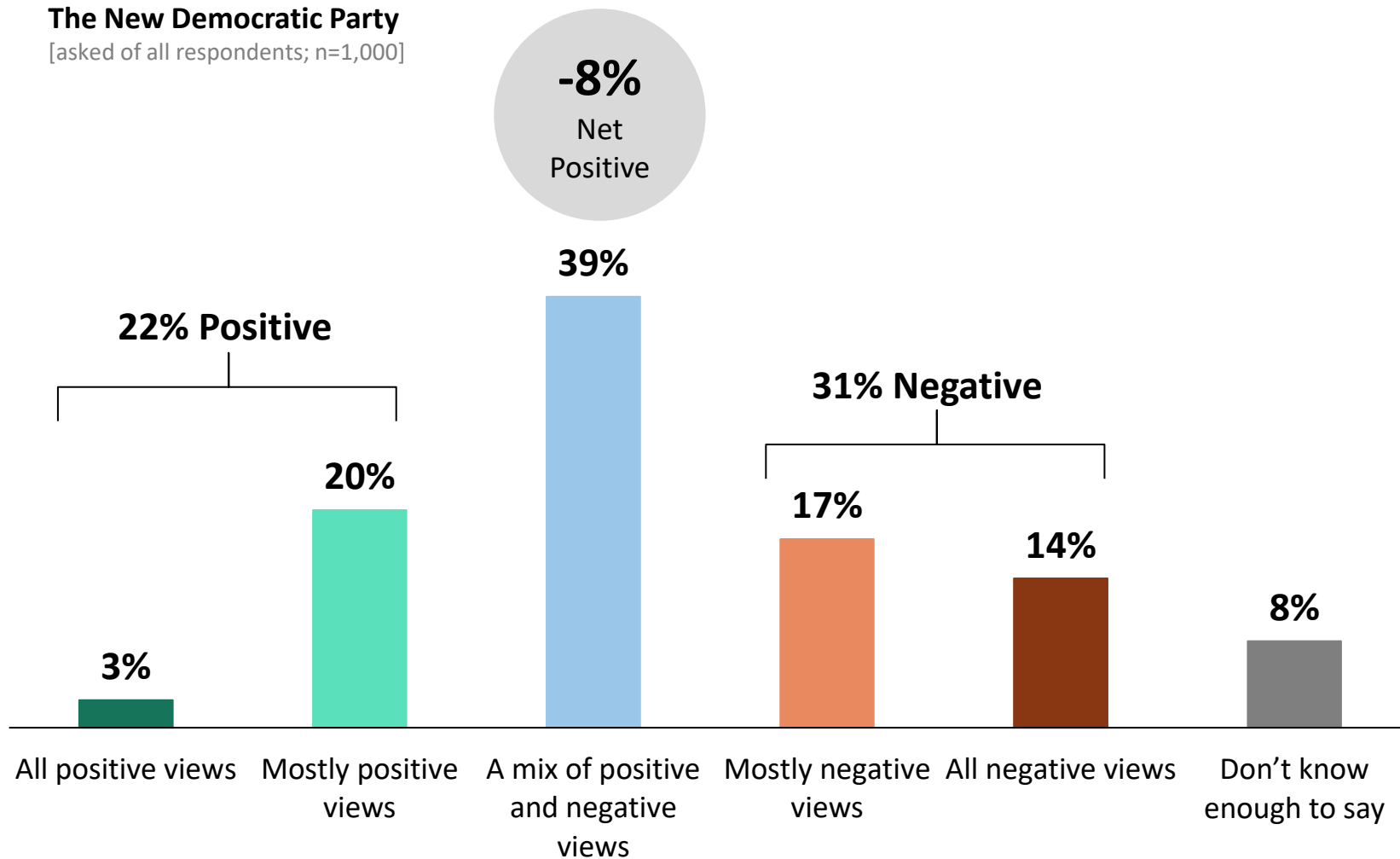
New Democratic Party views: Almost 1-in-4 (22%) respondents view the NDP in a positive manner, while 31% have a negative view

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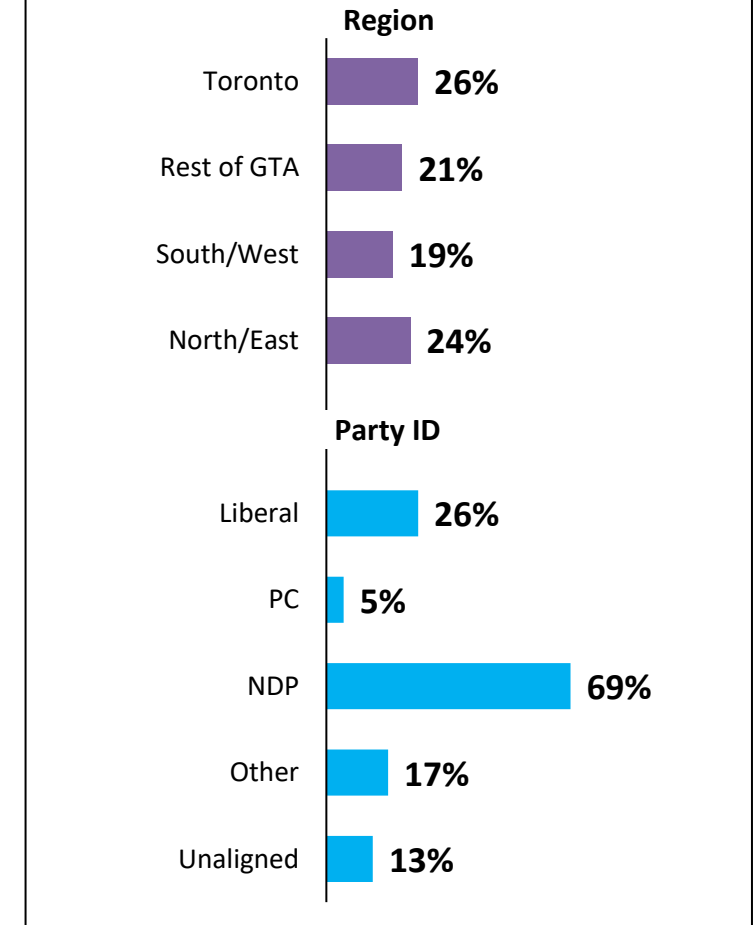
The New Democratic Party

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



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Among those who say "Positive"



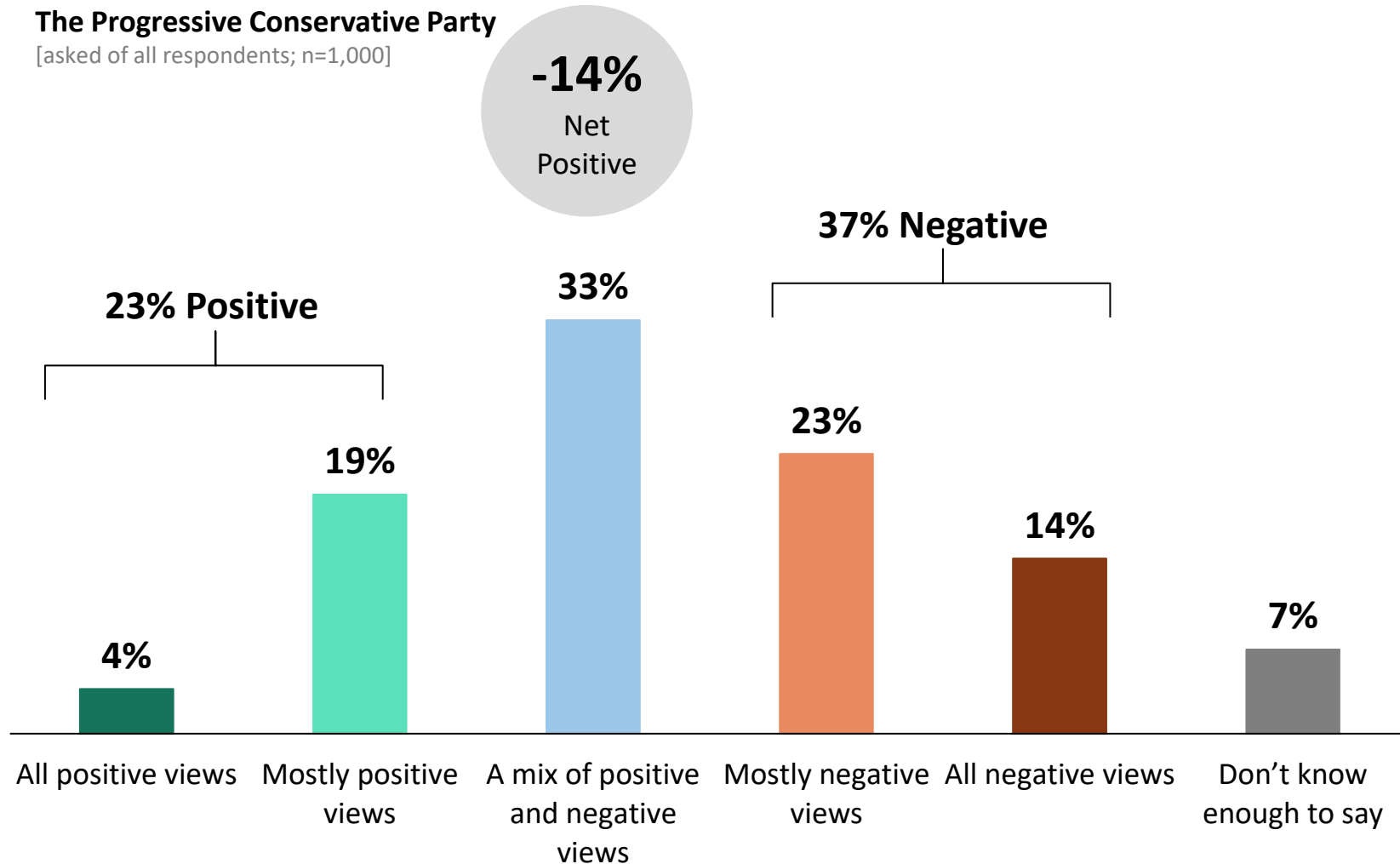
PC Party views: About 2-in-5 (37%) have a negative view while 23% of respondents have a positive view of the PCs ¹²

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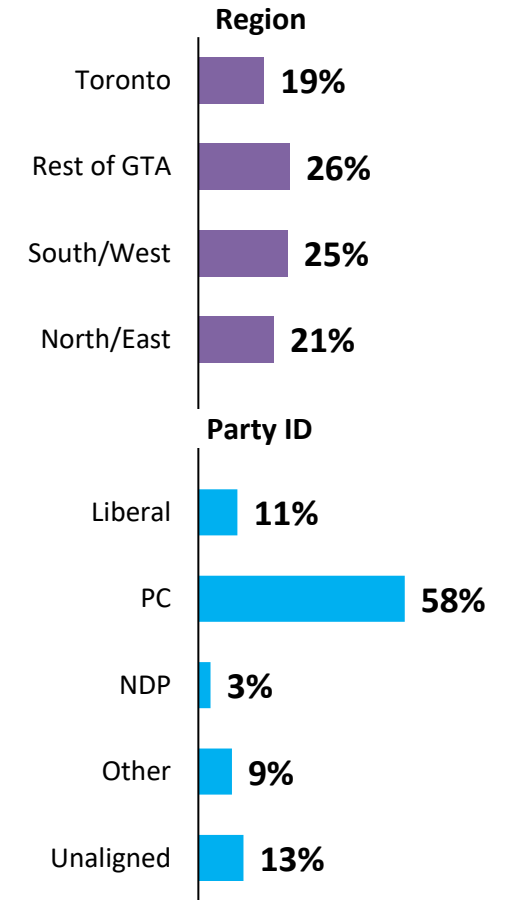
The Progressive Conservative Party

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



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Among those who say "Positive"



