

Project Summary – Ontario Convenience Stores Association submitted by Nanos, July 2014 (Submission 2014-541)



Nanos Research was retained by the Ontario Convenience Store Association to conduct a survey in Toronto on the mayoral race and also o the views of residents on allowing more private retailers to sell beer.

MAYORAL RACE

According to a recent random telephone survey of 600 residents of Toronto conducted by Nanos Research for the Ontario Convenience Stores Association, if an election was held today John Tory (39.1%) currently leads Olivia Chow (32.7%) and Rob Ford (21.7%) among decided voters. None of the other contenders have above 5% of decided votes.

- The most important issue for Toronto according to residents is public transit (34.8%) followed by high property taxes (17.1%), jobs and the local economy (16.4%) and traffic (14.1%).
- John Tory has a marginal advantage over Olivia Chow. For each of the top contenders, the other is the most likely second choice for their existing voters. Also of note, Rob Ford is a distant third with less second choice vote potential than both Tory and Chow.

Rob Ford has little growth potential at this time given that he is not the second preference for many supporters of either top two contenders. His current support is higher among young men under 30 and lower among women.

 Readers should note that since an election is not being held today, the results cannot be projected to a future vote.



RETAIL SALE OF BEER

The survey also included four questions that examined retails sales of beer.

- Overall, 66.6% think that buying beer in Ontario right now is either convenient (44.4%) or somewhat convenient (12.2%). Younger residents tend to find it less convenient.
- 50.9% would be more likely or somewhat more likely to purchase craft beer more frequently if it was more widely available.
- Only 25.6% correctly identified foreign multi-nationals as the owners of the Beer Store.
- After being presented with the facts about current retail distribution, 66.7% support or somewhat support allowing more private retailers to sell beer.

Issue

Source: Nanos Research, RDD dual frame random telephone survey, July 2nd to 5th, 2014, n=600 Torontonians, accurate ±4.0 percentage points plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.

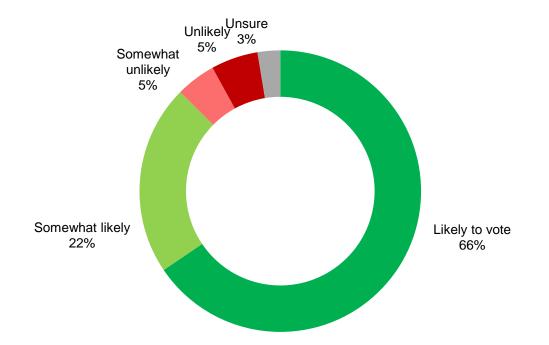
	Total (n=600)
TTC/Public transit/more subways	34.8%
High property taxes	17.1%
Jobs/local economy	16.4%
Traffic/gridlock	14.1%
Mayor Ford/Mayor has embarrassed Toronto	4.1%
City budget/control spending	1.7%
Poor overall leadership at City Hall	1.5%
Crumbling infrastructure	1.0%
Other	4.5%
Unsure	4.8%

QUESTION – What is the most important issue facing the City of Toronto? [Open-ended]

Public transit (34.8%) is the top issue for residents of Toronto. The next most important are high property taxes (17.1%), jobs and the local economy (16.4%) and traffic (14.1%).

Vote Intentions

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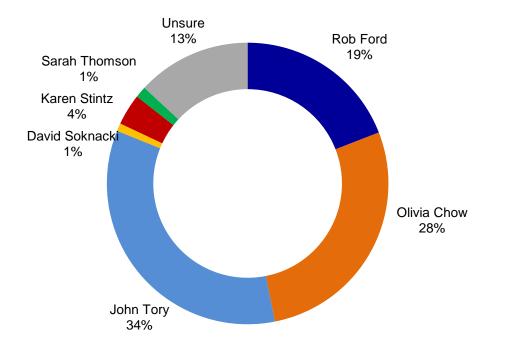
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QUESTION – Thinking of the upcoming municipal election in the City of Toronto, are you likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, or unlikely to vote?

Two thirds (65.6%) say that they are likely to vote and another 21.9% are somewhat likely.

