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Ontario Provincial Ballot: Liberals Slightly Ahead of Tories

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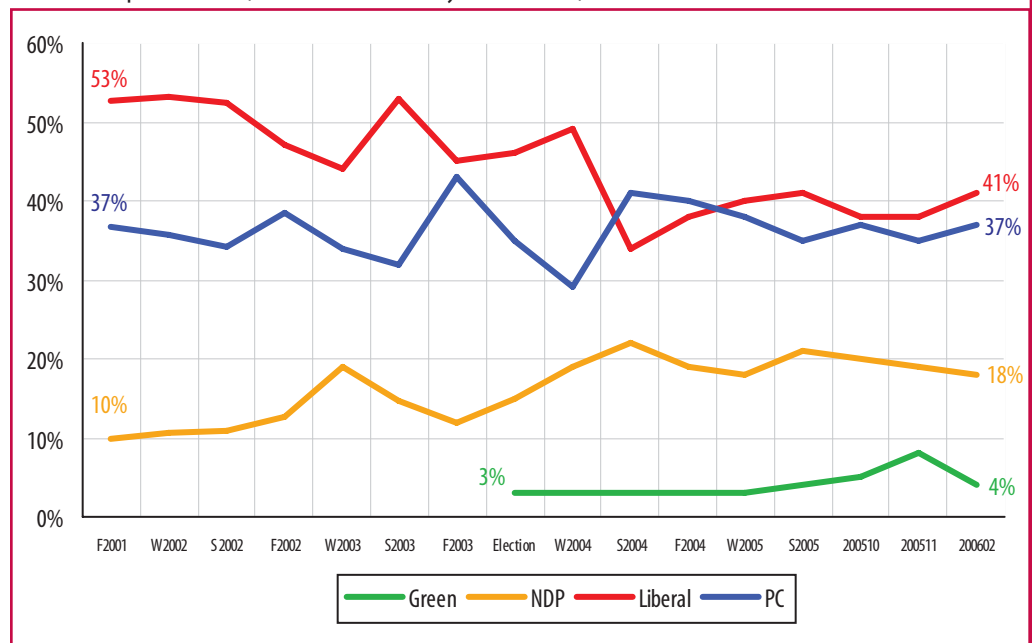
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Question: For those parties you would consider voting for provincially, could you please rank your top two current local preferences? (Committed Voters Only - First Choice)



Group (Margin of Accuracy)	Liberal	PC	NDP	Green	Undecided
	%	%	%	%	%
Ontario Ballot ($\pm 4.9\%$)	41	37	18	4	NA
Ontario All Voters ($\pm 4.5\%$)	34	31	15	4	15
Men ($\pm 6\%$)	32	36	14	4	14
Women ($\pm 6\%$)	36	27	16	3	17
18 to 29 ($\pm 10\%$)	36	27	24	2	11
30 to 39 ($\pm 10\%$)	34	33	11	3	19
40 to 49 ($\pm 10\%$)	32	33	12	5	18
50 to 59 ($\pm 12\%$)	32	31	19	5	12
60 and over ($\pm 9\%$)	37	32	12	4	15





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McGuinty and Tory Close as Best Premier

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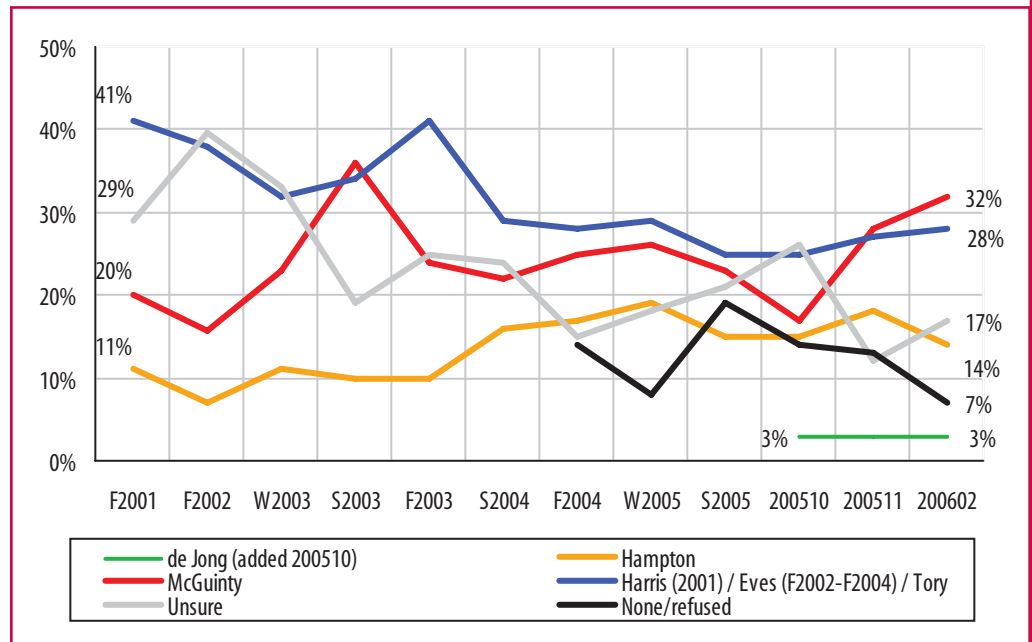
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Question: Thinking of the current provincial party leaders: John Tory for the PCs, Dalton McGuinty for the Liberals, Howard Hampton for the NDP, and Frank de Jong for the Green Party, who, in your opinion would make the best Premier of Ontario? [Read and Rotate]