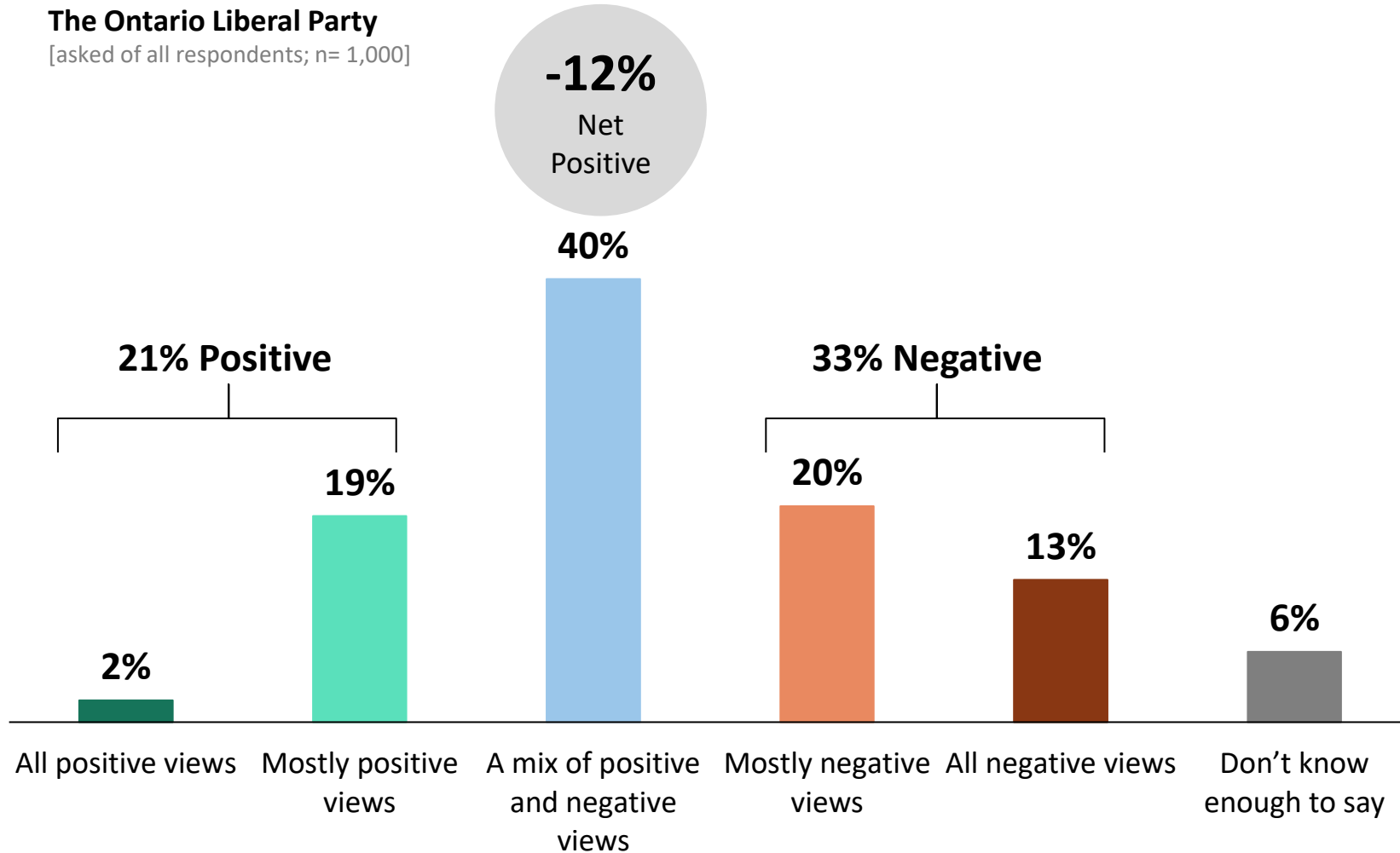
Liberal Party views: About 1-in-5 (21%) respondents have a positive view towards the Liberal party; 1-in-3 have a negative view (33%)

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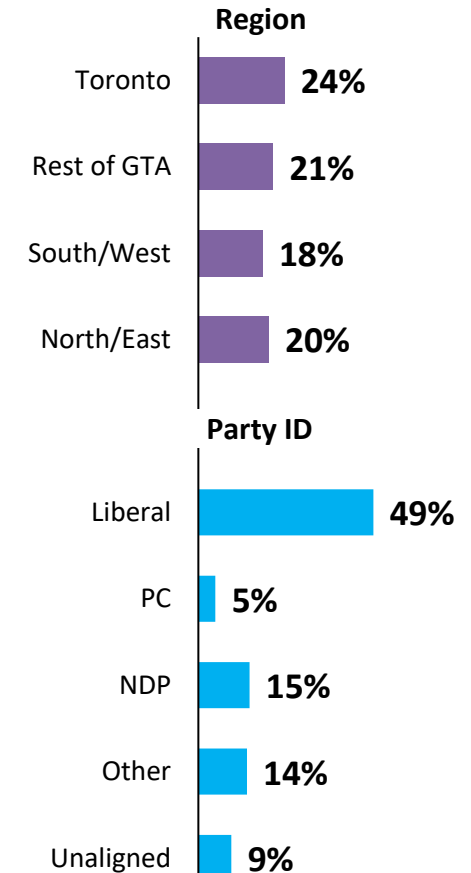
The Ontario Liberal Party

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



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Among those who say "Positive"

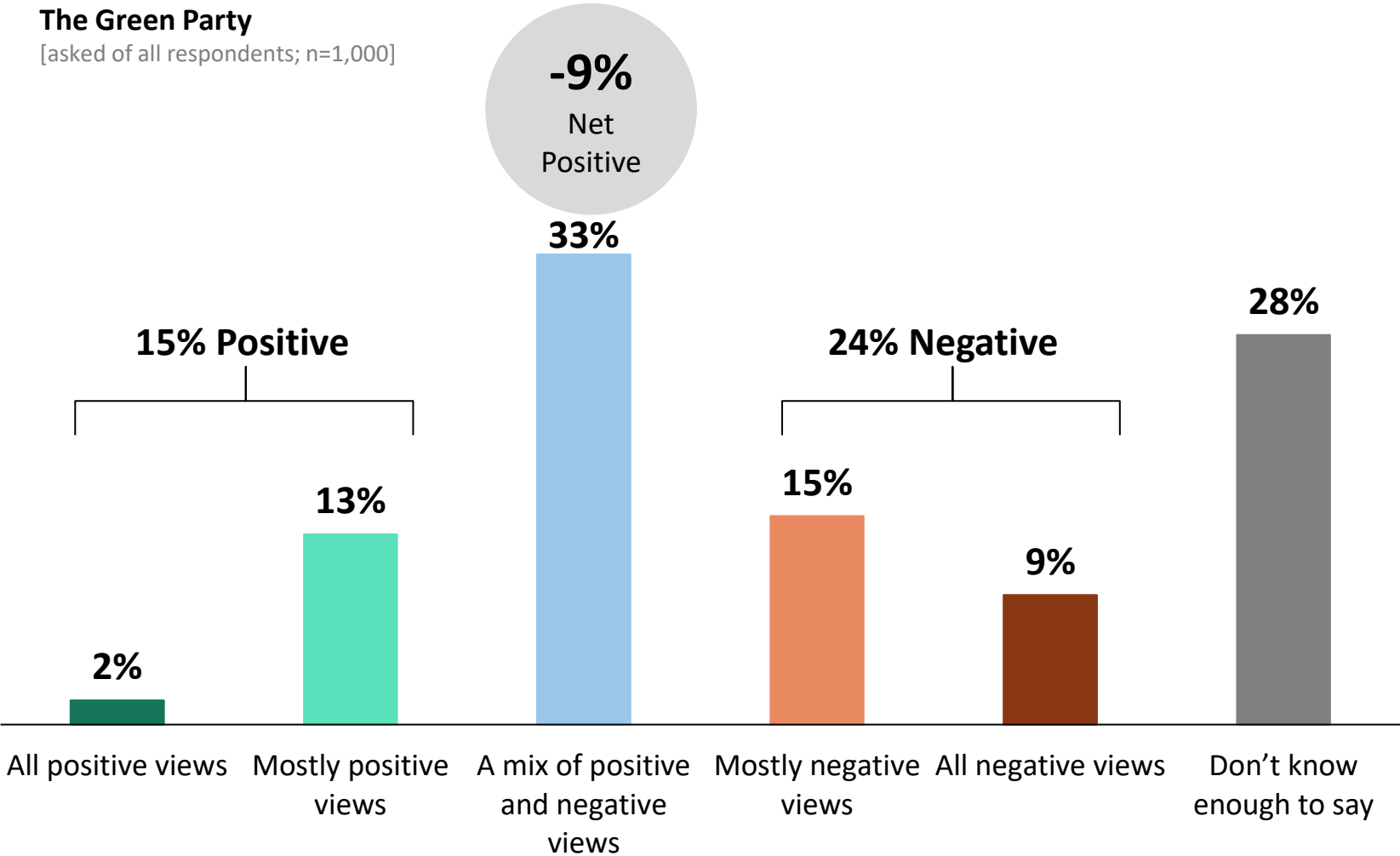


Green Party views: Only 15% say that they have a positive view towards the Green Party; 28% of respondents don't know enough to say¹⁴



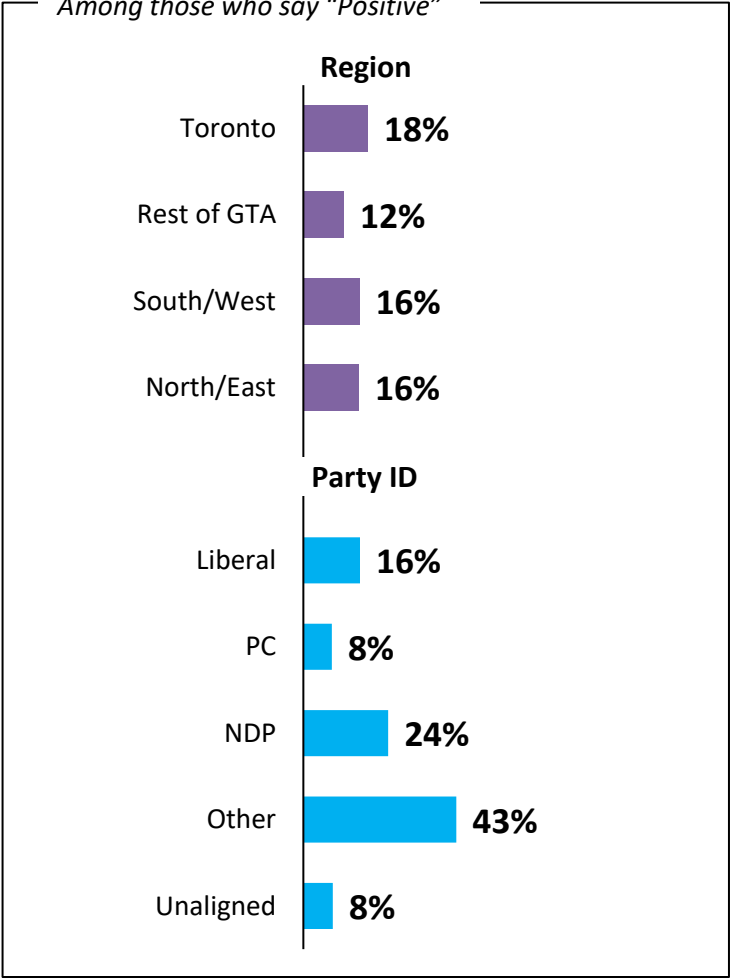
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The Green Party
[asked of all respondents; n=1,000]



Segmentation

Among those who say "Positive"



Brand Promise

What difference will each party make to you?

Most voters feel most parties won't make much difference in their lives. Ontarians are fairly equally divided on the personal impact of the NDP and the Liberals if they form government or hold the balance of power.

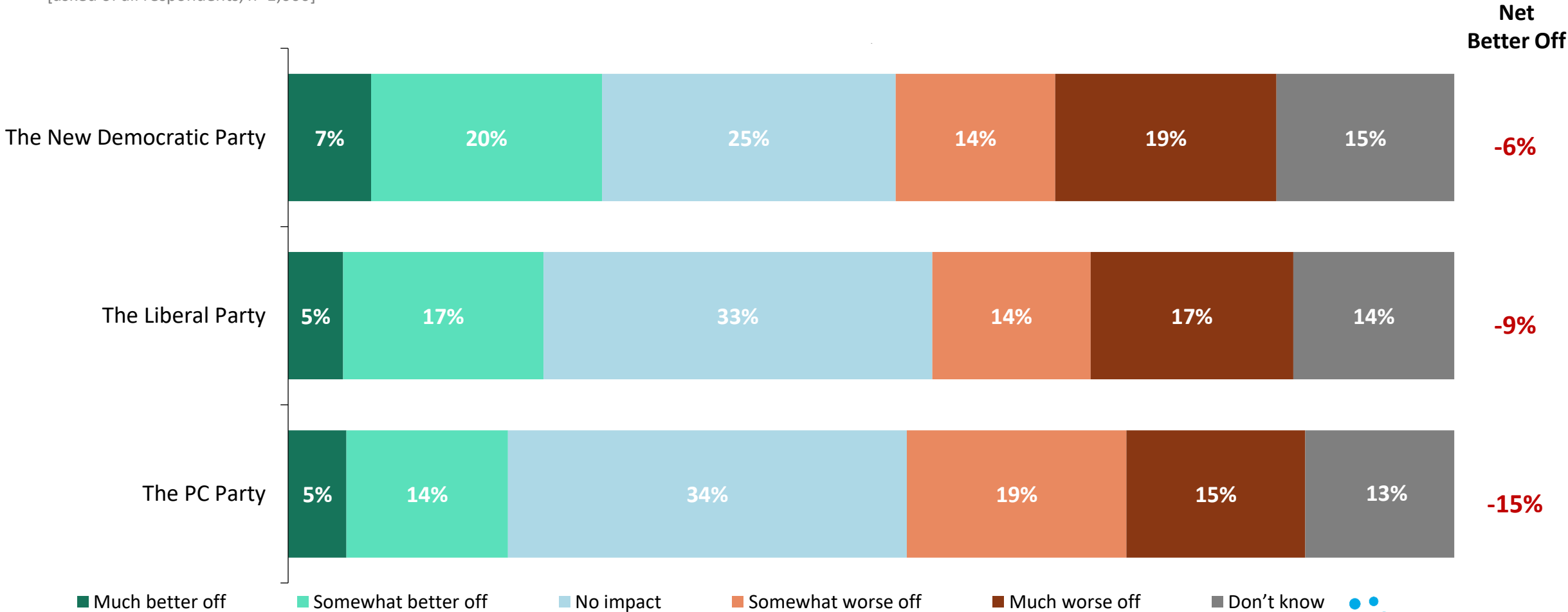
While the share of Ontarians who believe their life will be worse off is similar for every party, fewer say the PCs will make their life better than any other party (19%, compared to 27% for the Ontario NDP and 22% for the Ontario Liberal Party).

