



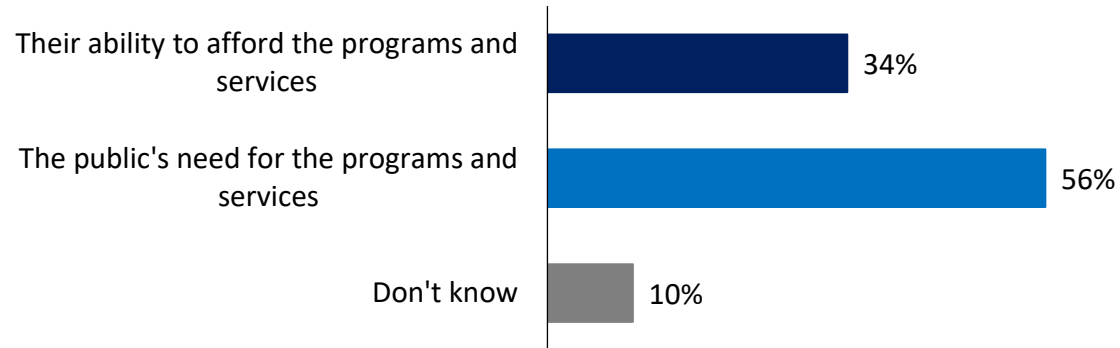
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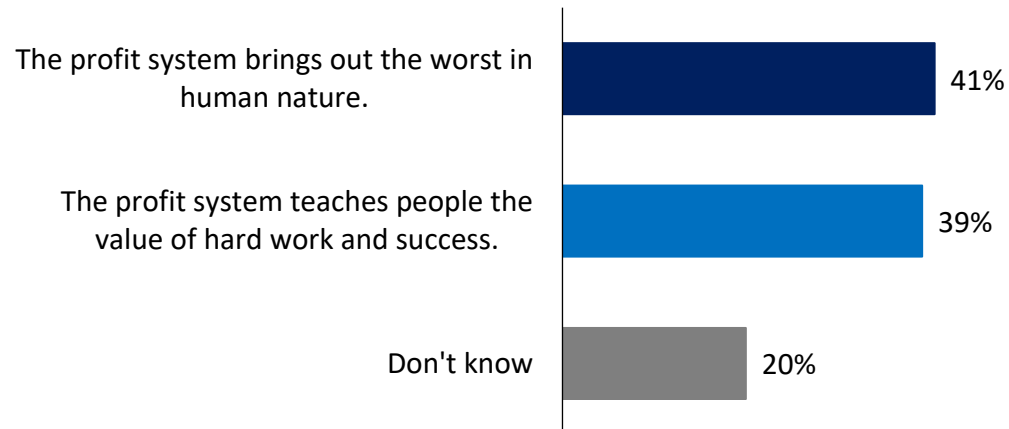
Segments

Core Political Values: A majority say the main role of government is to create equal opportunity for everyone ³

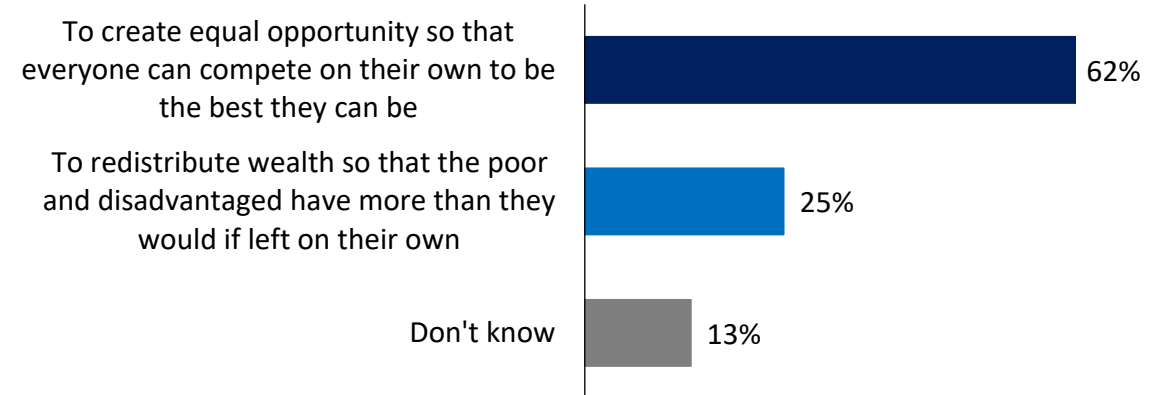
Q When governments make major decisions concerning spending on programs and services, do you think they should be basing their decisions mainly on...?
[asked of all respondents; n=1,000]



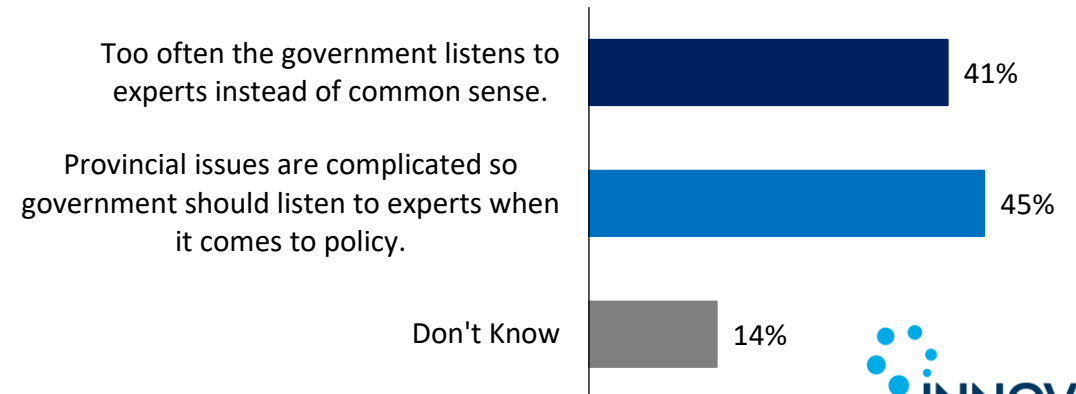
Q Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?
[asked of all respondents; n=1,000]



Q Is the main role of government to...?
[asked of all respondents; n=1,000]



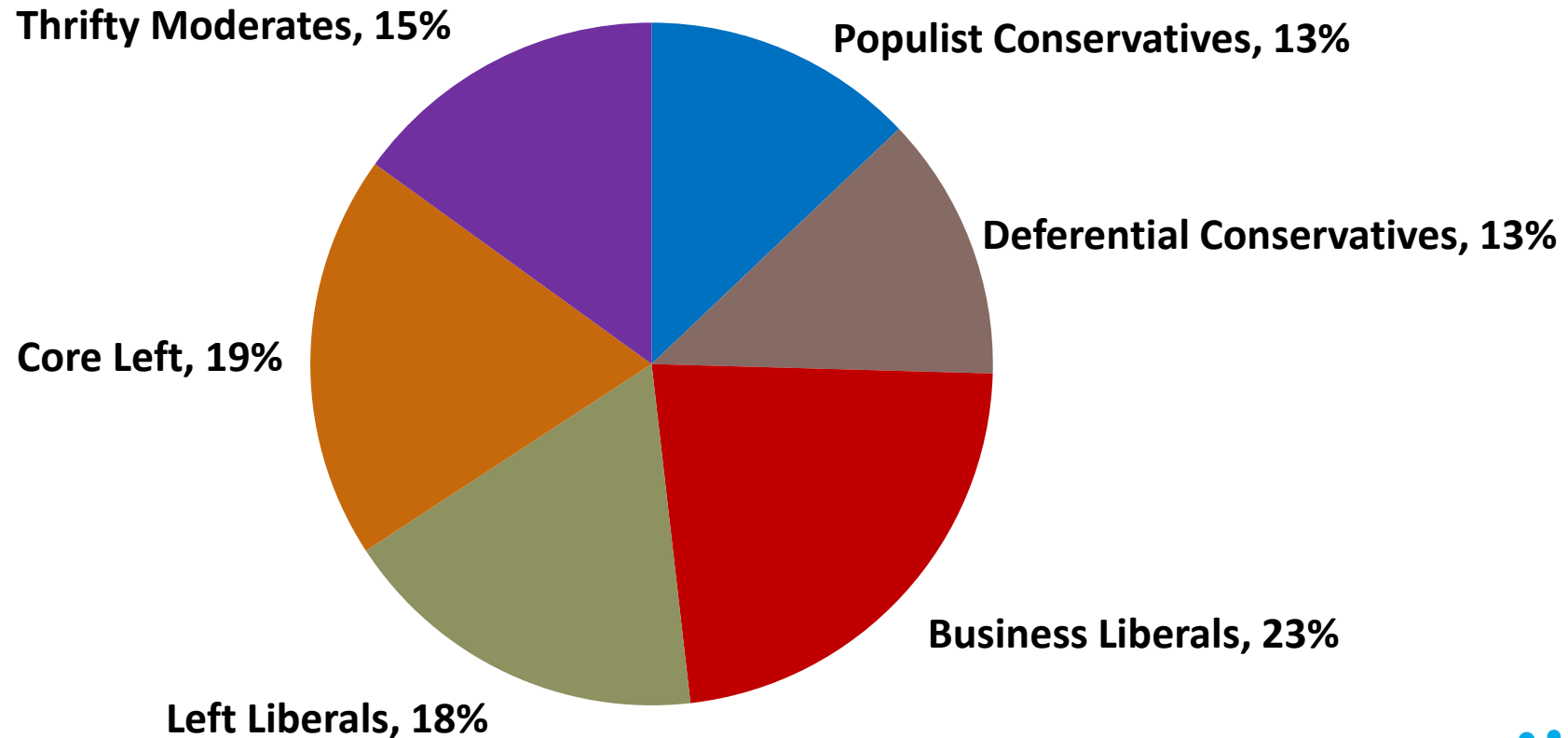
Q When it comes to government decision making, which of the following statements is closest to your view?
[asked of all respondents; n=1,000]



Value Clusters: About 1-in-4 are Business Liberals (23%) and 1-in-5 are Core Left (19%)

Clusters are based on 4 basic values: equal opportunity versus redistribution; trust in the profit system; whether spending should be based on ability to afford or public need; and whether government should listen to experts or common sense.