Question: As you know, Dalton McGuinty is the Premier of Ontario. Based on his performance to date would you describe the job he has done as very good, good, average, poor, or very poor?

Performance	Feb 2006	Nov 2005	Change
	%	%	
Very good	6	3	+3
Good	17	18	-1
Average	50	47	+3
Poor	15	18	-3
Very poor	6	11	-5
Unsure/Refused	6	3	+3





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Ontario: Right Direction or Wrong Track

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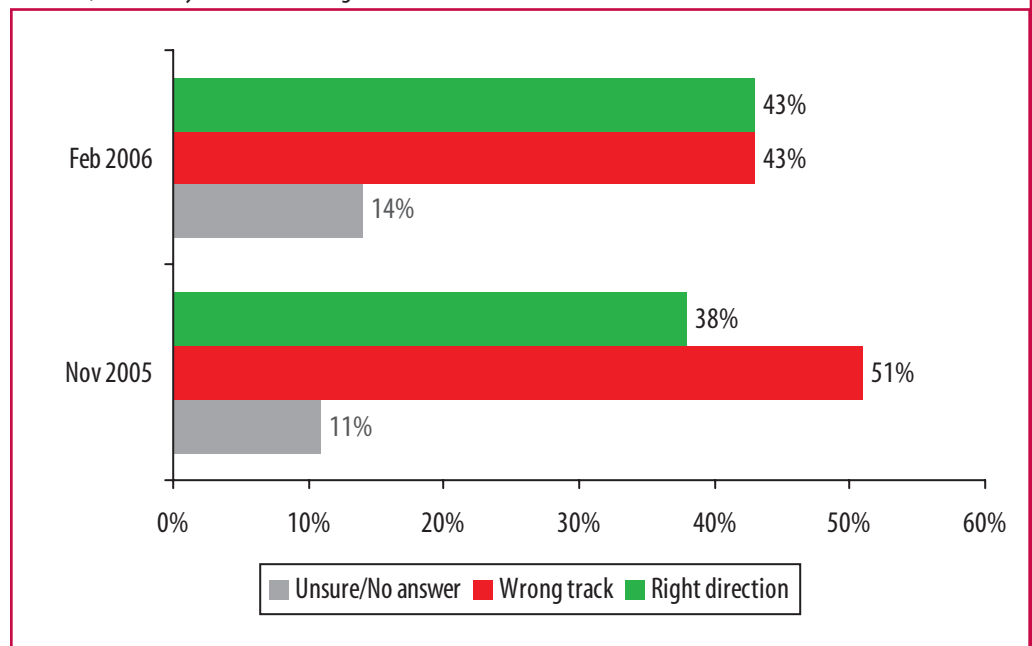
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Question: Generally speaking, would you say things in the province of Ontario are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track?



Group (Margin of Accuracy)	Right direction	Wrong track	Unsure/No answer
	%	%	%
Ontario ($\pm 4.5\%$)	43	43	14
Men ($\pm 6\%$)	47	42	11
Women ($\pm 6\%$)	39	44	17
Liberal voters ($\pm 8\%$)	65	29	6
PC voters ($\pm 8\%$)	36	53	12
NDP voters ($\pm 11\%$)	38	47	15
Green voters ($\pm 23\%$)	56	23	15
Undecided ($\pm 11\%$)	9	56	35