Brand Promise: 1-in-4 (27%) say that they would be better off with the NDP while only 18% say they would be better off with the PCs¹⁶



If [PARTY] were to form the next government or hold the balance of power in a minority government, do you think you personally would be better off or worse off?

[asked of all respondents, n=1,000]



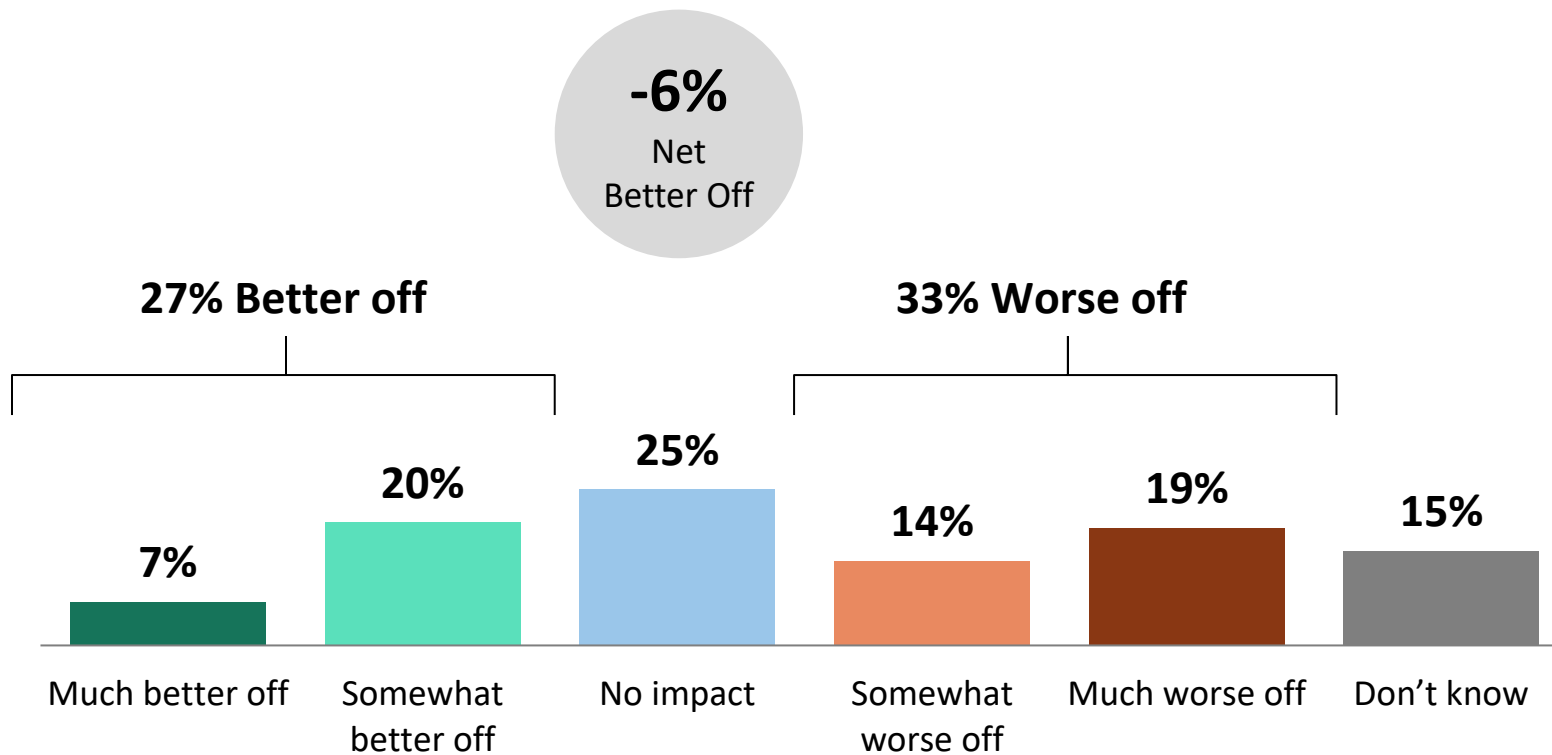
New Democratic Brand Promise: 27% say they would be better off if the NDP were to form the next government

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If the New Democratic Party were to form the next government or hold the balance of power in a minority government, do you think **you personally** would be better off or worse off?

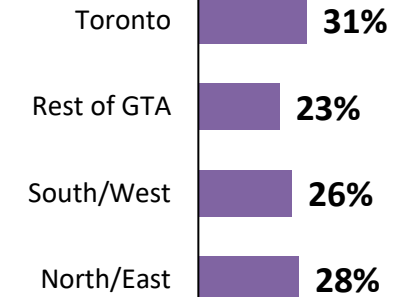
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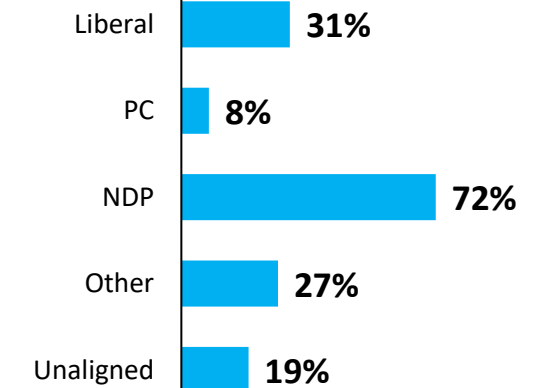
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Those who say 'Better Off'

Region



Party ID



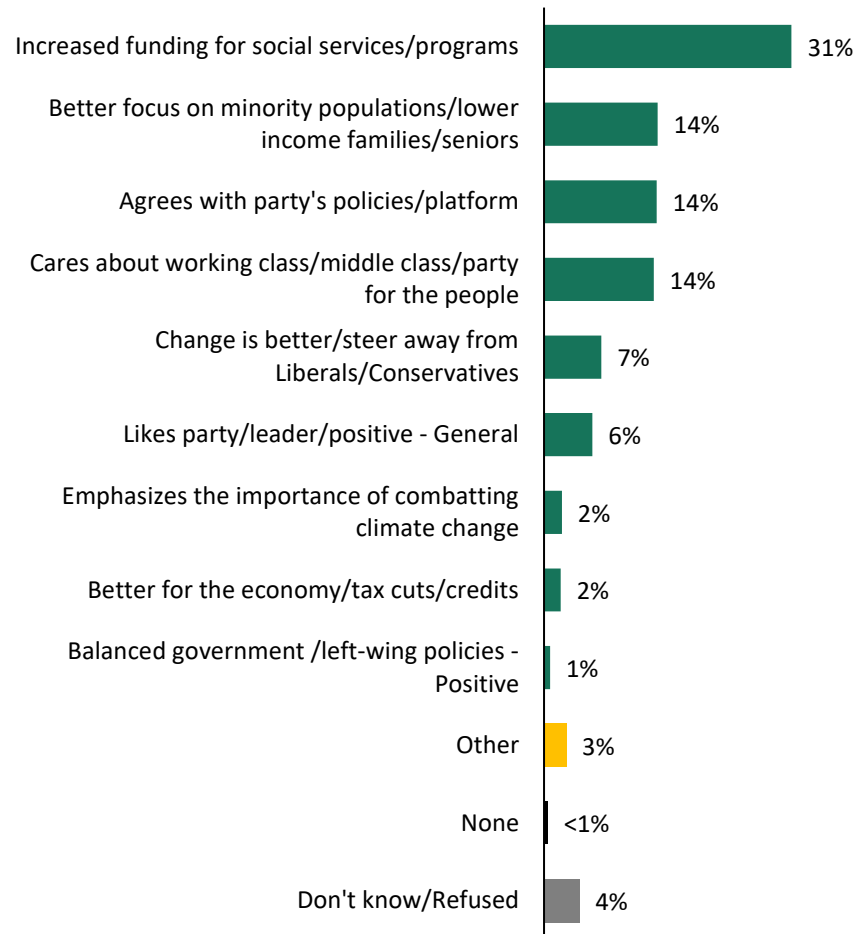
NDP Brand Promise: Among those who say “better off”, 3-in-10 say more funding for social services is what would make them better off



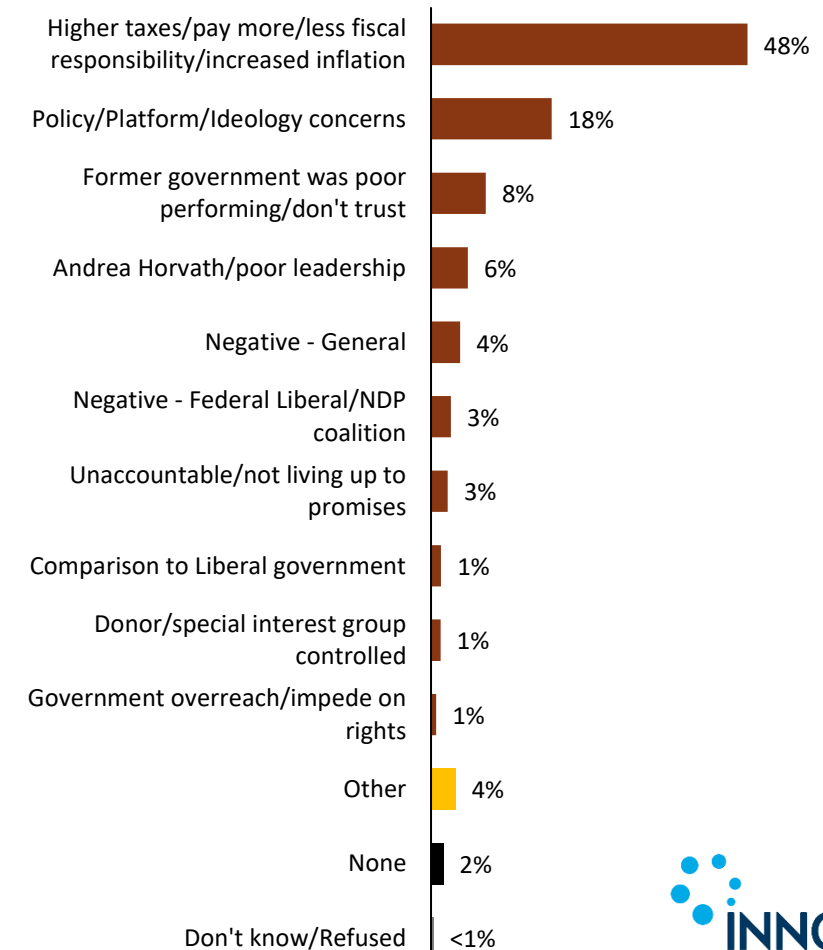
And how do you think you would be better/worse off?

