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Budget Surplus Priorities



SES/Osprey Media Poll

Methodology

Between April 11th and April 13th, 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 considered representative of the Ontario population. Results may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

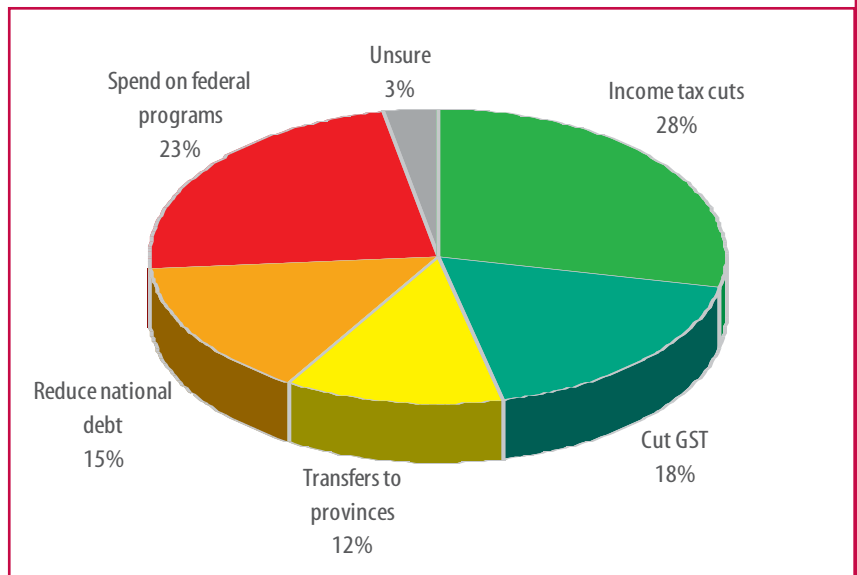
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Question: If the federal government finds itself with a budget surplus which of the following approaches would you prefer. Should the federal government [rotate]... reduce income taxes, reduce the GST, transfer more money to the provinces, reduce the national debt, spend more money on federal programs such as health and defense.



Group (Margin of Accuracy)	Income tax cuts	Cut GST	Increase transfers to provinces	Reduce national debt	Spend on federal programs	Unsure
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Ontario ($\pm 4.5\%$)	28	18	12	15	23	3
Men ($\pm 6\%$)	29	18	11	19	22	1
Women ($\pm 6\%$)	27	19	14	12	24	5
18 to 29 ($\pm 10\%$)	32	17	13	14	23	1
30 to 39 ($\pm 10\%$)	32	18	14	10	23	3
40 to 49 ($\pm 10\%$)	27	23	8	19	20	2
50 to 59 ($\pm 10\%$)	24	13	13	19	30	1
60 plus ($\pm 10\%$)	24	19	14	15	20	7