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Half say Liberals going wrong way

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TORONTO -- More than half of Ontarians think Dalton McGuinty's Liberal government is headed in the wrong direction, according to an SES Research poll to be released today.

Even one in four Liberal voters polled indicated that McGuinty's team is on the wrong track.

However, the poll found the Liberals still have the support of 38% of confirmed voters, compared to 35% for the Progressive Conservatives and 19% for the NDP.

SES Research president Nikita Nanos said the numbers suggest it's a two-way race in the run-up to the next election in 2007.

Among male voters, the PCs lead with 35% support, compared to 31% for the Liberals.

Tory support drops to just 22% among women voters, with the Liberals at 32%.

Twenty-one percent of female voters are undecided.

Nanos said the Tories need to be mindful of entering a campaign with such a large gender gap.

"Women are still a pretty significant obstacle to PC growth," he said.

The Liberals should be concerned

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about how many voters think it's headed the wrong way, Nanos said.

The poll found 38% of Ontarians believe McGuinty's government is heading in the right direction, while 51% believe it's on the wrong track.

The 51% figure holds true for both female and male voters.

"We can see that one out of every two Ontarians clearly think that Ontario is headed in the wrong direction," Nanos said.

SES Research polled 525 Ontarians between Nov. 14-16, and the results are considered accurate to within 4.4 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

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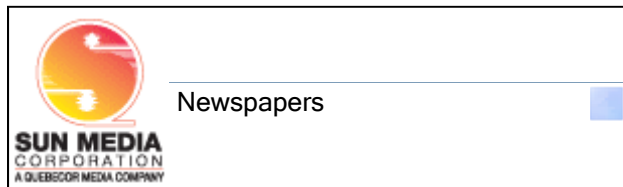
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