[asked of all respondents; better n=269; worse n=327]

Better



Worse

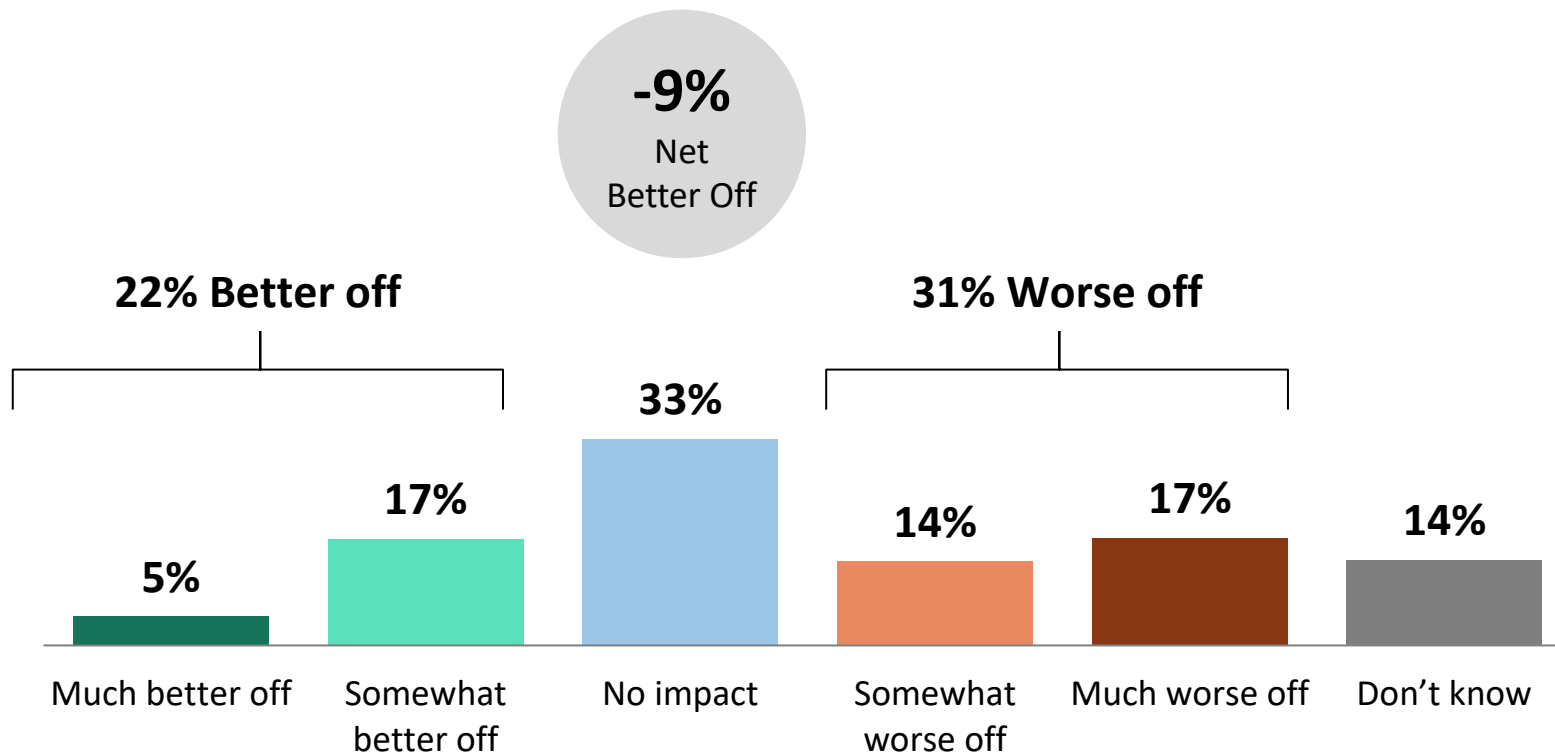


Liberal Brand Promise: Almost 1-in-4 (22%) say they would be better off if the Liberals were to form the next government



If the Ontario Liberal Party were to form the next government or hold the balance of power in a minority government, do you think **you personally** would be better off or worse off?

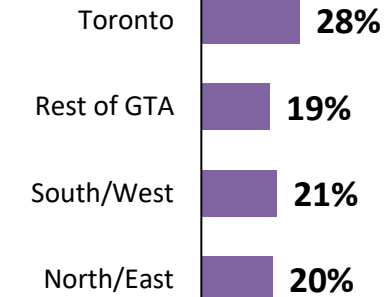
[asked of all respondents, n=1,000]



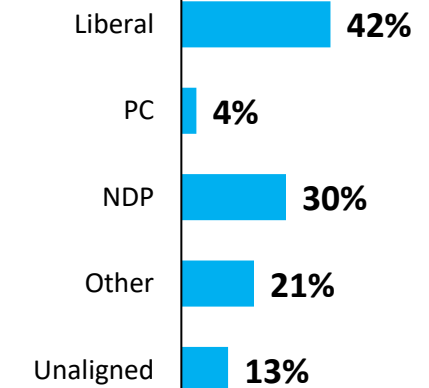
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Those who say 'Better off'

Region



Party ID



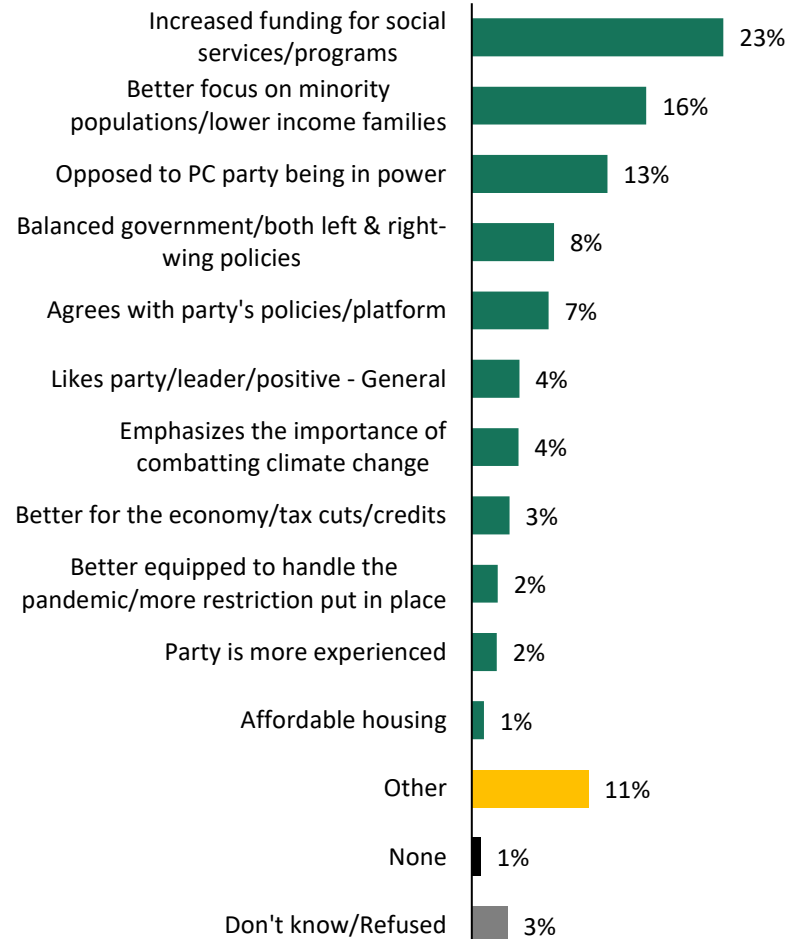
Liberal Brand Promise: Those who say “better off”, 1-in-4 say funding for social services and programs is what would make them better off



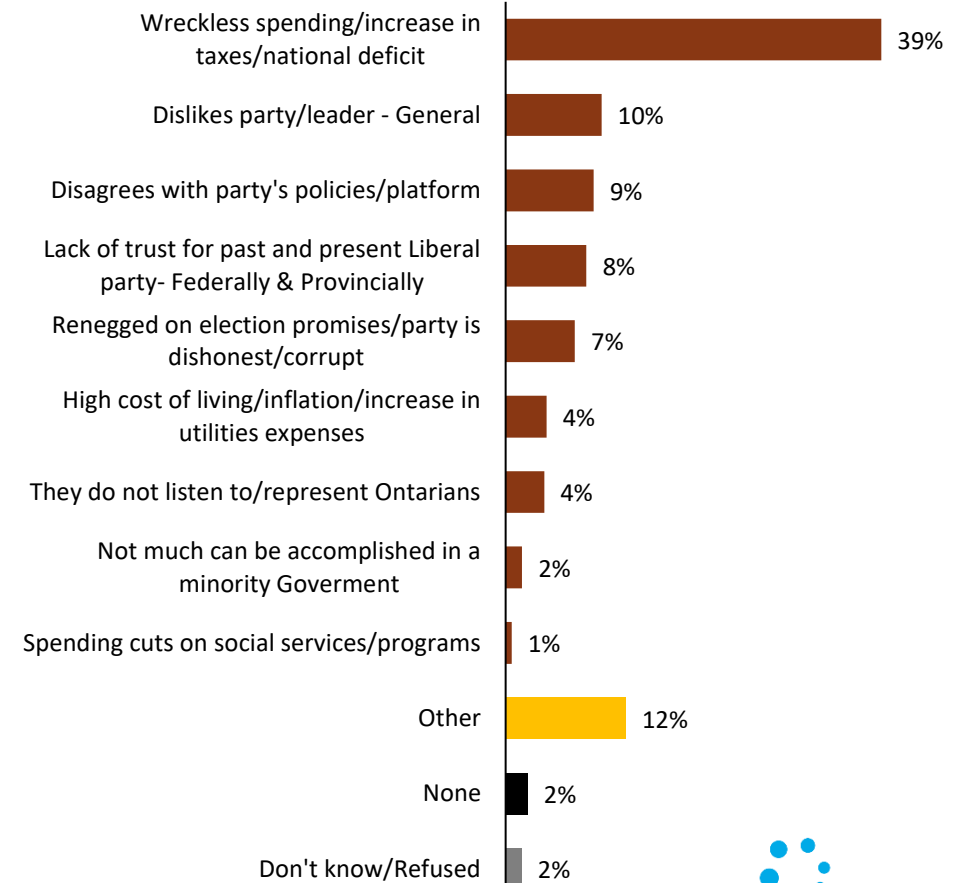
And how do you think you would be better/worse off?

[asked of all respondents; better n=219; worse n=310]

Better



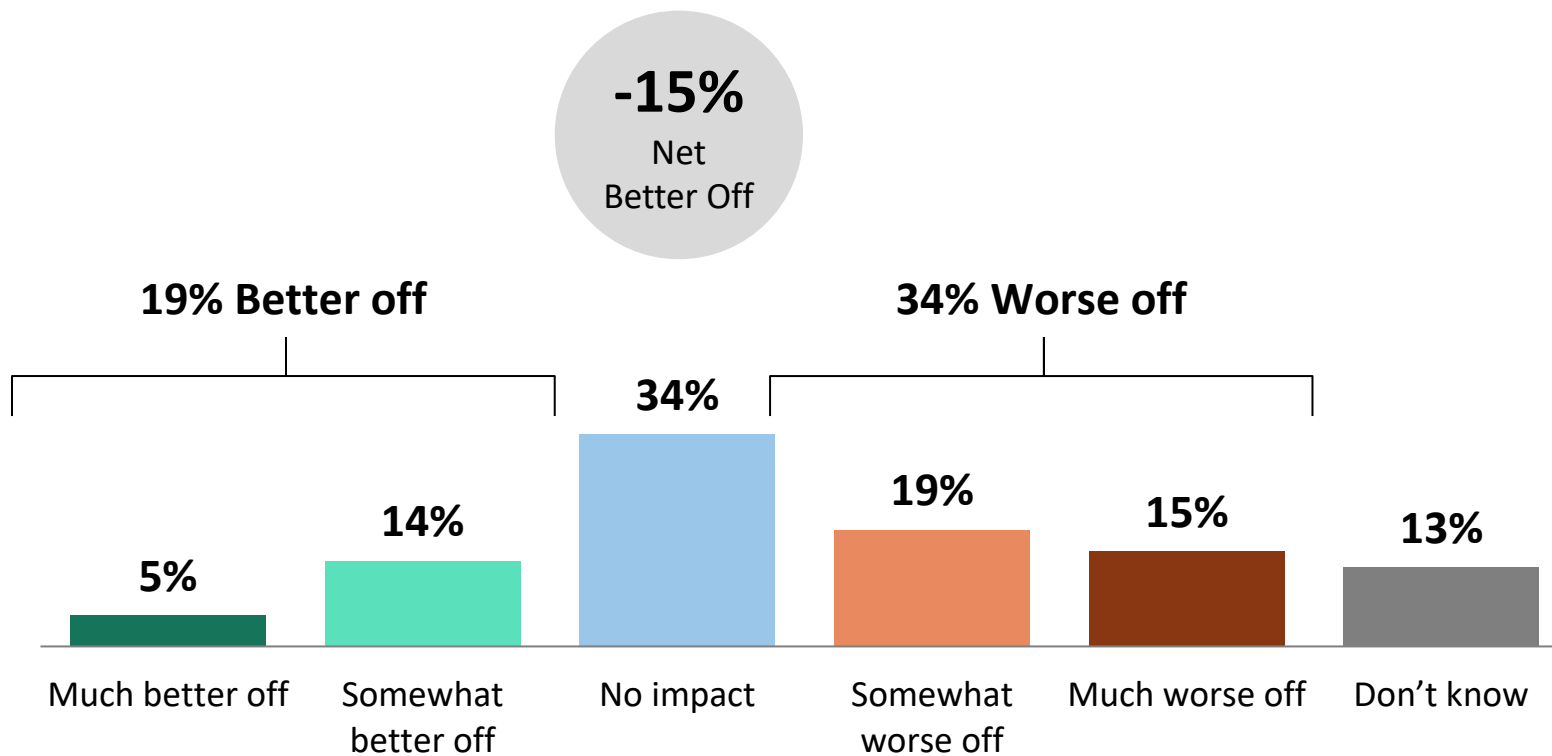
Worse



PC Brand Promise: Only 19% say that they would be better off if the Progressive Conservative Party were to form the next government



