New Poll Makes Strong Case for Ontario Government Climate Action

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Ontarians want their government to have a credible climate plan.



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of residents in 10 key provincial ridings said they can't vote for a provincial party without a credible climate plan.

POTENTIAL CONSERVATIVE VOTERS*

62% of Potential PC Voters said the Same.





Question: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: I cannot vote for a provincial political party unless they have a strong plan for addressing climate change.

The majority of all riding respondents said they can't vote for a provincial party without a credible climate plan.





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Ontarians are worried about the costs of climate change and the impact on their families. They want the government to do more.





of riding residents are worried about how climate change will impact their families.

POTENTIAL CONSERVATIVE VOTERS*

72% of Potential PC Voters said the Same.





Question: When you hear news and discussion about climate change how worried are you about how this will impact you and your family?

Over half of respondents think delaying serious action on climate change will cost Ontario more in the future.

POTENTIAL CONSERVATIVE VOTERS*

51% of Potential PC Voters said the Same.



Question: There has been considerable media attention on the rising cost of goods, inflation and other affordability issues in general. Which point of view is closer to your own opinion?

ALL

9 to 1

riding residents say they want the government to do more to address climate change.

POTENTIAL CONSERVATIVE VOTERS*

11 to 1 Potential PC Voters

said the Same.

4 to 1

of PC Voters Said the Same.



Question: Based on what you know and have read, do you think Premier Ford and the Ontario government should do more or less when it comes to addressing climate change?

POTENTIAL CONSERVATIVE VOTERS*

Only 1 in 4 riding residents believe the current government is performing well on climate issues.



0% of Potential PC voters said the government has had a good response to addressing climate change.



Ontarians support carbon pricing and the goal of achieving Net Zero.



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Ontario should do more to reduce emissions

- Current policy is out of step with **the net-zero emissions target for 2050**, a target **supported by more than three-quarters of Ontarians.**
- Increasing climate ambition presents economic opportunities — like creating good-paying jobs, reducing long-term costs for consumers and businesses, and positioning the province to remain competitive in the global low-carbon economy of the future.
- Accelerating climate action will **help Canada minimize total carbon emissions before we reach net-zero**. Reducing cumulative emissions is critical if we want to avoid the worst impacts of climate change.

Do you support or oppose the goal of Canada achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2050?







of riding residents say they support the goal of getting to net-zero.

POTENTIAL CONSERVATIVE VOTERS*

77% of Potential PC Voters said the Same.





ALL

Question: Do you support or oppose the goal of Ontario achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2050?



of riding respondents support increasing the industrial carbon tax on large polluters to encourage them to reduce their emissions.

POTENTIAL CONSERVATIVE VOTERS*

78% of Potential PC Voters said the Same.





Question: Increasing the carbon tax on large polluters to encourage them to reduce their carbon footprint - Support or oppose the government implementing this policy as part of a plan to reduce carbon emissions and help address climate change.



of riding respondents support implementing a carbon tax that ensures the proceeds are sent back to Ontarians as cheques or tax cuts.

POTENTIAL CONSERVATIVE VOTERS*

65% of Potential PC Voters said the Same.





Question: Implementing a carbon tax that makes it more expensive to pollute, but ensures the proceeds from the tax are sent back to Ontarians as cheques or tax cuts - Support or oppose the government implementing this policy as part of a plan to reduce carbon

Carbon tax rebates leave most Ontarians better off

In 2030 a typical Ontario household making less than \$108,000 comes out financially ahead, because the carbon tax rebates exceed the costs of all climate policy

Low-income households fare the best under this system. For example, an average Ontario household earning less than \$21,600 comes out **\$446 ahead**.



Benefits/costs from climate policy, net of rebates (2030)

Net benefit / cost

Note: Rebates from the carbon tax exceed the costs of all climate policies (including the carbon tax) in 2030 for the average household in Ontario earning under \$108,000.

To create a credible climate plan the Ontario Government should focus on transport, buildings, and industry to create clean prosperity.



Ontario should focus on 3 priority sectors

1. Transport (49 Mt)

Supporting the adoption of zero-emission cars, trucks, buses, and other vehicles.

2. Buildings (20 Mt)

Retrofitting residential and commercial buildings for low-carbon energy and improved efficiency.

3. Industry (44 Mt)

Reducing emissions from industrial combustion and industrial processes.

Remaining Ontario emissions in 2030, with all federal climate policy implemented





Note: All federal climate policy pledges, such as the 50% ZEV sales mandate for light-duty vehicles for 2030 and the Clean Electricity Standard, are included in the chart. Emissions shown above are those remaining net of those policies

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