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## Doubts about PM surface

Poll's skeptics question honesty

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OTTAWA -- Many Canadians remain skeptical about Prime Minister Paul Martin's honesty on issues ranging from the sponsorship scandal to his knowledge of the day-to-day activities of his shipping empire while he was minister of finance, an SES-Sun Media poll suggests.

The survey of 1,000 Canadians, taken earlier this month, shows many Canadians question Martin's honesty and accountability on controversial issues, while others question his big-business connections and loopholes that allowed him access to the dealings of Canada Steamship Lines, a company he handed over to his three sons after persistent questions concerning conflict of interest.

Of those who offered their opinions on what they would change, if anything, about the PM, more than 15% said they would want Martin, 67, to be more honest, accountable and transparent.

It also appears Martin hasn't managed to completely shake his image as Mr. Dithers, with 7.8% of those expressing an opinion wanting the PM to be more decisive in dealing with the issues, and 5.1% saying it was time for the Liberal party to change leaders.


The poll showed 51% of respondents couldn't form an opinion of Conservative Leader Stephen Harper. Of those who did, however, 8.7% -- the No. 1 response -- said change the leader.


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