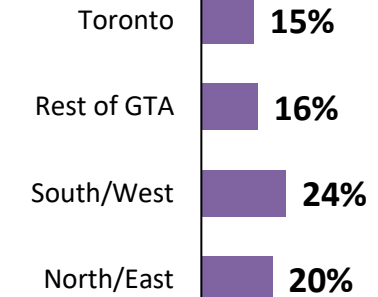
If the Progressive Conservative Party were to form the next government or hold the balance of power in a minority government, do you think **you personally** would be better off or worse off?
[asked of all respondents, n=1,000]



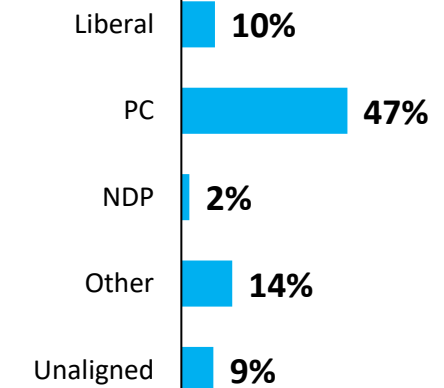
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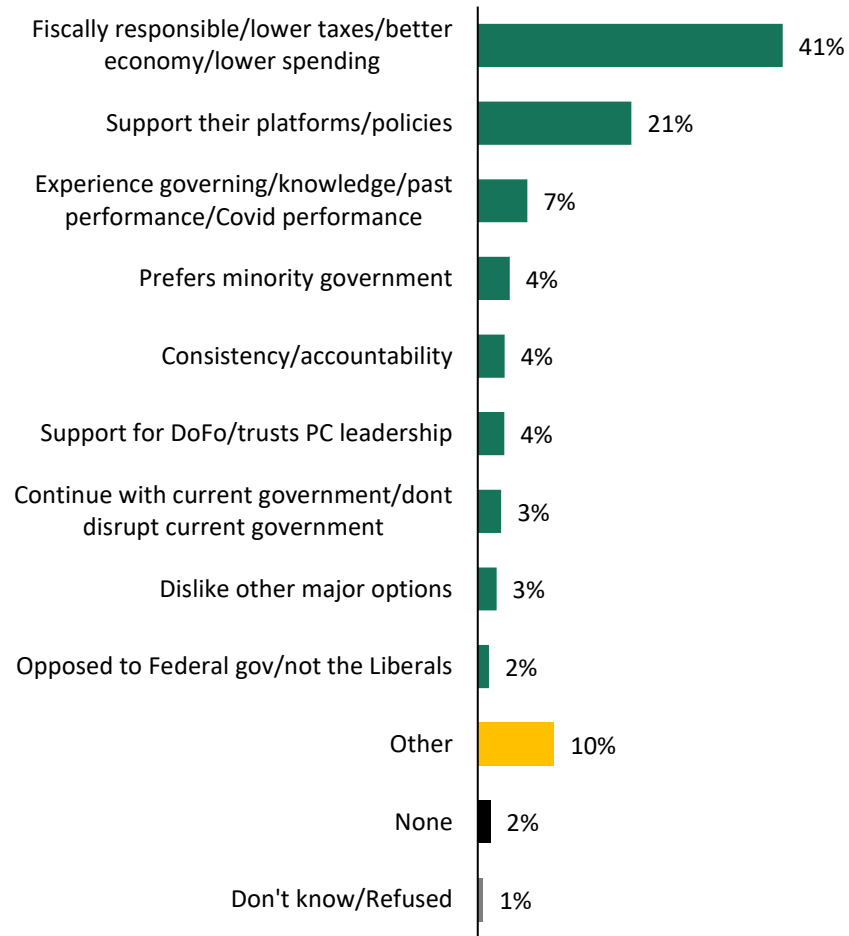
PC Brand Promise: Among those who say “better off”, 2-in-5 (41%) agree the top reason is better fiscal responsibility



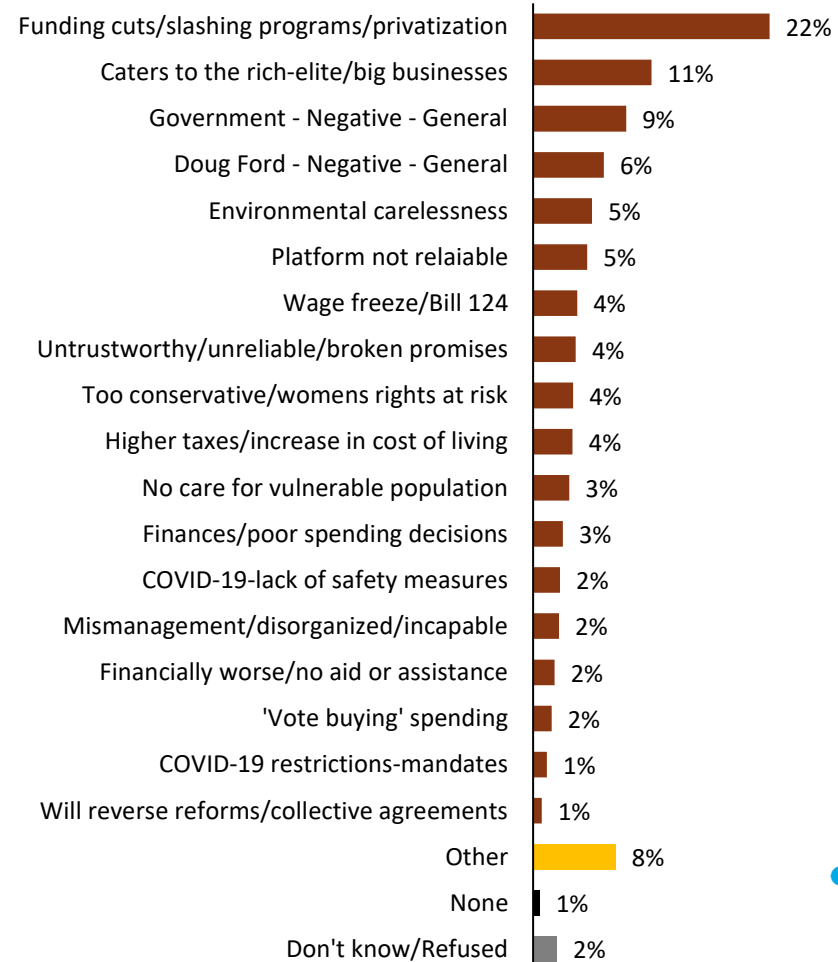
And how do you think you would be better/worse off?

[asked of all respondents; better n=188; worse n=342]

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Worse

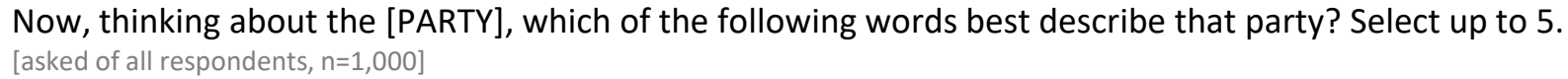


Brand Personality

Brand personality is a way to humanize brands, even in politics. This month's INNOVATIVE combined items from the classic Aaker brand personality scale, the Saucier scale based on the Big 5 personality literature, and some work applying those scales in India which identified a potential secular/religious dimension in political branding.

Looking at brands this way, Ontarians see:

- The PC is seen as practical, hardworking and careless
- The Liberals as reliable, practical and careless
- The NDP as hardworking, practical, and careless



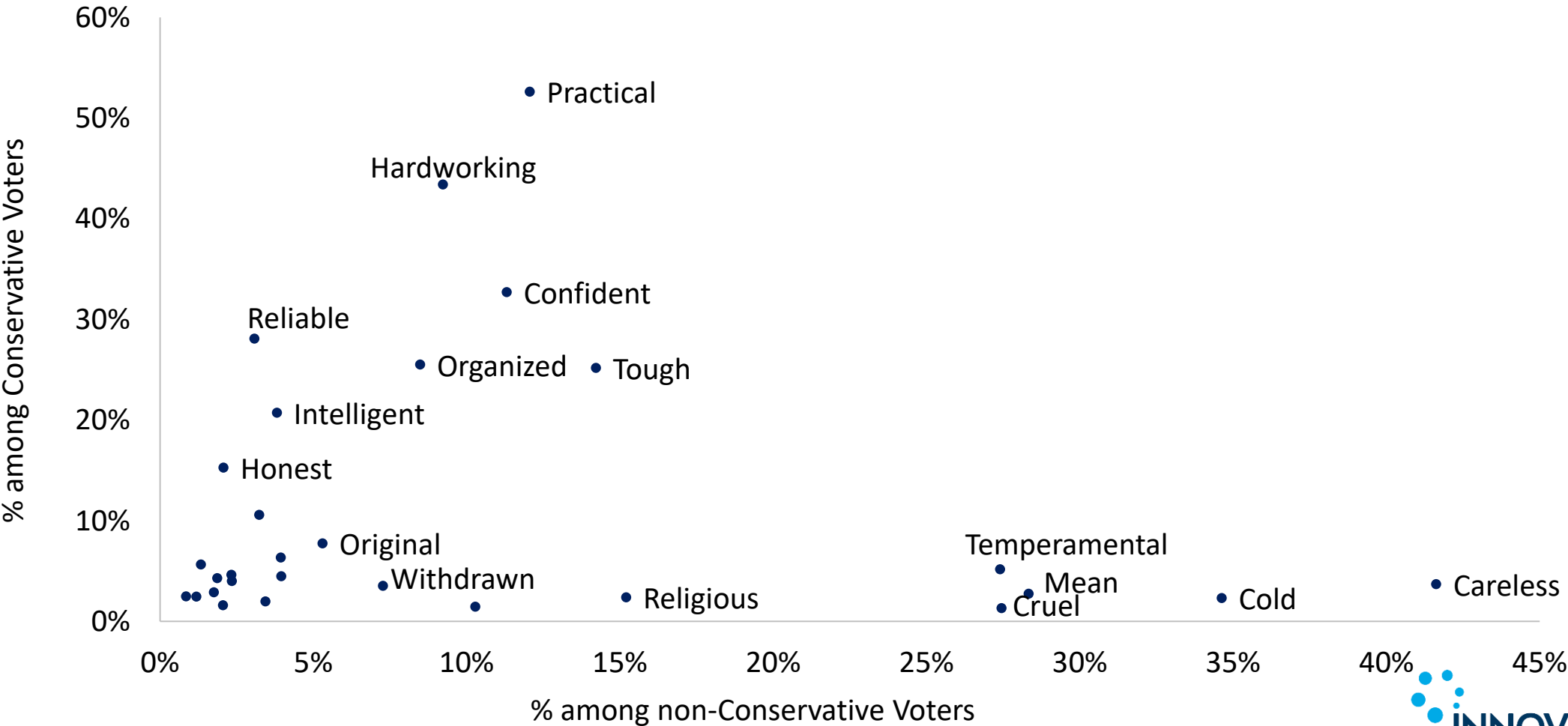
A word cloud of adjectives describing a person. The words are arranged in a circular pattern, with 'careless' and 'practical' being the largest. Other prominent words include 'temperamental', 'tough', 'organized', 'hardworking', 'cold', 'confident', 'reliable', 'original', 'unique', 'imaginative', 'secular', 'honest', 'cruel', 'cheerful', 'exciting', 'relaxed', 'cool', 'rugged', 'daring', 'religious', 'wholesome', 'friendly', 'mean', 'intelligent', and 'withdrawn'.