[asked of all respondents; n=1000]



Defining Value Clusters: All Populist Conservatives believe the government should create equal opportunity & rely on common sense

Core Political Values by Value Clusters

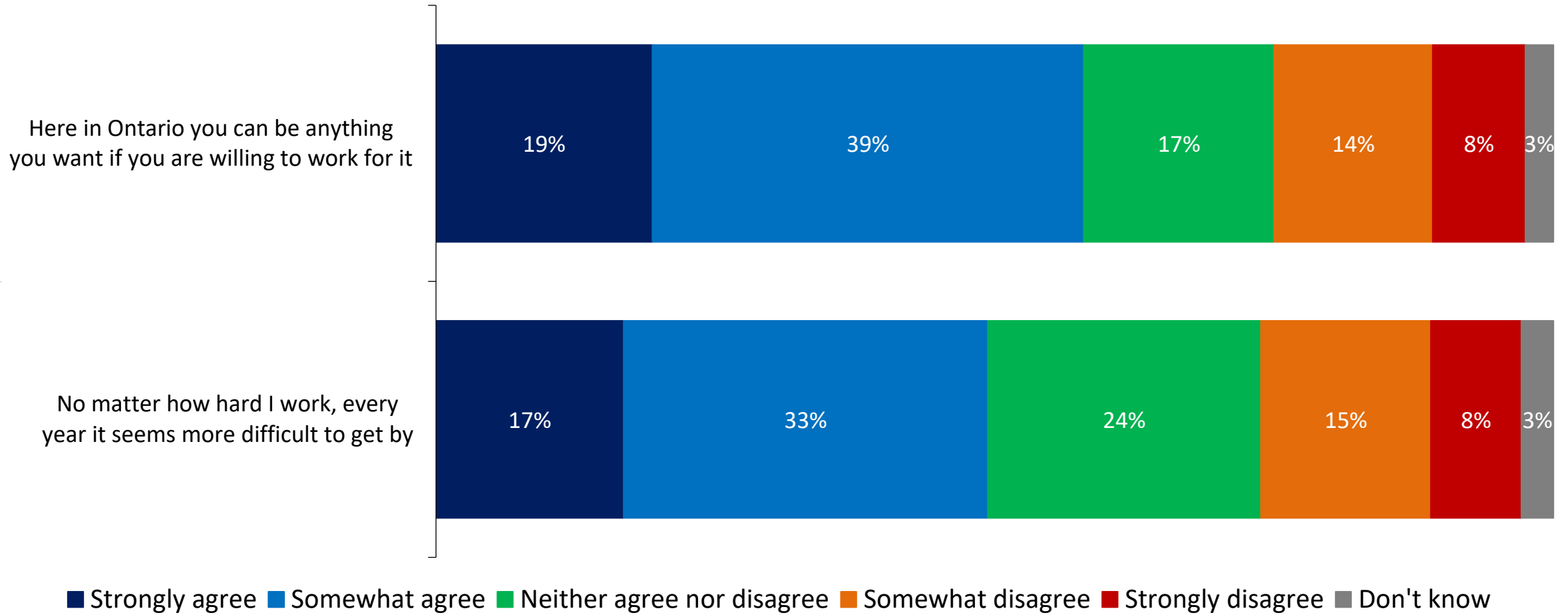
Column %		Populist Conservatives	Deferential Conservatives	Business Liberals	Left Liberals	Core Left	Thrifty Moderates
Governments should base decisions on...	Ability to afford	92%	89%	0%	0%	0%	72%
	Public Need	0%	0%	95%	93%	96%	0%
Is the main role of government to .?	Create equal Opportunity	99%	84%	68%	97%	0%	40%
	Redistribute wealth	0%	9%	13%	0%	92%	20%
When it comes to government decision making...	Rely on common sense	100%	0%	38%	41%	33%	39%
	Listen to experts	0%	90%	48%	46%	54%	28%
The profit system...	Brings out the worst in human nature	0%	0%	0%	83%	87%	62%
	Teaches value of hard work and success	86%	78%	78%	0%	0%	4%

Economic Gap Segmentation: A majority (58%) agree that you can be anything you want in Ontario if you are willing to work for it ⁶



Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

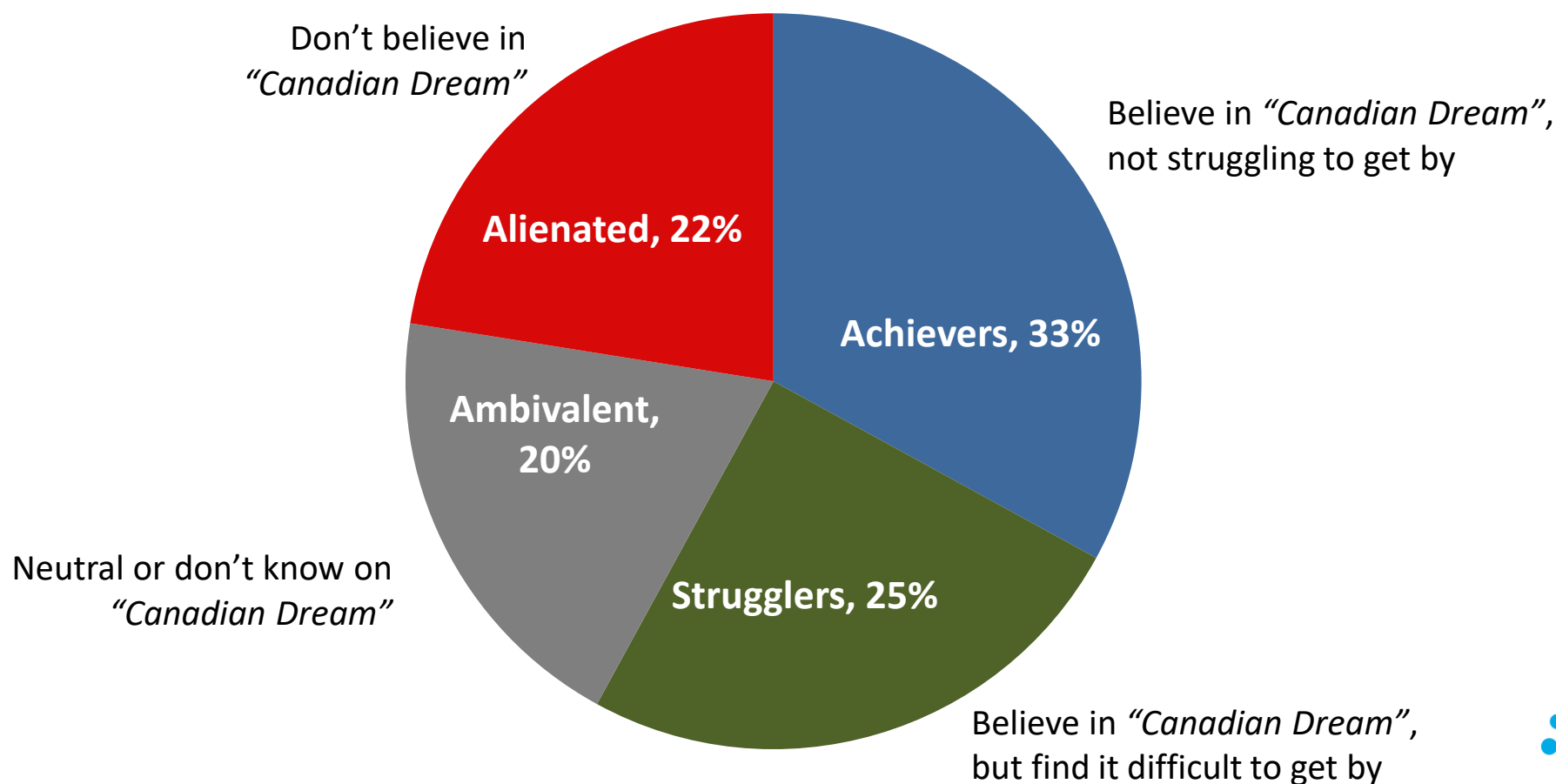
[asked of all respondents; n=1,000]



Economic Gap Segmentation: 1-in-3 (33%) in Ontario are Achievers while a quarter (25%) are Strugglers

Gap segmentation: Agree with 'Here in Ontario you can be anything you want if you are willing to work for it' BY Agree with 'No matter how hard I work, every year it seems more difficult to get by'.

[asked of all respondents; n=1000]

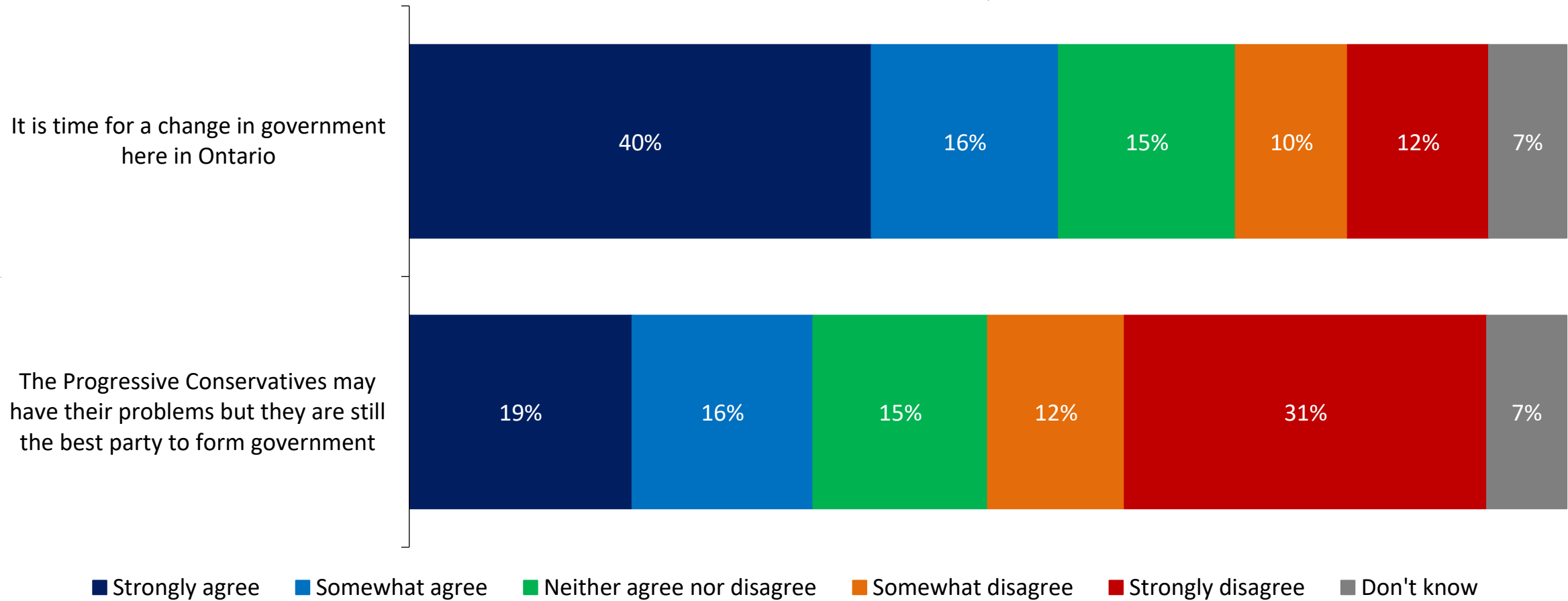


Time for Change Attitudes: Majority (56%) agree it is time for a change but 35% agree PCs best to form government



Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

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



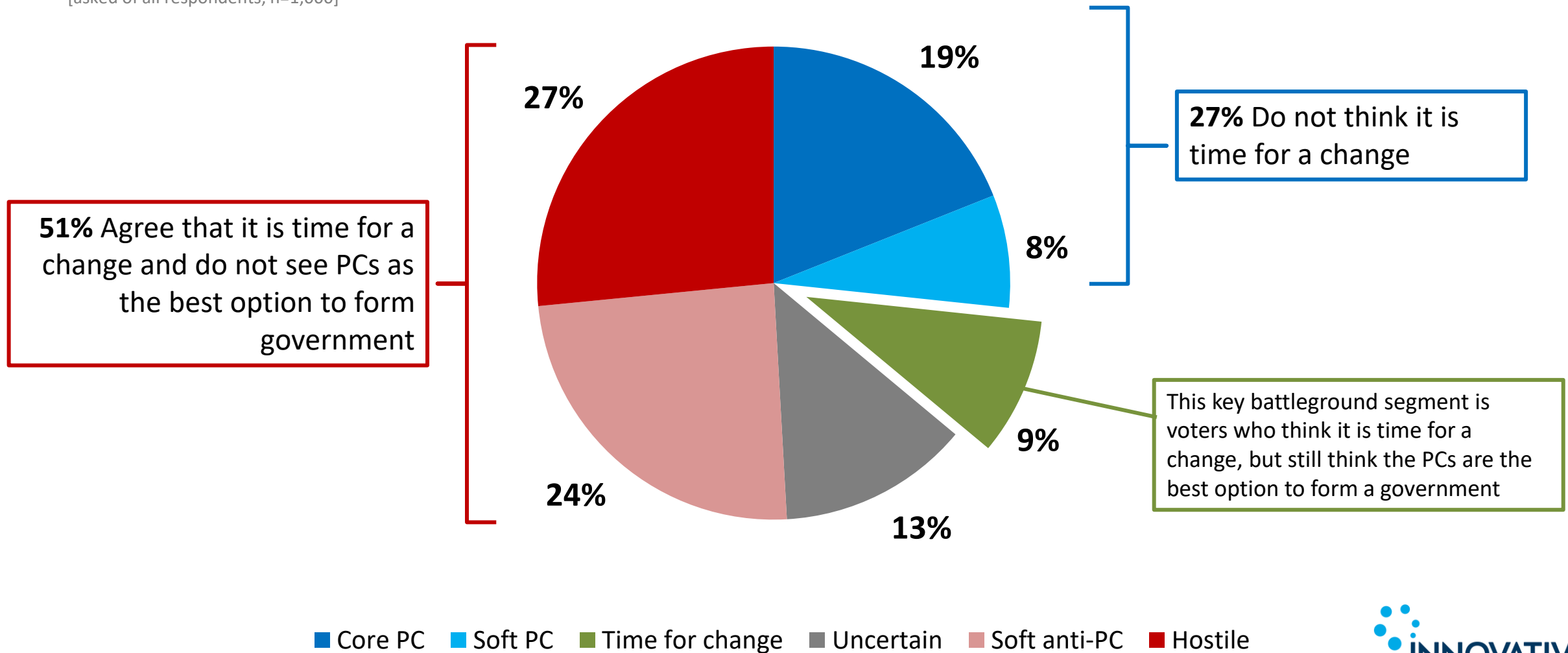
Time for Change Segmentation: Only 27% do not think it is time for a change in Ontario

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Time for Change segmentation: Agree with 'The PCs may have their problems but they are still the best party to form government' BY Agree with 'It is time for a change in government here in Ontario'.

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

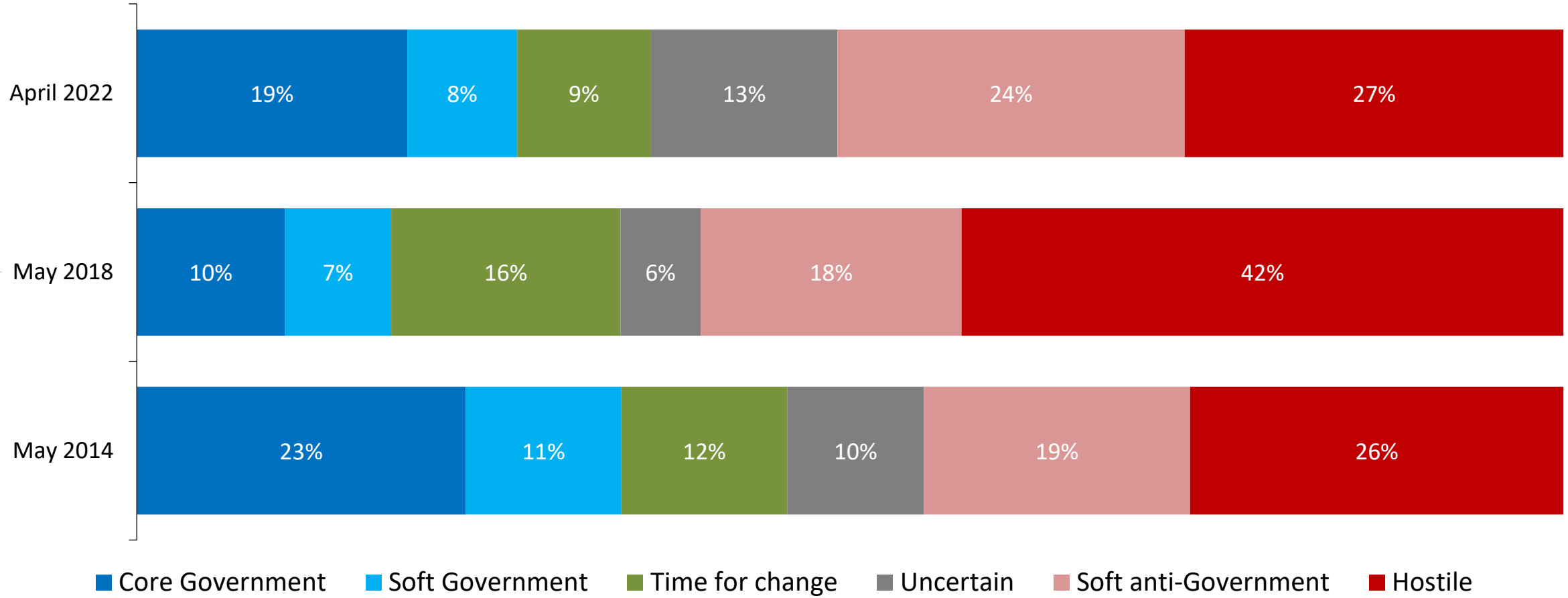


Time for Change Tracking: PCs vulnerable on “time for a change”



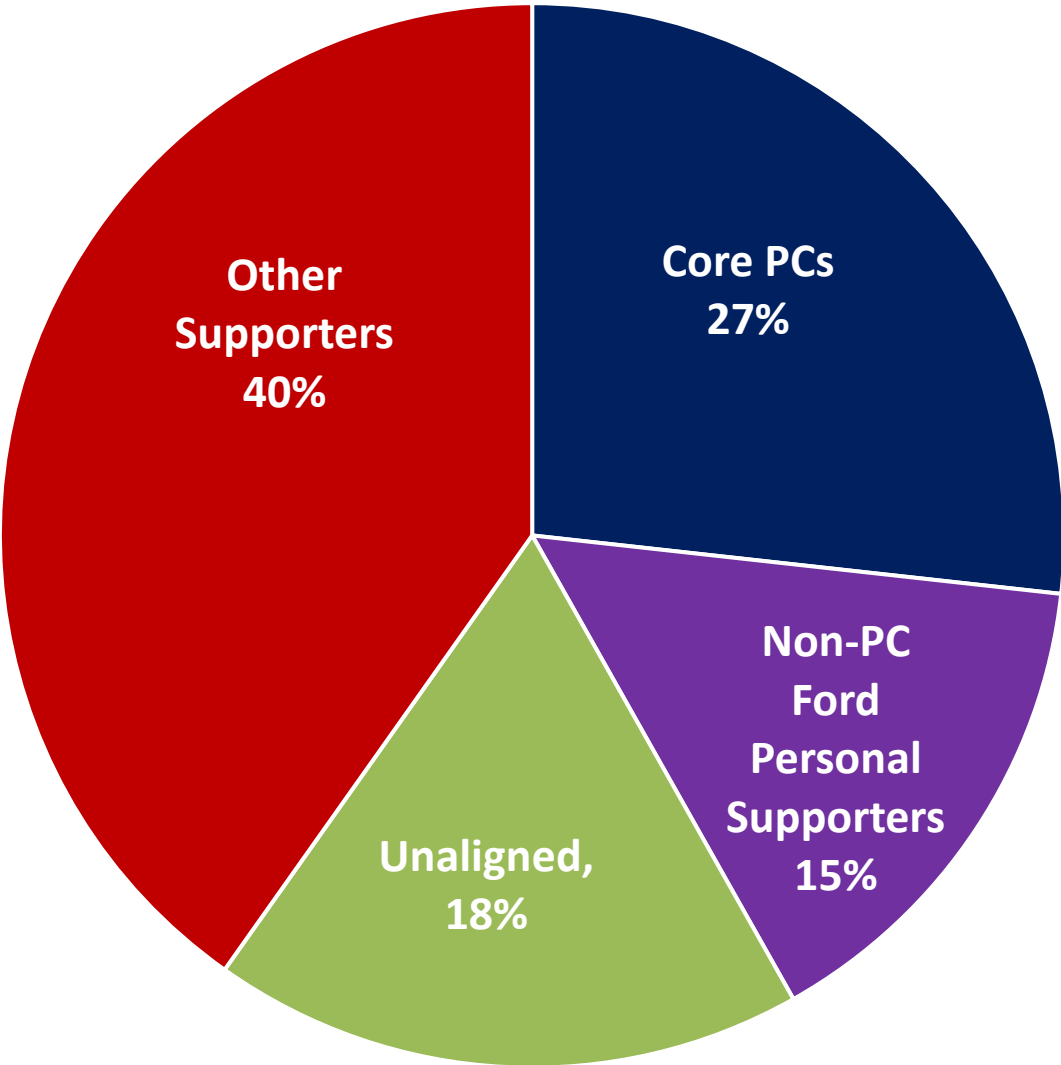
Time for Change segmentation: Agree with 'The PCs may have their problems but they are still the best party to form government' BY Agree with 'It is time for a change in government here in Ontario'.

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



Ford Political Segmentation: 1-in-4 (27%) are core PCs while 15% are non-PC Ford Supporters