Vote Intentions including Undecided

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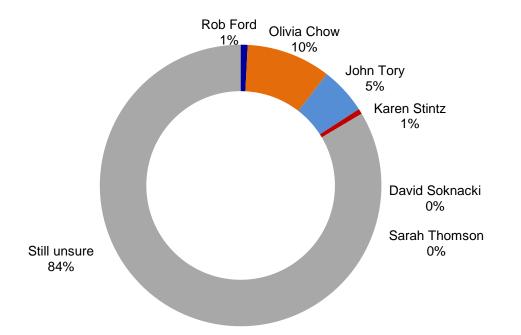
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QUESTION – If the election for Mayor of Toronto were held today, please tell me your first choice and your second choice from the following list of candidates: [ROTATE] [First Ranked Response; Excluding Leaners]

John Tory (34.2%) has a lead over Olivia Chow (27.8%) at this time with 13.1% unsure of for whom they will vote. Rob Ford is a distant third (19.1%).

Leaning Vote Intentions

Source: Nanos Research, RDD dual frame random telephone survey, July 2nd to 5th, 2014, n=79 undecied Torontonians, accurate ±4.0 percentage points plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.



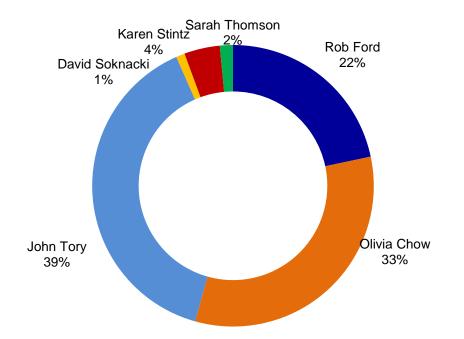
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QUESTION – [IF UNSURE Q3] Are you currently leaning toward any candidate for Mayor of Toronto?

Among those who are unsure, Olivia Chow (9.7%) currently receives the most leaning choices followed by John Tory (5.4%).

Ballot

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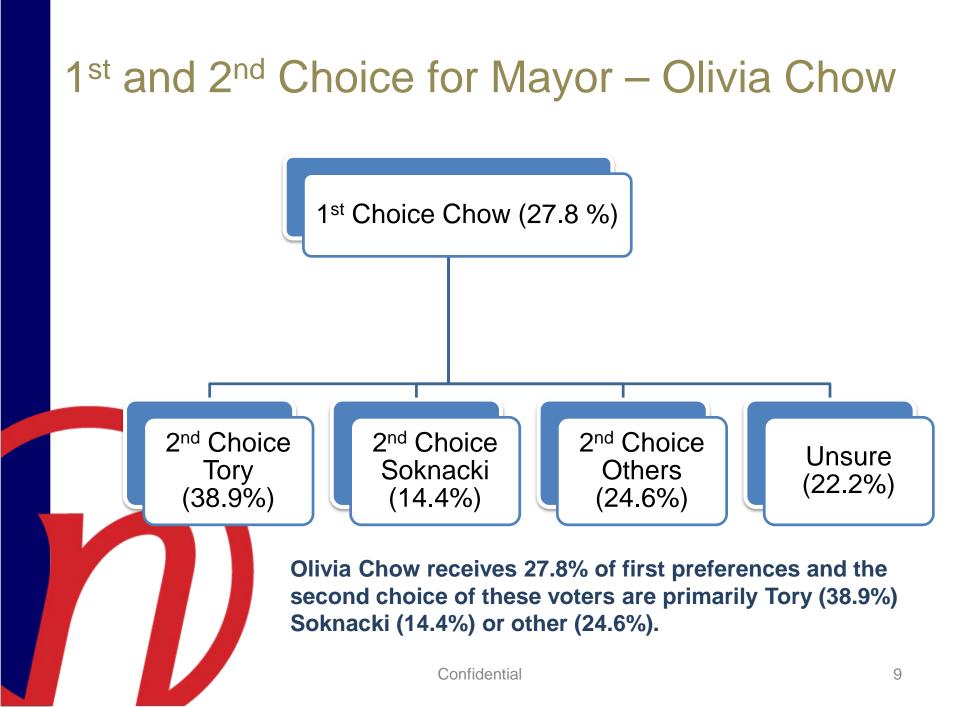