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tough religious
daring kind
cruel intelligent
careless

Conservative Party Attributes: PC voters see the Conservative party as “practical”; non-Conservative voters see them as “careless”²⁵



Now, thinking about the Conservative Party, which of the following words best describe that party? Select up to 5.
[asked of all respondents, n=1,000]

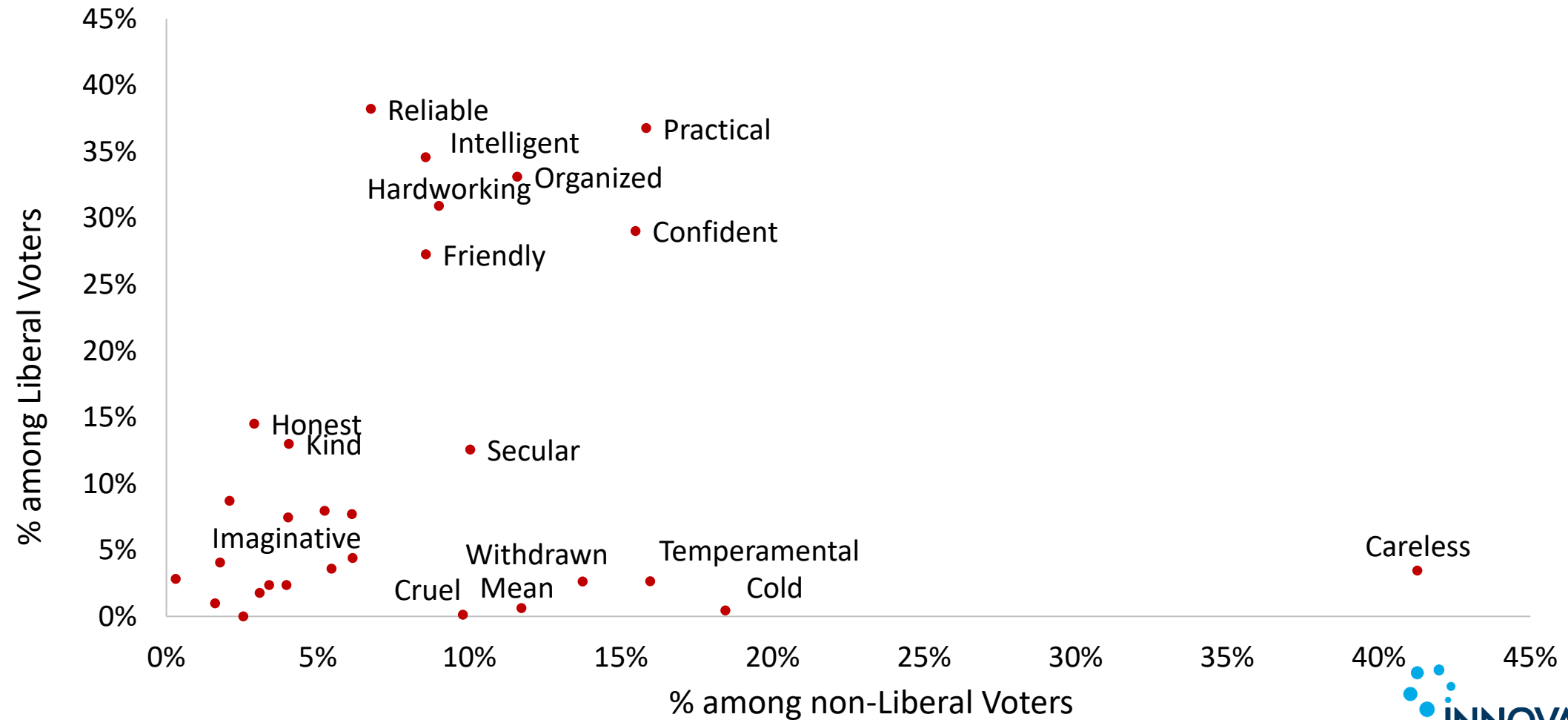


Liberal Party Attributes: Liberal voters are more likely to describe the Liberal party as “reliable”; non-Liberal voters see them as “careless”



Now, thinking about the Liberal Party, which of the following words best describe that party? Select up to 5.

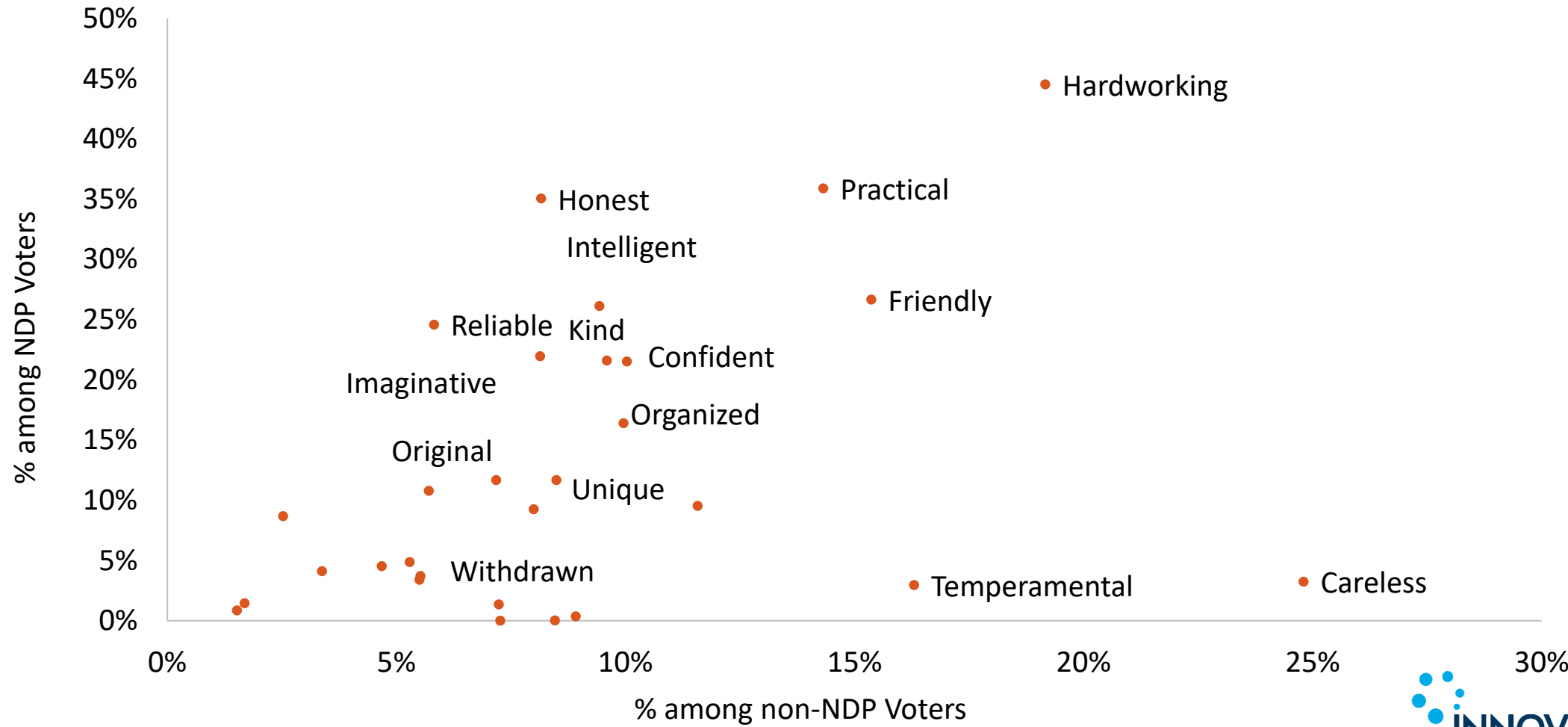
[asked of all respondents, n=1,000]



New Democratic Party Attributes: NDPers see party as “hardworking”, “practical” and “honest”; non-NDP voters see them as “careless”²⁷



Now, thinking about the New Democratic Party, which of the following words best describe that party? Select up to 5.
[asked of all respondents, n=1,000]



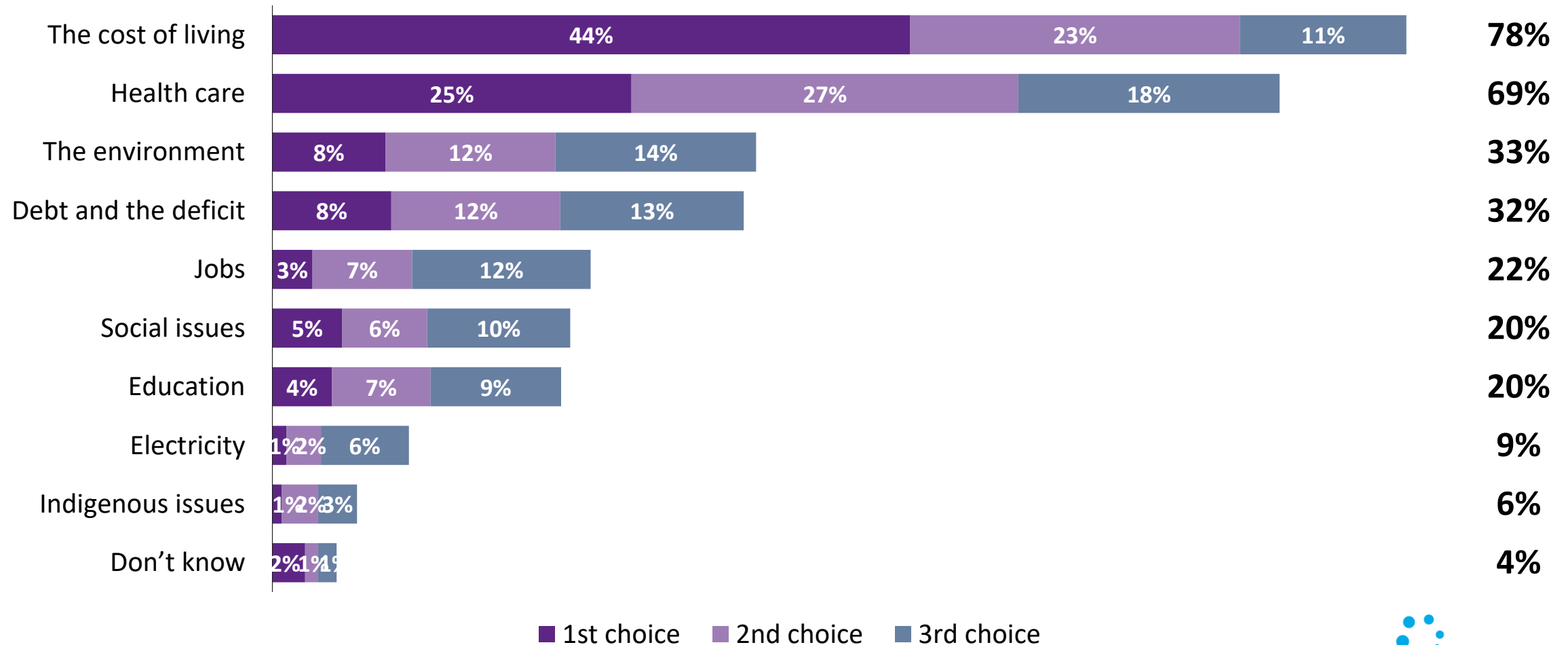
Issue Matrix and Party Image

Issue Matrix: Cost of living dominant as the first-choice issue (44%), followed by health care (25%)



Which of the following issues is the most important issue to you? And which of these issues in the next most important to you? And which of these issues in the next most important to you?

[asked of all respondents; n=1000]

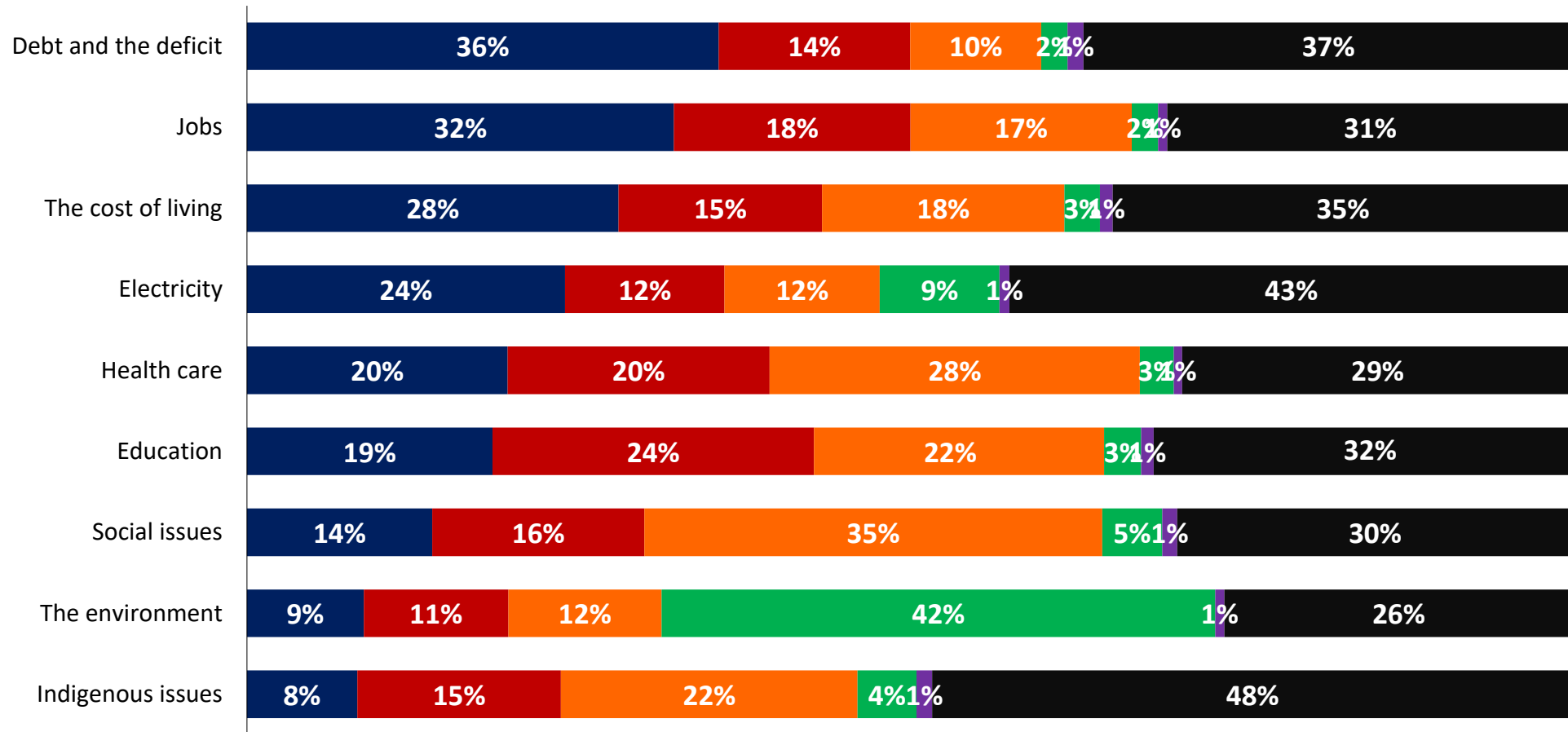


Issues: The PCs lead on the cost of living and other economic issues; however, they trail on health care and social issues



Now we are going to provide you with a list of issues. For each of these issues, please tell me which party you think would do a better job, or if you think none of the parties would do a good job on that issue. How about ?