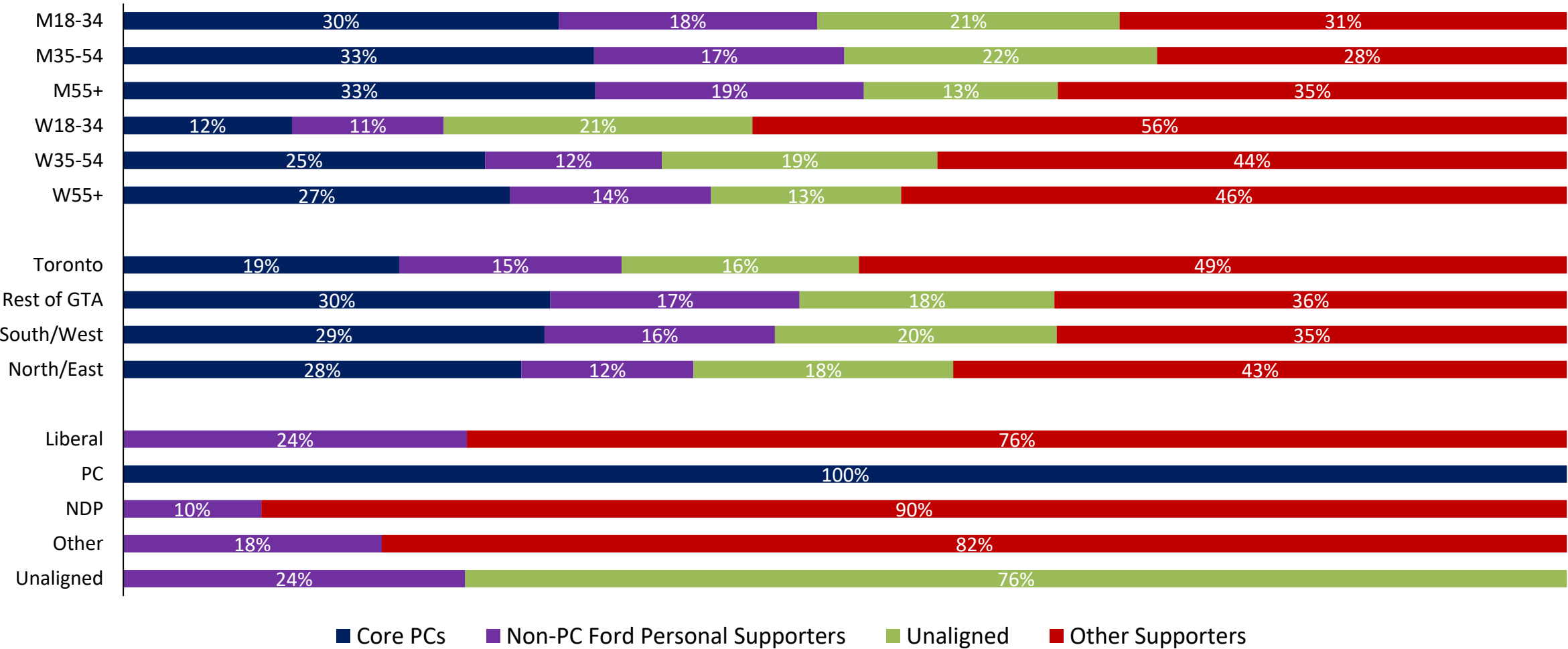
Impression of Doug Ford BY Party ID



Segment	Description
Core PCs	Identify as Progressive Conservatives
Non-PC Ford Personal Supporters	Positive impression of Doug Ford and DO NOT identify as a PC
Unaligned	Unaligned and neutral or negative impression of Doug Ford
Other Supporters	Neutral or negative impression of Doug Ford and identify as a partisan for another party

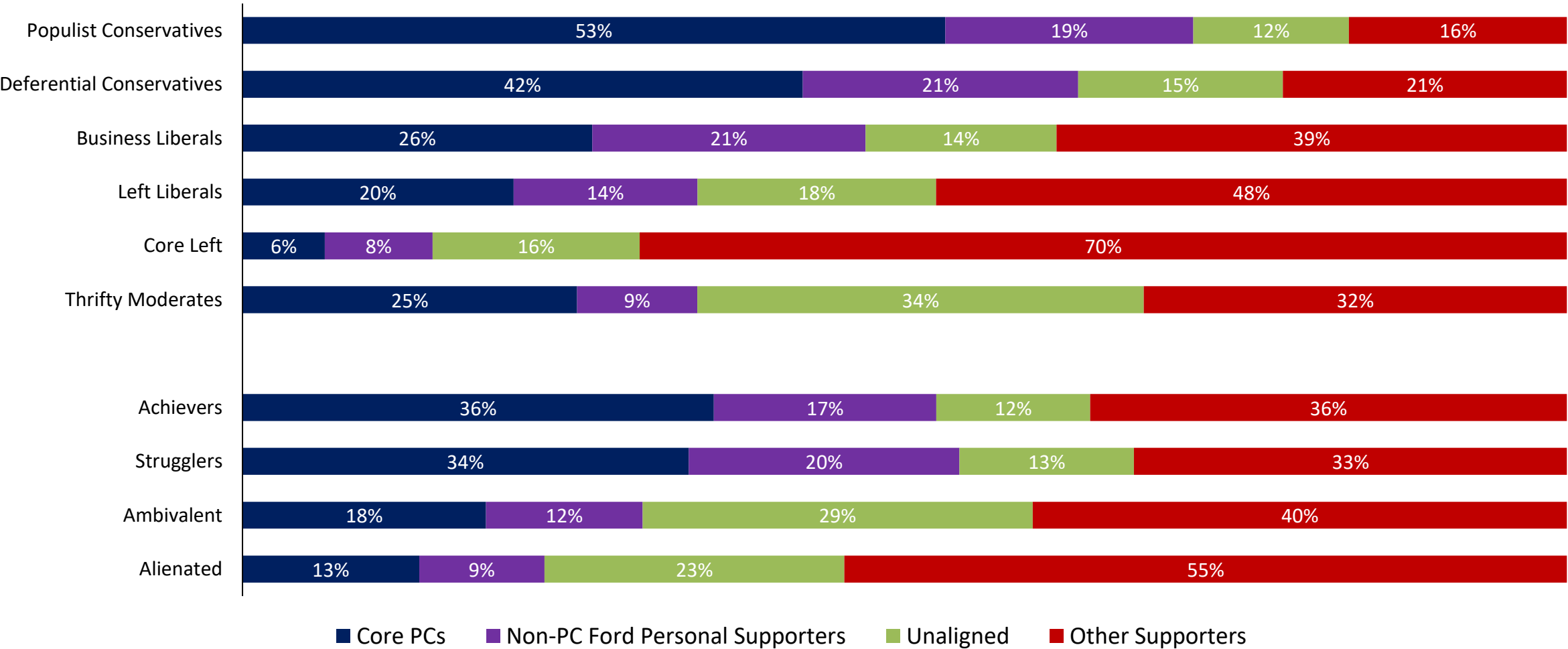
Ford Political Segmentation: Men are likelier to be non-PC Ford supporters than women

Ford Political Segmentation by *Demographics*



Ford Political Segmentation: Higher non-PC Ford support among Deferential Conservatives, Business Liberals, and economic Strugglers

Ford Political Segmentation by *Psychographics*



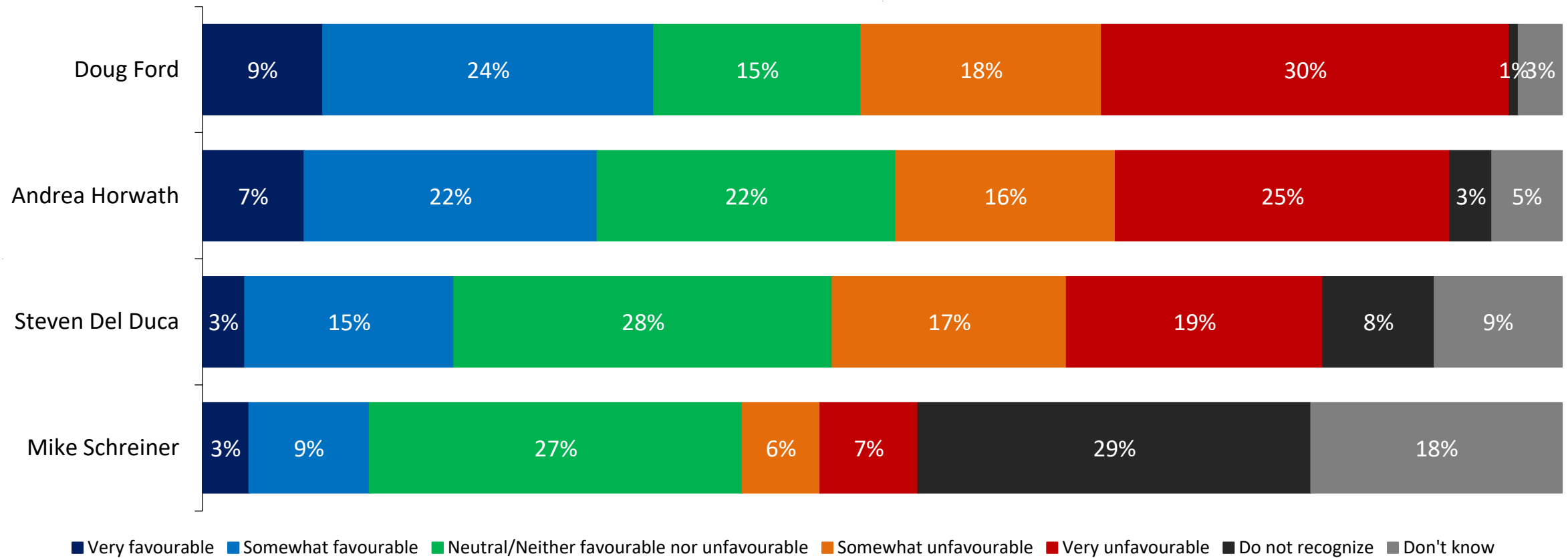
Leadership

Leader Favours: Ford has most favourables AND most unfavourables, Horwath has similar profile, Del Duca less defined



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, neither favourable or unfavourable, somewhat unfavourable or very unfavourable impression of that person. If you do not recognize the name, just indicate.

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

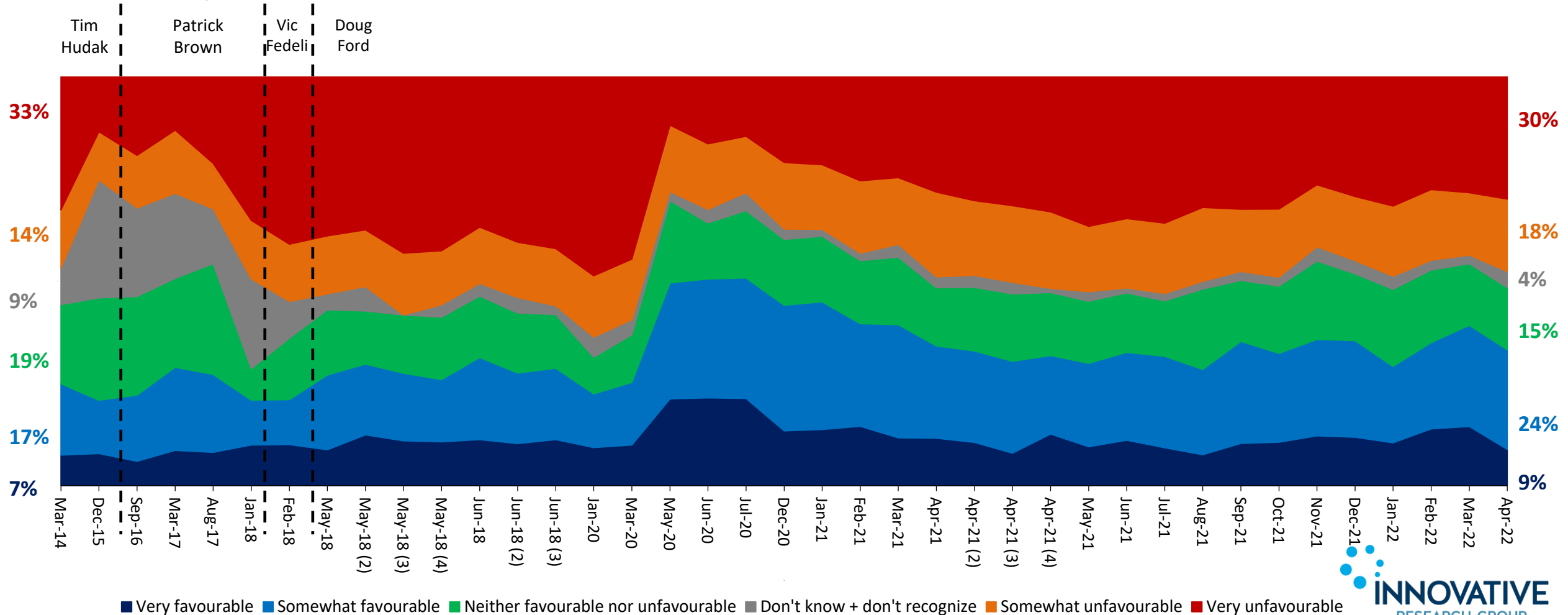


Doug Ford Favourability: Ford's favourability is up from a low in January, but down since March