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



■ The Progressive Conservative Party

■ The Liberal Party

■ The New Democratic Party

■ The Green Party

■ Another party

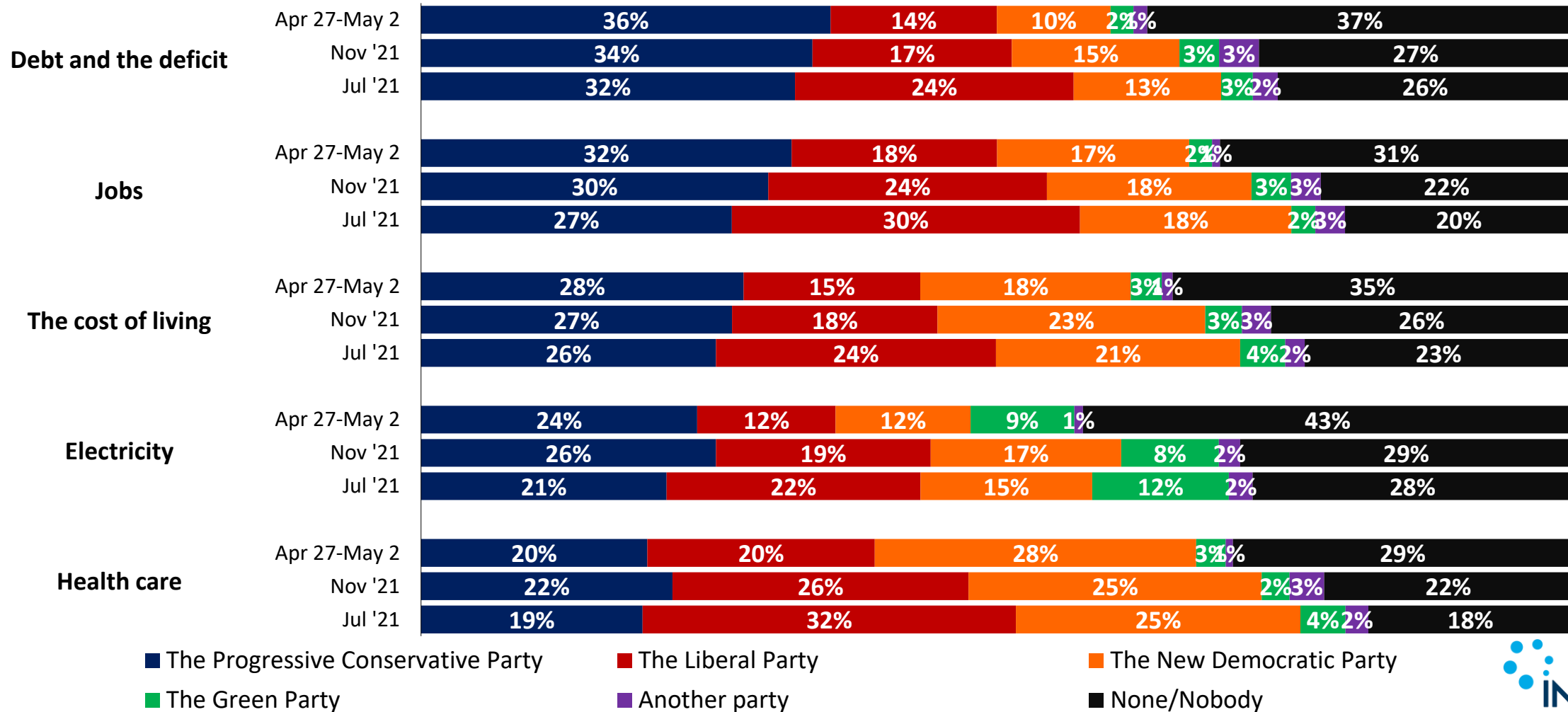
■ None/Don't know

Issues Tracking: The PCs are up on “debt and the deficit”, while the Liberals are down on every measure



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

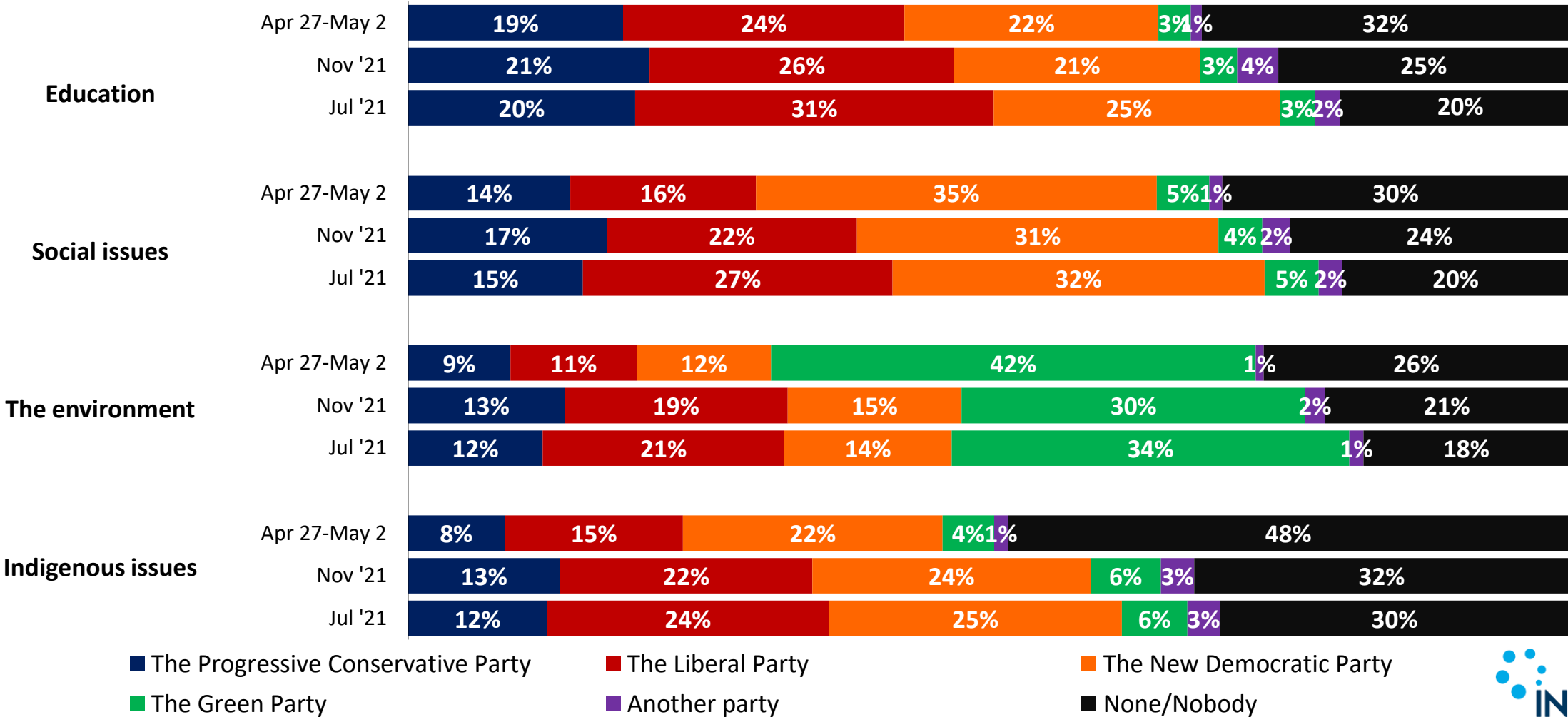


Issues Tracking: The PCs and Liberals are down on every measure this wave



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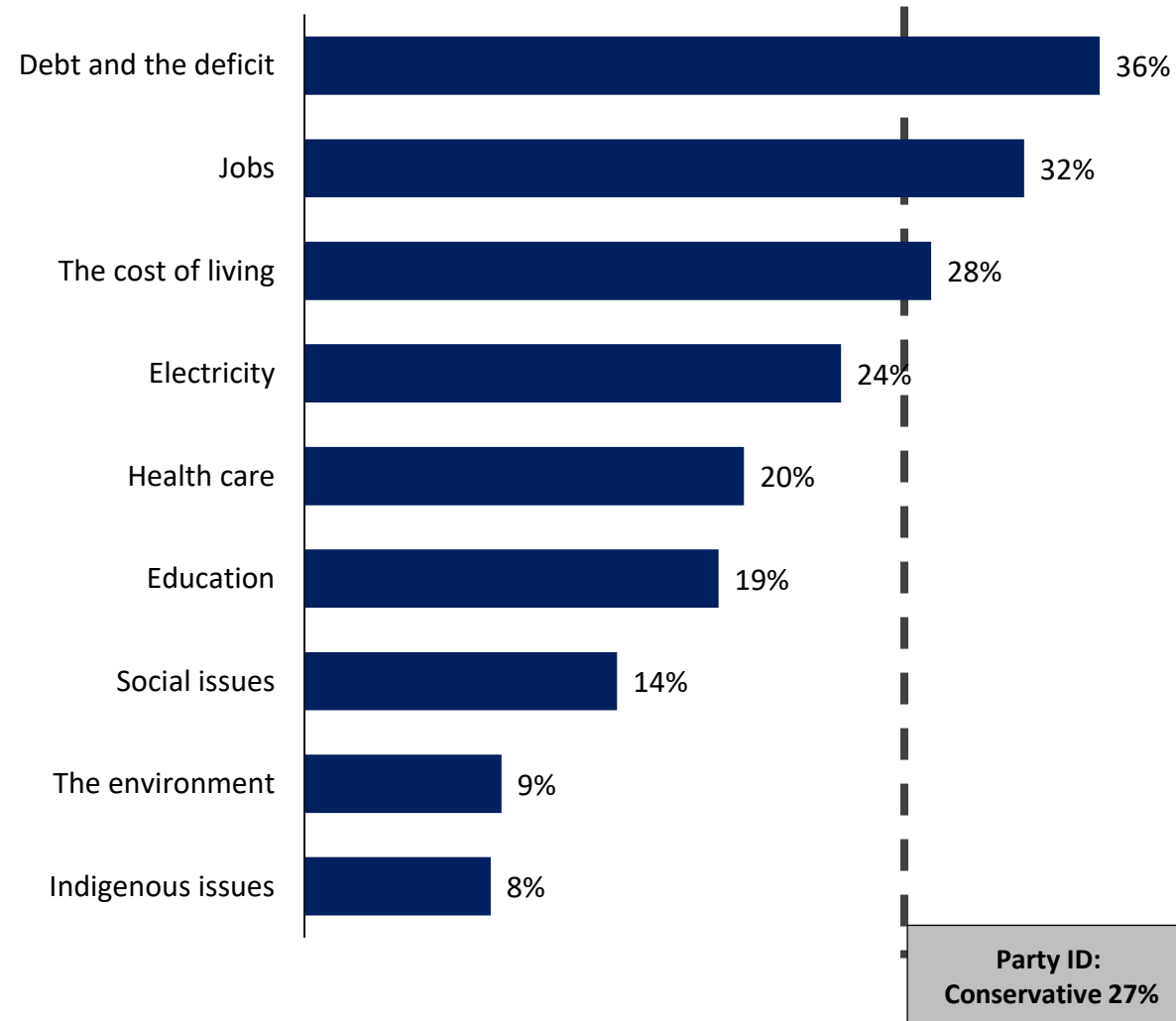


PC Issues: The PCs overperform their partisanship on debt and the deficit, jobs, and the cost of living