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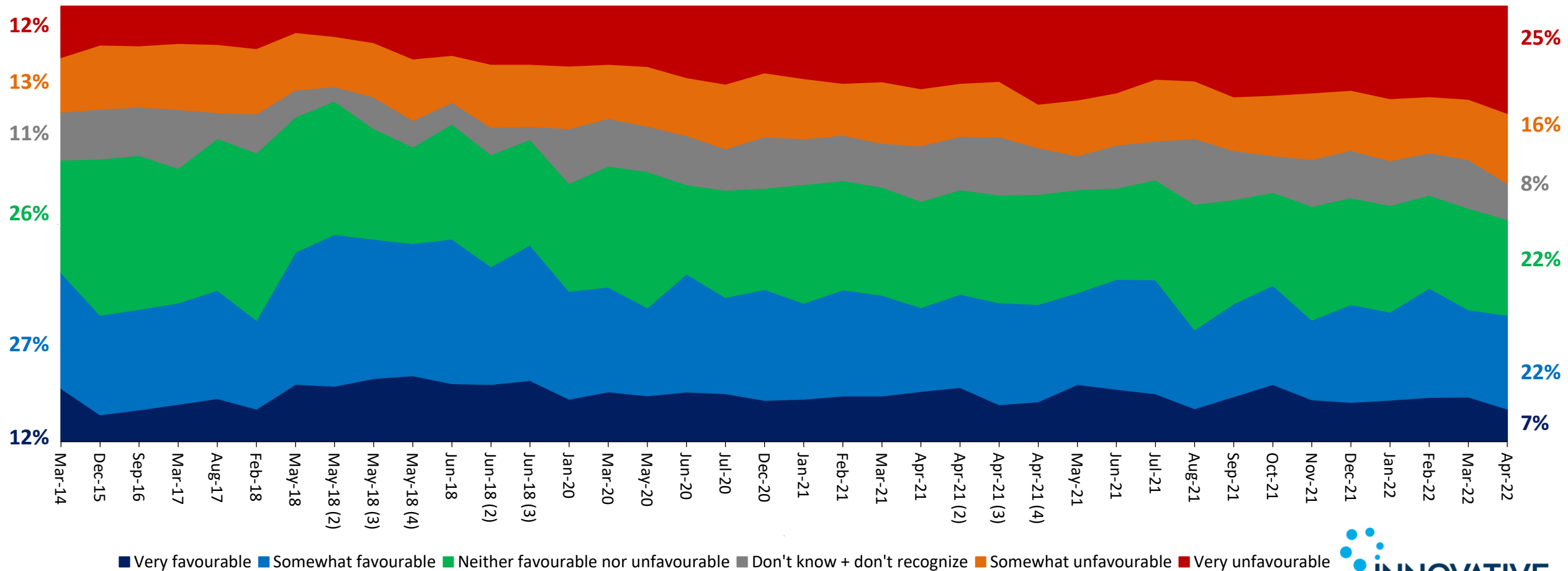


Andrea Horwath Favourability: Horwath's favourability is down directionally since Feb 2022



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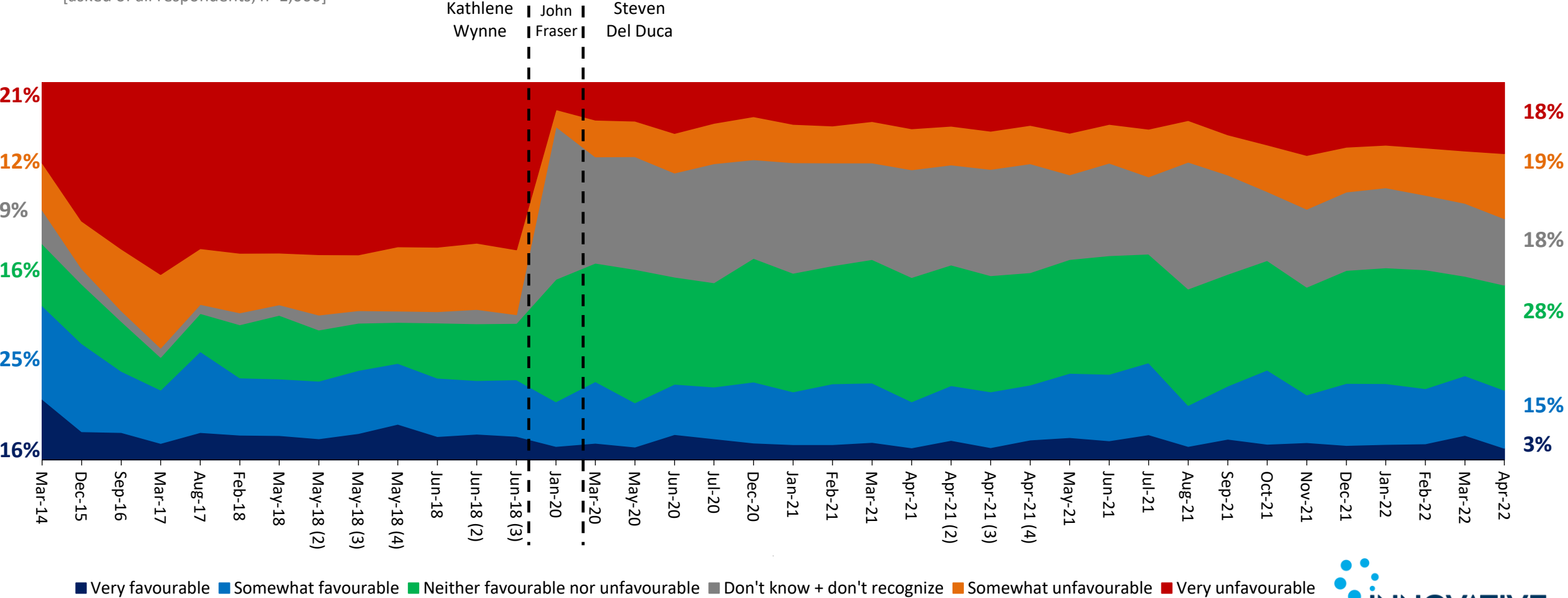
[asked of all respondents; n=1000]



Steven Del Duca Favourability: A plurality continue to have neutral/no opinion of Steven Del Duca, negatives growing

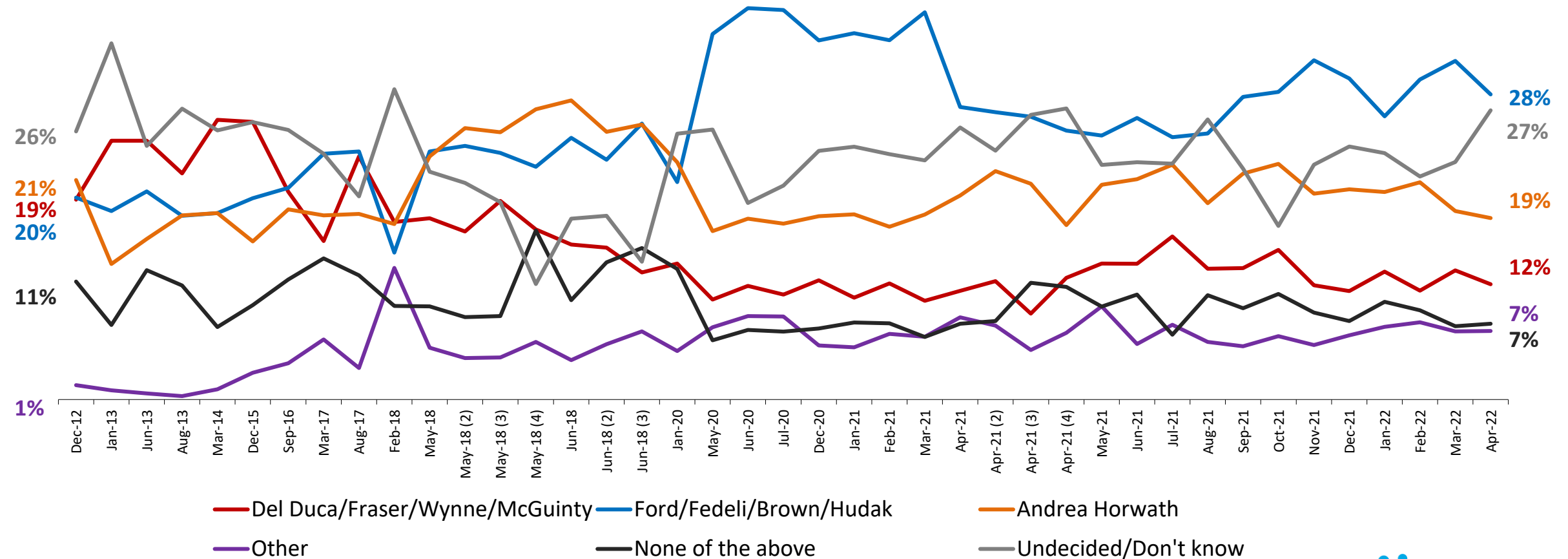
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[asked of all respondents; n=1,000]



Best Premier Tracking: Doug Ford remains the top choice for best premier, but is down from March 2022 as undecideds rise

Q Which of the following leaders would make the best Premier of Ontario?
[asked of all respondents; n=1,000]



Best Premier by Value Cluster: Ford leads as best Premier in four of six²⁰ clusters, Horwath leads among Core Left and Left Liberals

	Value Clusters					
	Populist Conservatives	Deferential Conservatives	Business Liberals	Left Liberals	Core Left	Thrifty Moderates
	(N=129)	(N=125)	(N=227)	(N=176)	(N=192)	(N=150)
Del Duca	7%	7%	15%	13%	13%	8%
Ford	55%	42%	36%	21%	8%	23%
Horwath	2%	8%	12%	23%	39%	14%
Other	8%	5%	6%	4%	9%	8%
None of the Above	10%	6%	7%	6%	5%	11%
Undecided	18%	31%	24%	33%	26%	36%

Best Premier

Best Premier by Economic Gap: Ford is the top choice among both Achievers and Strugglers, Horwath leads among Alienated

		Economic Gap			
Best Premier		Achievers	Strugglers	Ambivalent	Alienated
		(N=330)	(N=250)	(N=196)	(N=225)
	Del Duca	14%	9%	8%	11%
	Ford	41%	38%	17%	13%
	Horwath	13%	14%	18%	27%
	Other	6%	7%	5%	9%
	None of the Above	5%	6%	7%	13%
	Undecided	21%	25%	44%	27%

Best Premier by Time for Change: Plurality (48%) of Time for a Change ²²

PC voters still say Ford is the best choice for premier

	Time for Change					
	Core PC	Soft PC	Time for a change PC	Uncertain	Soft anti-PC	Hostile
	(N=190)	(N=77)	(N=94)	(N=131)	(N=243)	(N=266)
Del Duca	0%	3%	2%	3%	16%	25%
Ford	90%	53%	48%	15%	7%	0%
Horwath	0%	4%	8%	5%	20%	41%
Other	1%	9%	7%	2%	6%	13%
None of the Above	3%	9%	7%	8%	11%	7%
Undecided	6%	23%	27%	68%	40%	15%

Best Premier

Best Premier by Ford Segment: A majority (61%) of non-PC Ford supporters say Ford is the best choice for premier