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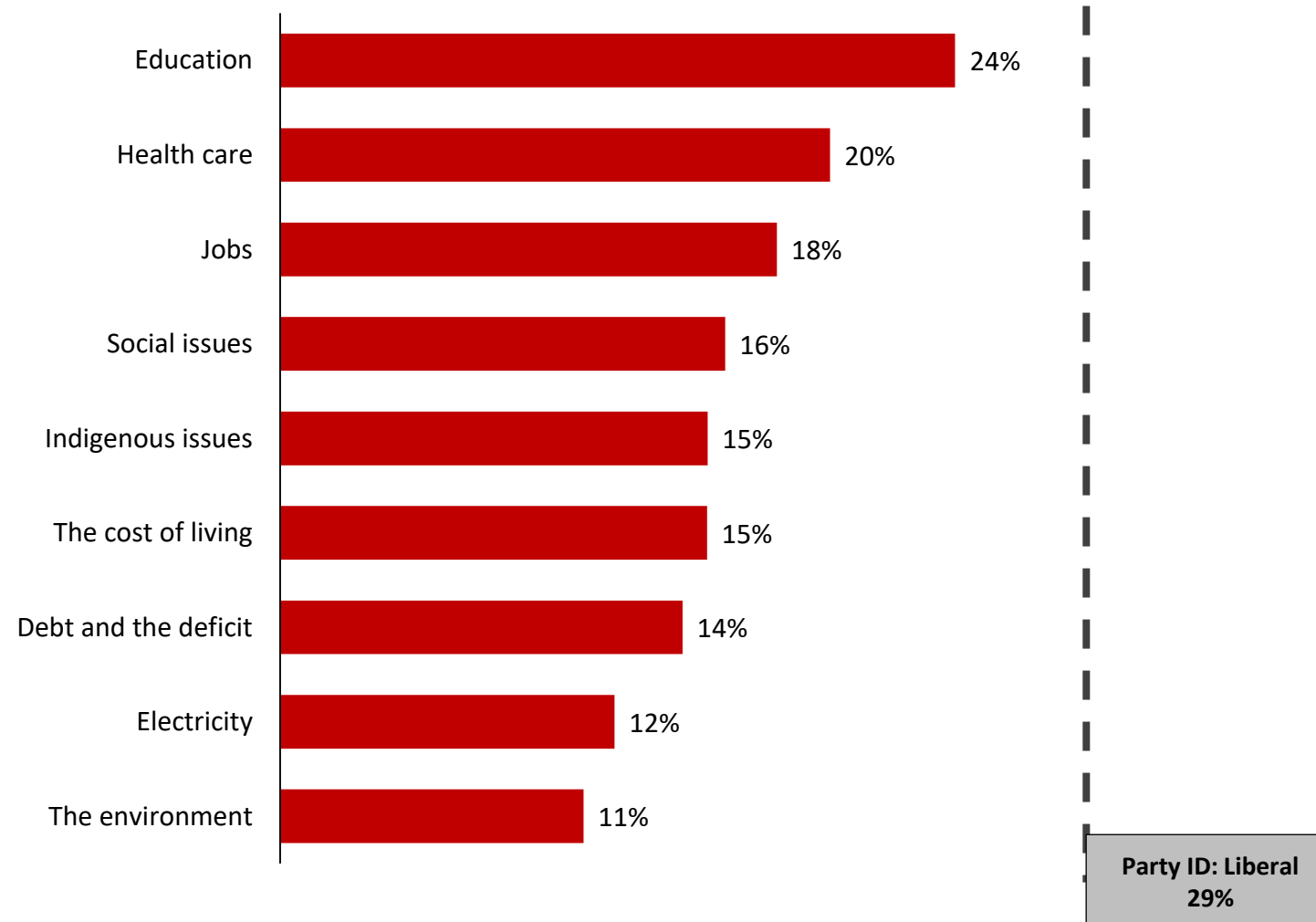


Liberal Issues: The Liberals underperform on every issue; weakest on electricity and the environment



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

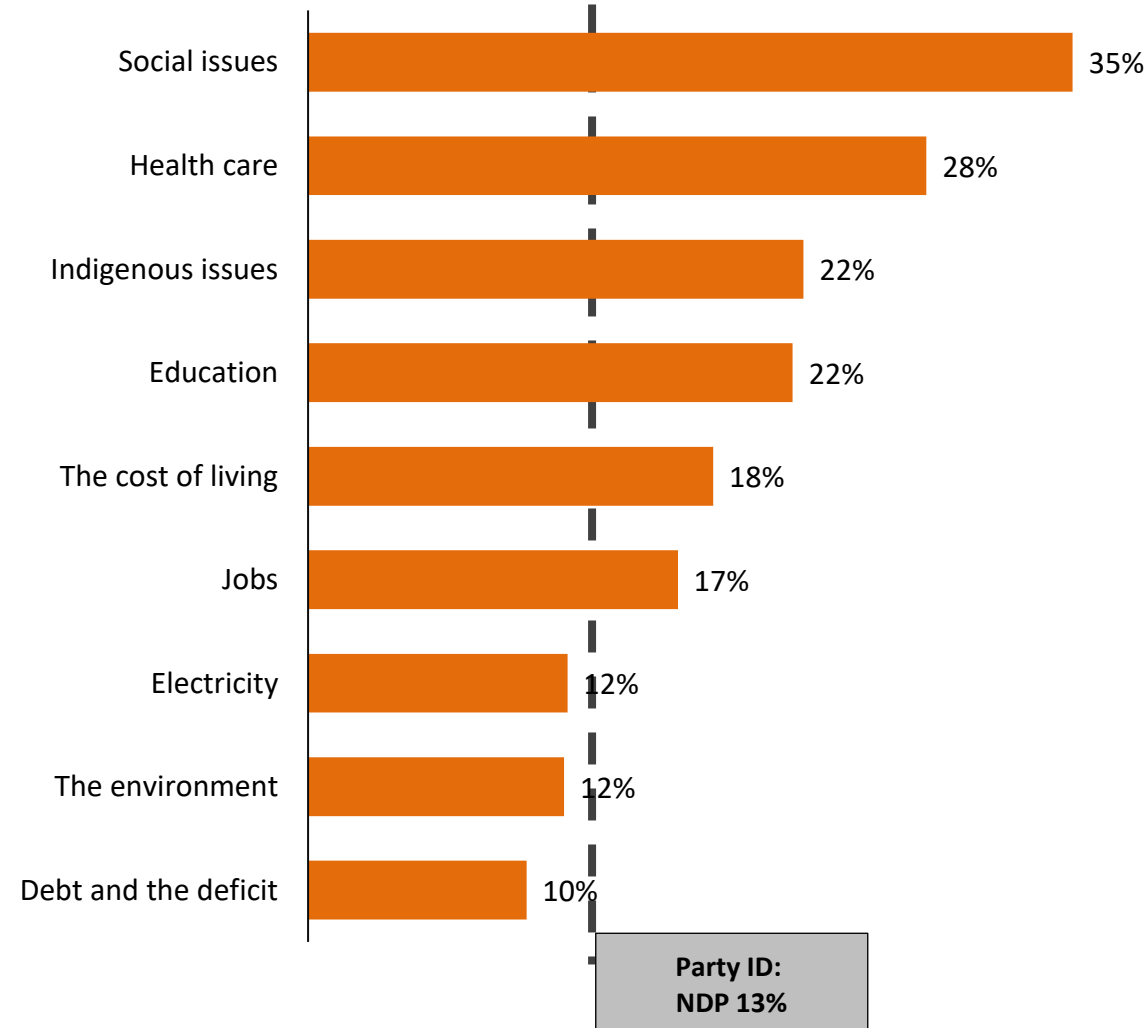


NDP Issues: The NDP perform well above their party ID benchmark on social issues (35%) and health care (28%) on social issues (35%) and health care (28%)

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

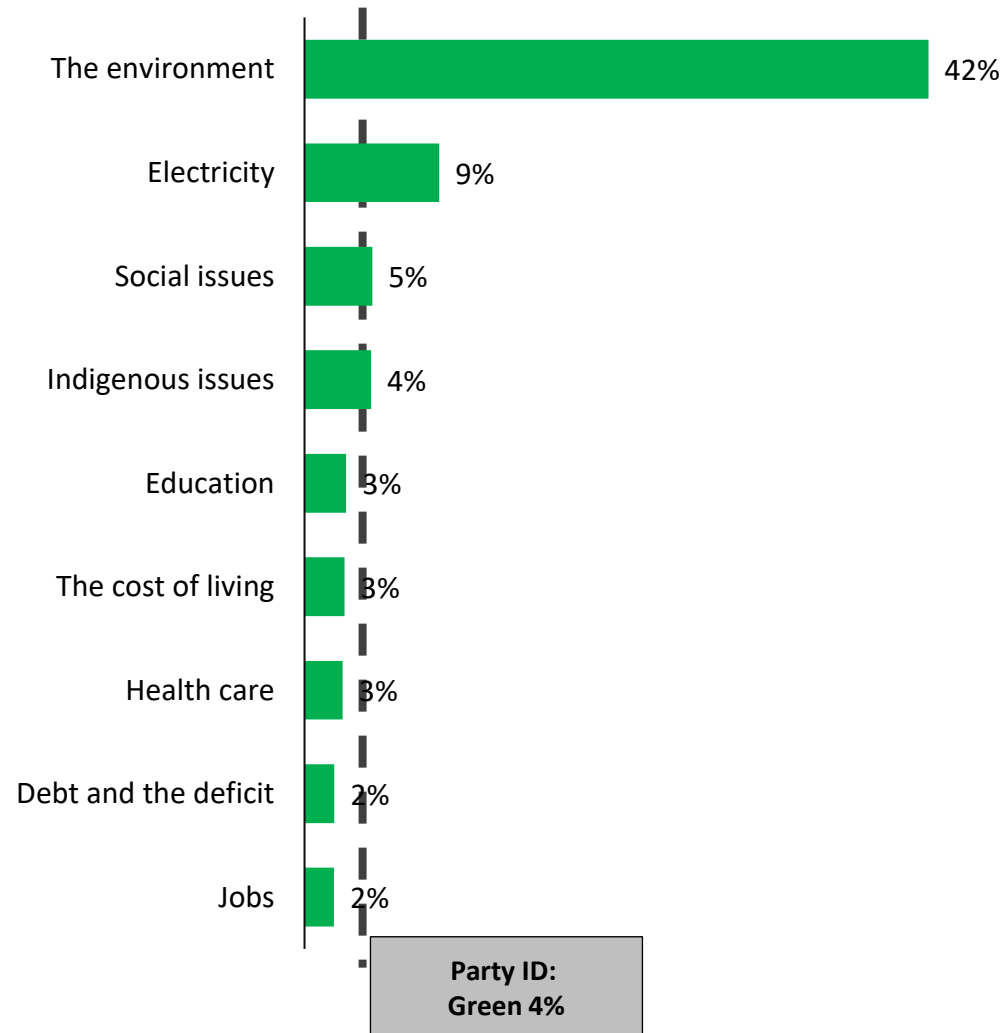


Green Issues: The Green Party is defined by the environment



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



Methodology

Survey Methodology

These are the results of an online survey conducted between April 27th and May 2nd, 2022.

Method: This online survey was conducted using Asking Canadians, a leading provider of online sample. 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 Ontario population according to Census data to provide results that are intended to approximate a probability sample. More details about Asking Canadians can be found [here](#).

Sample Size: n=1409 Ontario residents, 18 years or older. The results are weighted to n=1000 based on Census data from Statistics Canada.

Field Dates: April 27th to May 2nd, 2022.

Weighting: Results for Ontario are weighted by age, gender, and region to ensure that the overall sample's composition reflects that of the actual population according to Census data; in order to provide results that are intended to approximate a probability sample. Results are additionally weighted by party ID to match a six-month rolling average from live caller telephone surveys (both landline and cellphone). Weighted and unweighted frequencies are reported in the table. The design effect from this weighting procedure is 1.19. The design effect is an estimate of the effect of the weighting procedure on the sampling error.

Margin of Error: This is a representative sample. However, since the online survey was not a random probability based sample, a margin of error cannot be calculated. Statements about margins of sampling error or population estimates do not apply to most online panels.

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Note: Graphs may not always total 100% due to rounding values rather than any error in data. Sums are added before rounding numbers.

	Unweighted (n)	Unweighted (%)	Weighted (n)	Weighted (%)
Men 18-34	127	9.1%	138	13.8%
Men 35-54	229	16.3%	166	16.6%
Men 55+	389	27.7%	176	17.7%
Women 18-34	144	10.3%	137	13.8%
Women 35-54	233	16.6%	177	17.8%
Women 55+	280	20.0%	202	20.3%
Toronto	281	19.9%	208	20.8%
Rest of GTA	323	22.9%	264	26.4%
South/West	277	19.7%	254	25.4%
North/East	528	37.5%	274	27.4%

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