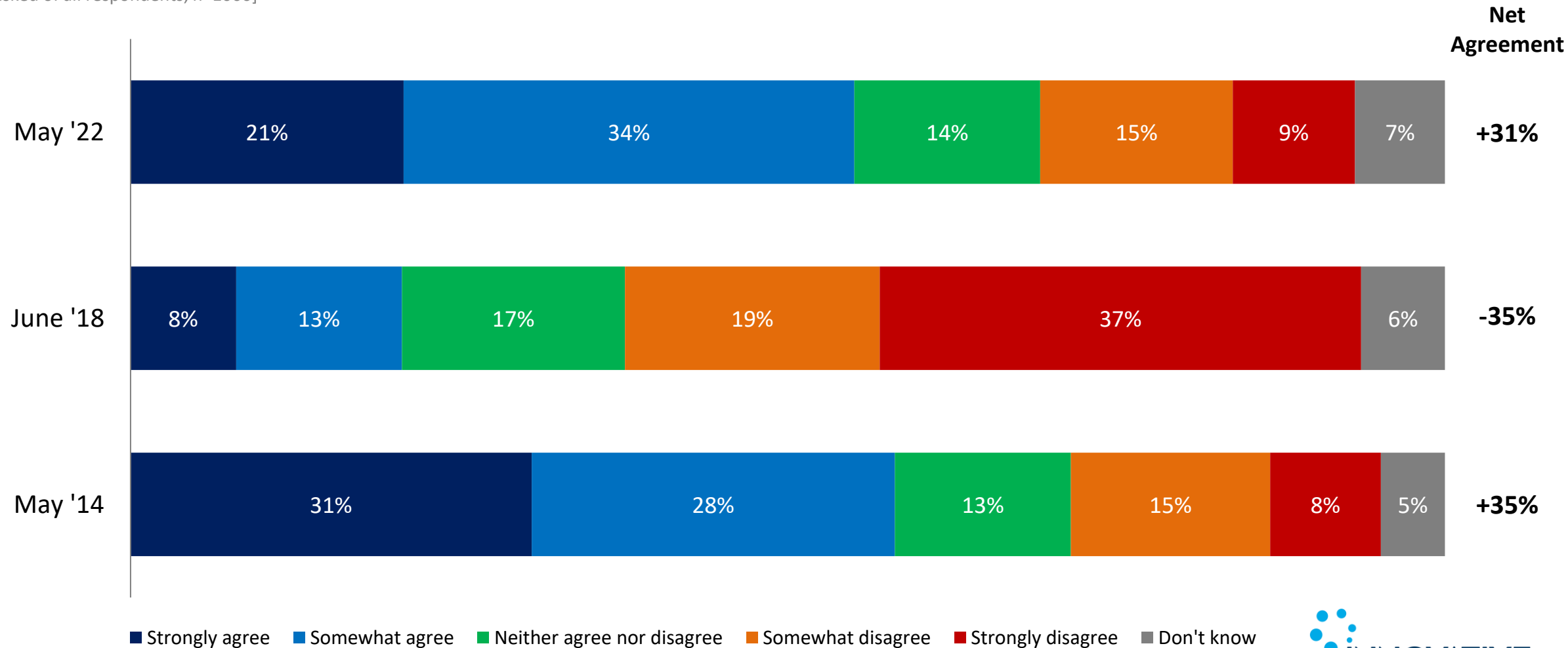
		Ford Segment			
		Core PCs	Non-PC Ford Supporters	Unaligned	Other Supporters
		(N=268)	(N=151)	(N=180)	(N=402)
Best Premier	Del Duca	3%	6%	5%	22%
	Ford	71%	61%	3%	2%
	Horwath	3%	5%	13%	34%
	Other	2%	5%	7%	10%
	None of the Above	5%	2%	16%	7%
	Undecided	16%	20%	56%	26%

Attitudes

Two-Horse Race: Most Ontarians feel this election is only a choice between the PCs and the Liberals

Q For each of the following statements please indicate if you agree or disagree? ***This election is really a two-horse race, only the Liberal and the Progressive Conservatives have a real chance of forming government.***

[asked of all respondents; n=1000]

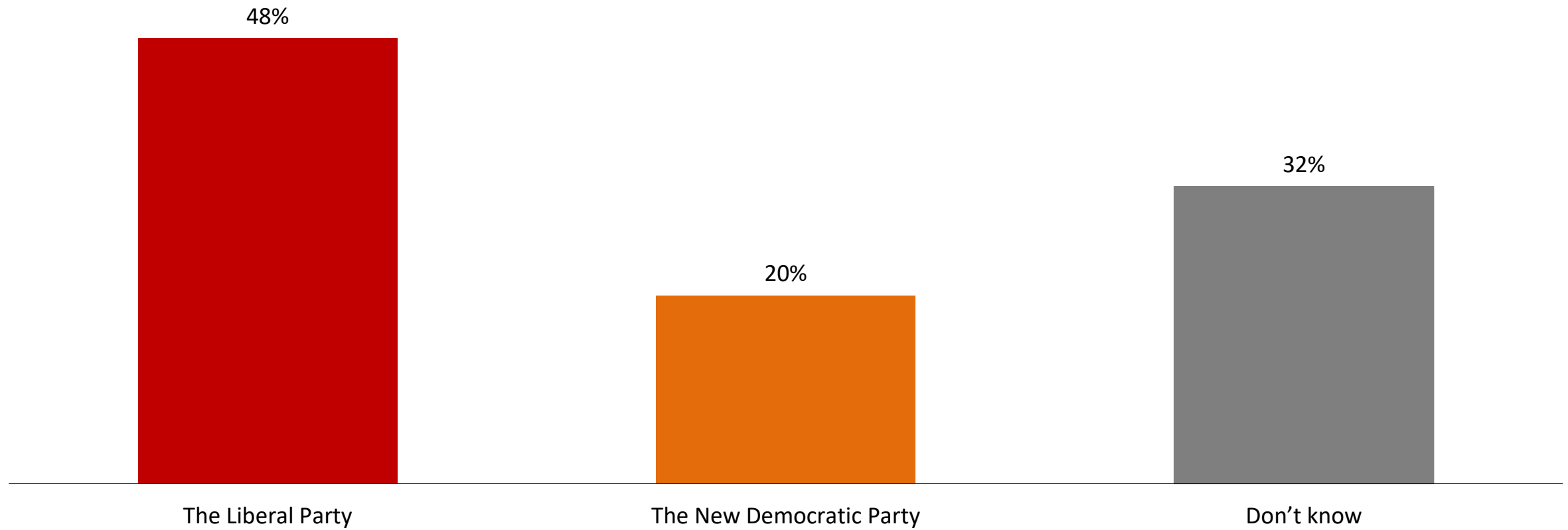


Most Likely Alternative: Nearly half say the Liberals have the best chance of beating the PCs



Thinking about the area where you live, which party do you think has the best chance of beating the Progressive Conservatives in the upcoming provincial election?

[asked of all respondents; n=1000]



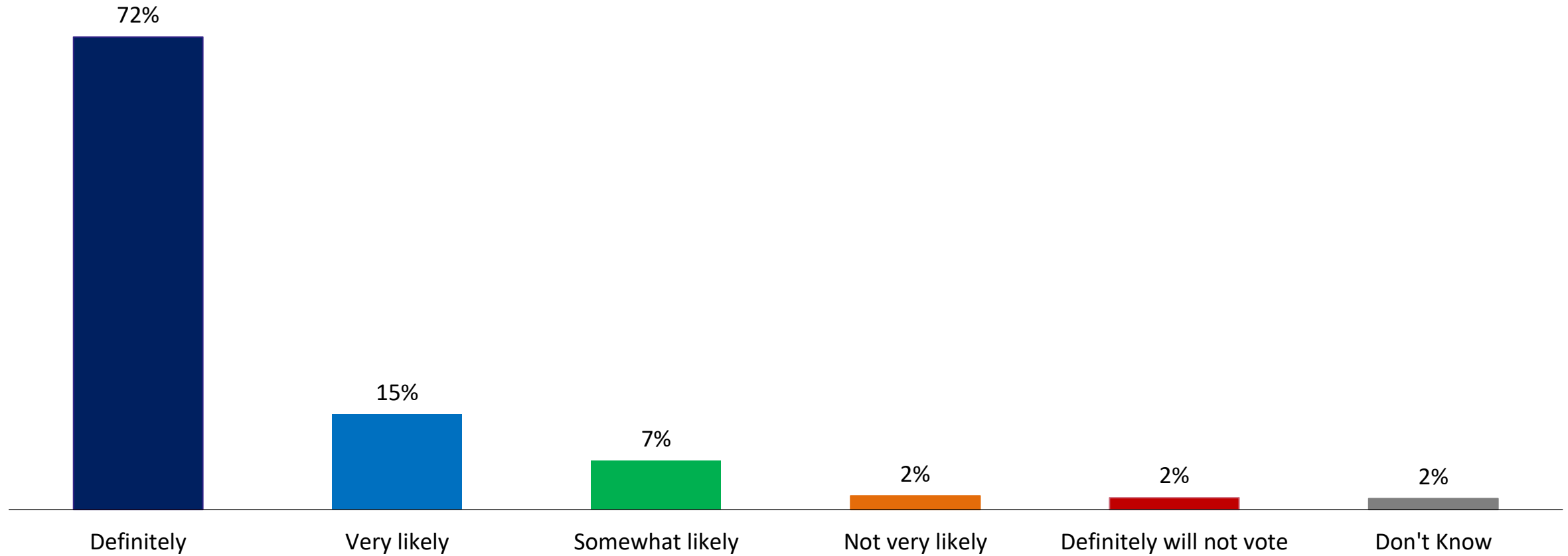
Provincial Vote

Likelihood to Vote: Nearly 3-in-4 say will definitely vote in the upcoming election



As you may have heard there is going to be a provincial election on June 2nd of this year. How likely are you to vote in the upcoming Ontario provincial election?

[asked of all respondents; n=1000]

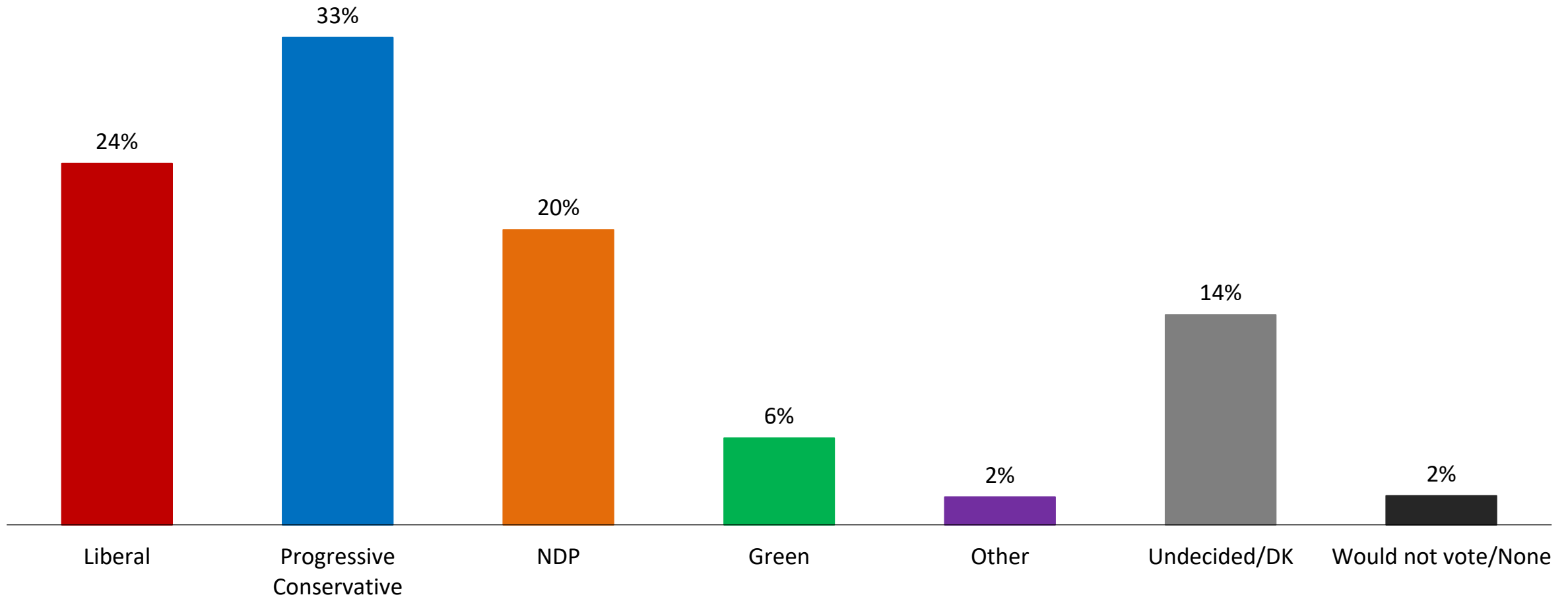


Provincial Combined Vote: Among all voters, the PCs (33%) lead the Ontario Liberals (24%) by 9 points



If a provincial election were held today, which party would you vote for? In that case, which party do you lean toward slightly? **[Vote + Lean]**

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

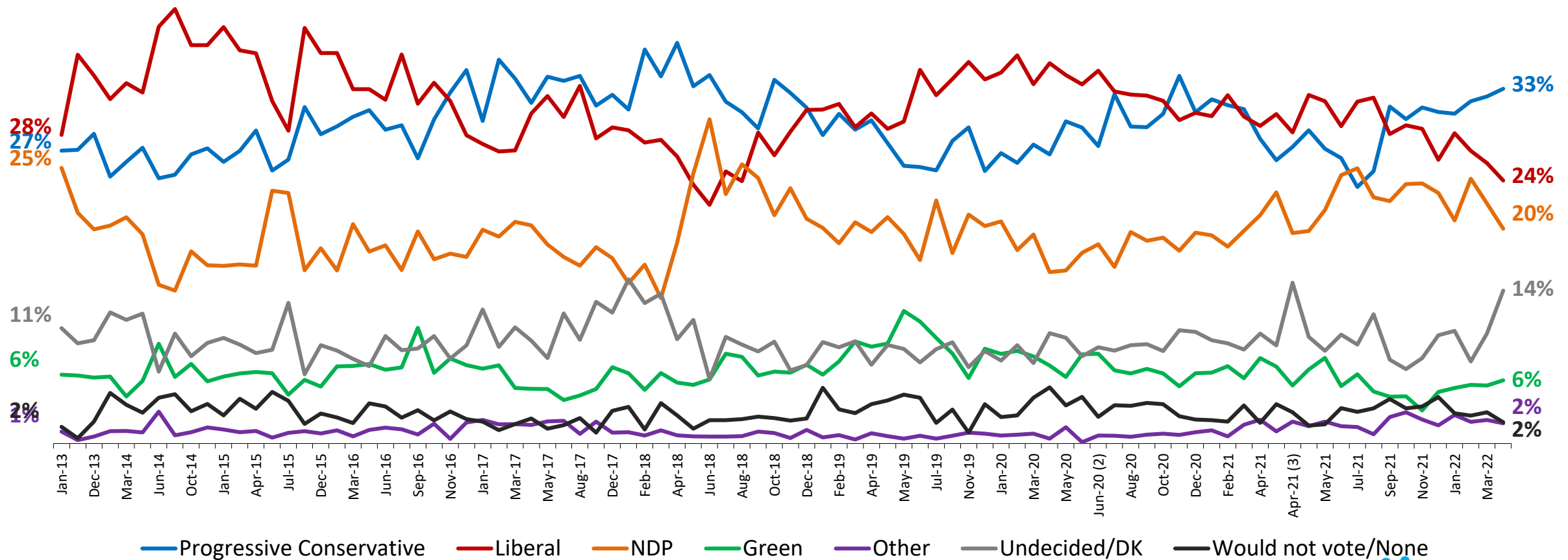


Provincial Vote Tracking: The Liberals and NDP are down directionally since March 2022 while the PCs maintain their lead



If a provincial election were held today, which party would you vote for? In that case, which party do you lean toward slightly? **[Vote + Lean]**

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

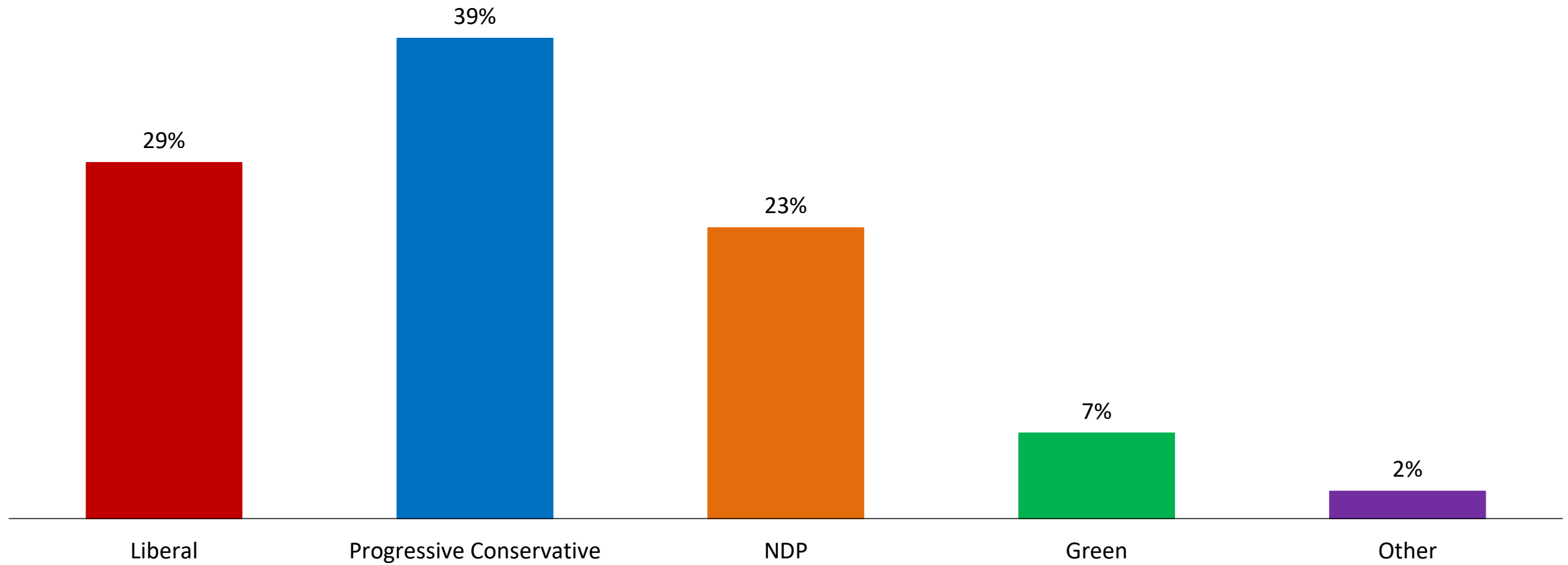


Provincial Decided Vote: Among decided voters, 39% would vote for the PCs, 29% would vote Liberal, 23% would vote NDP



If a provincial election were held today, which party would you vote for? In that case, which party do you lean toward slightly? **[DECIDED]**

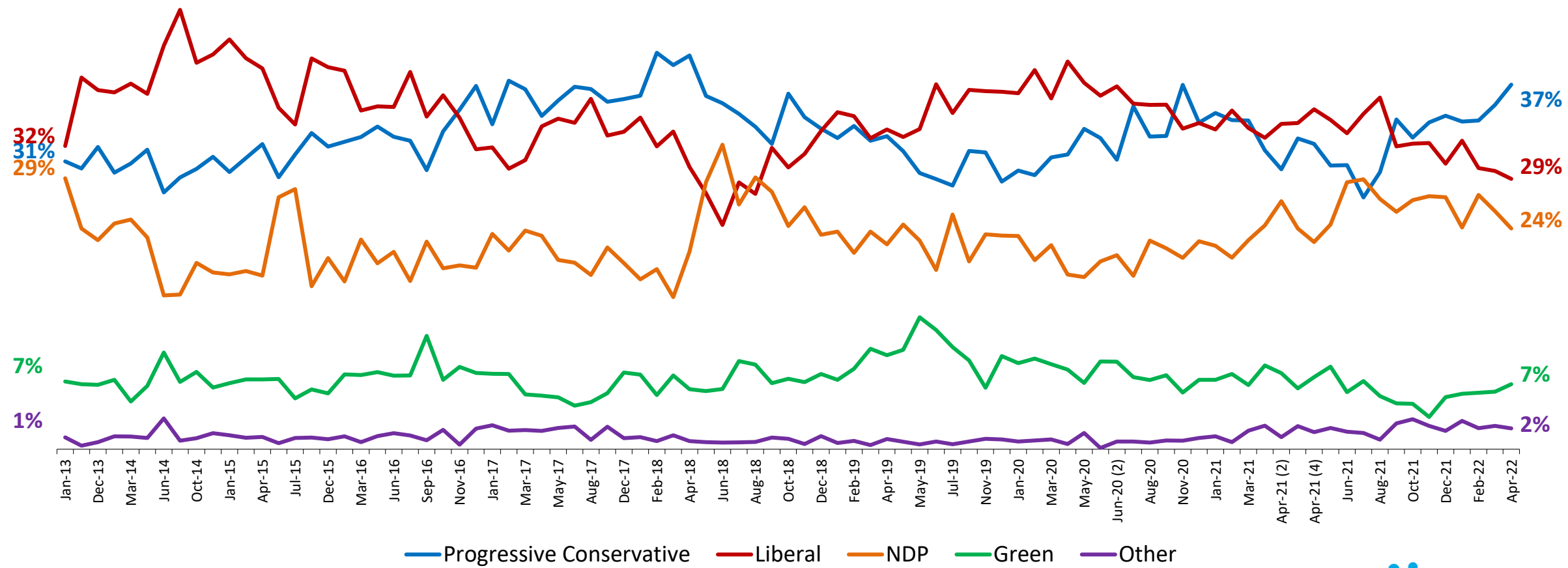
[decided voters only; n=843]



Provincial Decided Vote Tracking: The PCs are up directionally since Feb 2022, while the Liberals remain steady



If a provincial election were held today, which party would you vote for? In that case, which party do you lean toward slightly? **[DECIDED]**
[only decided voters; n=843]



Decided Vote by Likelihood to Vote: The PCs lead among definite voters and lead by a wider margin among probable voters

Decided vote by Likelihood to Vote

Decided Vote	Region	
	Definite Voters	Probable Voters
	(N=656)	(N=169)
Liberal	30%	23%
Progressive Conservative	38%	42%
NDP	25%	21%
Green	6%	12%
Other	2%	2%

Decided Vote by Region: PCs lead in south/west + rest of GTA + north/east, while Liberals lead in Toronto

Decided vote by Region

		Region			
		Toronto	Rest of GTA	South/West	North/East
		(N=175)	(N=212)	(N=213)	(N=241)
Decided Vote	Liberal	34%	30%	24%	28%
	Progressive Conservative	30%	42%	43%	38%
	NDP	27%	20%	23%	24%
	Green	7%	5%	9%	6%
	Other	2%	2%	2%	3%

Decided Vote by Value Cluster: The Ontario PCs lead among 4 clusters, NDP lead in 2 ³⁵

NDP lead in 2

		Value Clusters					
Decided Vote		Populist Conservatives	Deferential Conservatives	Business Liberals	Left Liberals	Core Left	Thrifty Moderates
		(N=117)	(N=105)	(N=199)	(N=150)	(N=169)	(N=100)
	Liberal	16%	25%	34%	31%	33%	27%
	Progressive Conservative	73%	59%	41%	29%	8%	39%
	NDP	3%	9%	16%	34%	51%	17%
	Green	1%	4%	8%	7%	7%	14%
	Other	7%	3%	1%	0%	1%	2%

Decided Vote by Economic Gap: The PCs (48%) lead the Liberals (26%) by 22 pts among Strugglers ³⁶

Decided Vote	Economic Gap			
	Achievers	Strugglers	Ambivalent	Alienated
	(N=298)	(N=216)	(N=136)	(N=190)
Liberal	28%	26%	39%	26%
Progressive Conservative	48%	48%	29%	21%
NDP	15%	20%	25%	40%
Green	8%	5%	5%	10%
Other	2%	2%	2%	3%

Decided Vote by Time for Change: The PCs lead among Core PCs, Soft PCs and Time for Change PCs ³⁷

		Time for Change					
		Core PC	Soft PC	Time for a change PC	Uncertain	Soft anti-PC	Hostile
		(N=183)	(N=70)	(N=84)	(N=60)	(N=197)	(N=247)
Decided Vote	Liberal	1%	8%	14%	49%	44%	43%
	Progressive Conservative	98%	77%	64%	29%	11%	0%
	NDP	1%	2%	15%	13%	32%	45%
	Green	0%	5%	5%	9%	10%	10%
	Other	1%	7%	2%	0%	3%	2%

Decided Vote by Ford Segment: The PCs lead Liberals by almost 40 points among non-PC Ford Supporters

		Ford Segment			
		Core PCs	Non-PC Ford Supporters	Unaligned	Other Supporters
		(N=248)	(N=132)	(N=89)	(N=372)
Decided Vote	Liberal	5%	25%	29%	46%
	Progressive Conservative	86%	62%	19%	4%
	NDP	4%	10%	36%	38%
	Green	2%	2%	13%	11%
	Other	3%	1%	3%	2%

Provincial 2nd Choice: The NDP are the 2nd choice of most Liberal voters (53%) and Liberals are the 2nd choice of most NDP voters (51%)

And which party would be your second choice? BY [Vote+Lean]

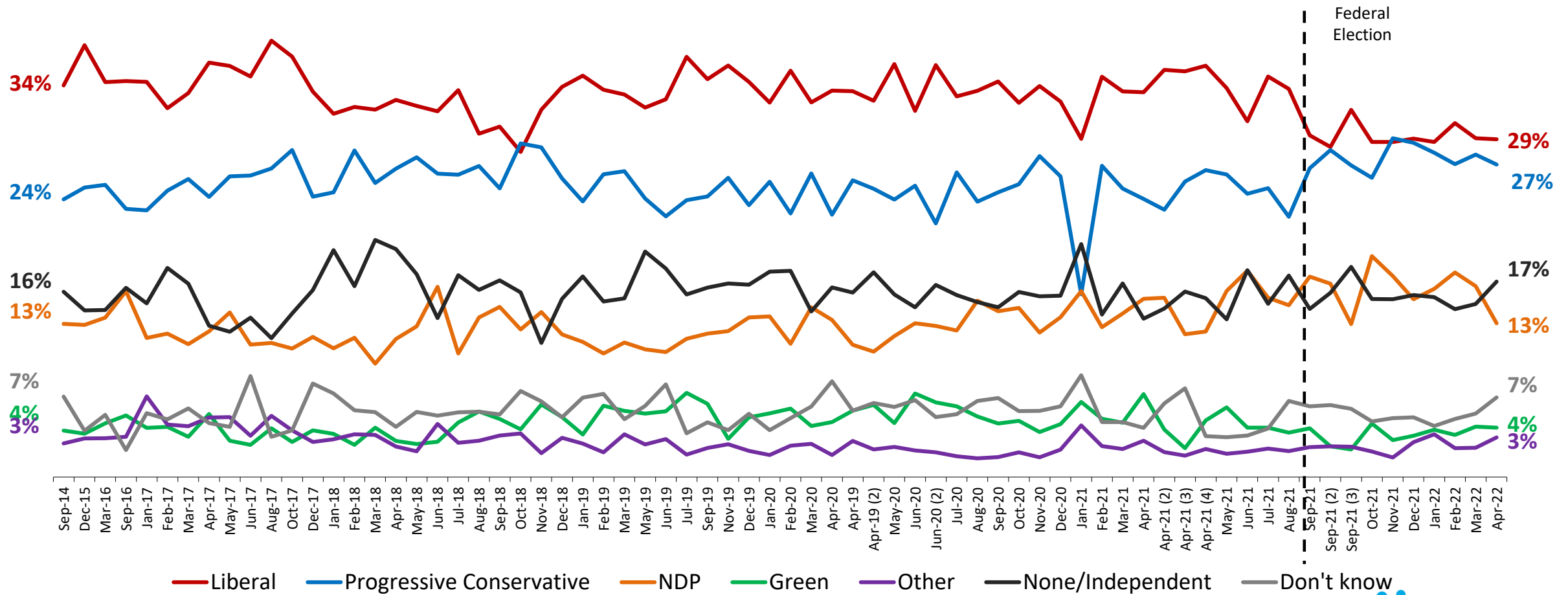
		First Choice			
		Liberal 1st Choice	PC 1st Choice	NDP 1st Choice	Green 1st Choice
		(N=249)	(N=312)	(N=205)	(N=58)
Second Choice	Liberal 2nd Choice		23%	51%	18%
	PC 2nd Choice	18%		6%	10%
	NDP 2nd Choice	53%	14%		39%
	Green 2nd Choice	9%	9%	18%	
	Other 2nd Choice	0%	4%	1%	0%
	Undecided	15%	25%	18%	31%
	WNV/None	4%	25%	5%	2%

Provincial Party ID Tracking: The Liberals lead narrowly by points on partisanship



Thinking about politics in Ontario, generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a...

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

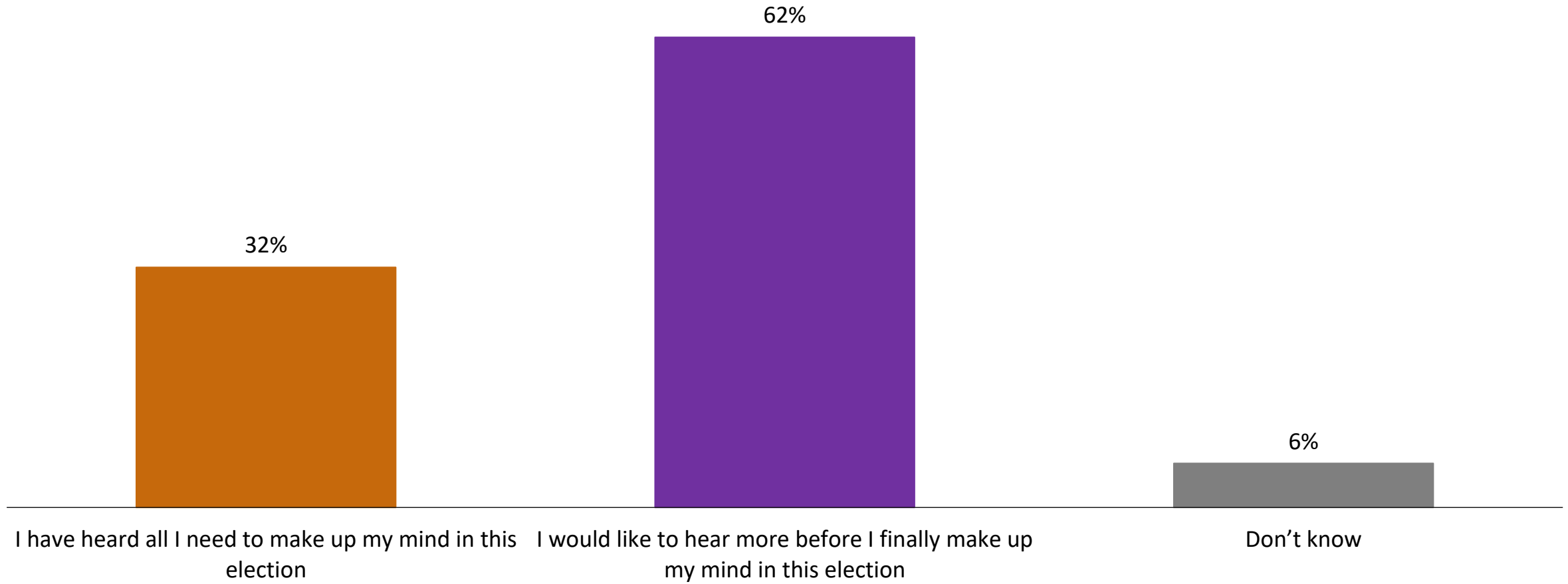


Combined Vote by Party ID: NDP partisans are most loyal with 82% saying they would vote for their party

		Provincial Party Identification					
		Liberal	Progressive Conservative	NDP	Green	Other	Unaligned
		(N=289)	(N=268)	(N=132)	(N=42)	(N=34)	(N=167)
Combined Vote	Liberal	63%	5%	7%	3%	13%	13%
	Progressive Conservative	14%	79%	3%	4%	39%	24%
	NDP	12%	4%	82%	9%	17%	15%
	Green	2%	2%	1%	76%	5%	5%
	Other	0%	3%	0%	2%	17%	2%
	Undecided/DK	7%	7%	8%	6%	3%	33%
	Would not vote/None	0%	0%	0%	0%	8%	8%

Satisficing: More than 6-in-10 Ontarians say they still want to hear more before making up their mind

Q Which statement is closest to your view about the upcoming election?
[asked of all respondents; n=1000]



Firmness of Vote: PC voters are more firm in their vote than Liberal or NDP voters ⁴³

Which statement is closest to your view about the upcoming federal election BY [Vote+Lean]

		First Choice				
		PC 1st Choice	Liberal 1st Choice	NDP 1st Choice	Green 1st Choice	Other 1st Choice
		(N=325)	(N=241)	(N=197)	(N=58)	(N=19)
Satisficing	I have heard all I need to make up my mind in this election	45%	31%	30%	19%	48%
	I would like to hear more before I finally make up my mind in this election	52%	66%	68%	69%	49%
	Don't know	2%	3%	2%	12%	3%

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.

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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.

Full disclosure standards can be found [here](#).

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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