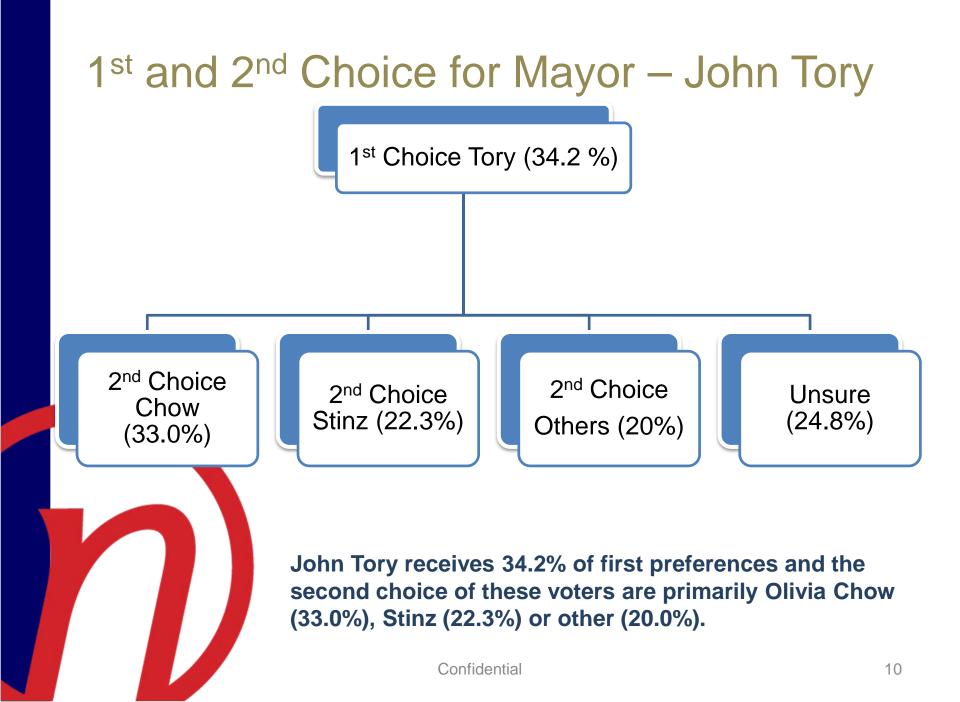
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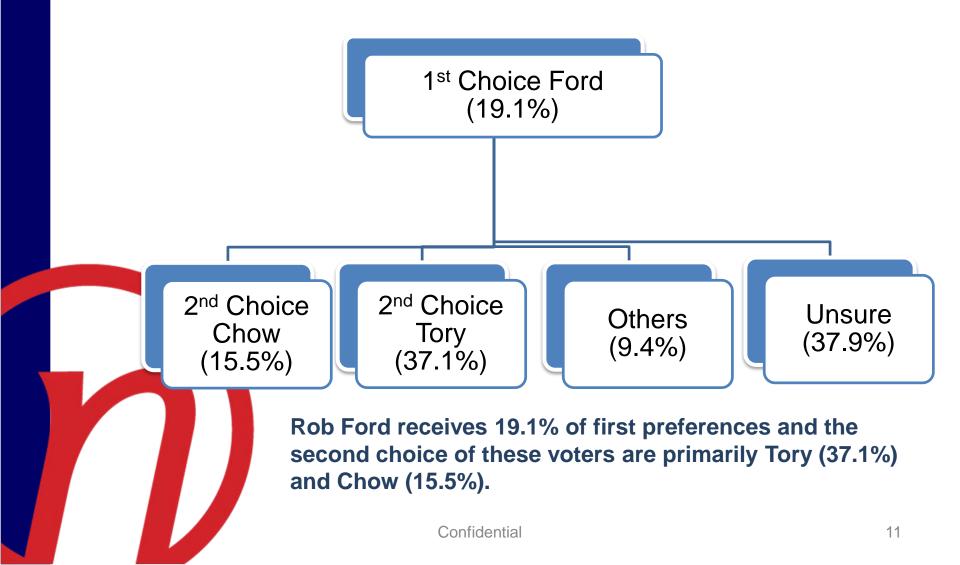
Among decided voters, John Tory (39.1%) leads Olivia Chow (32.7%) and Rob Ford (21.7%). Olivia Chow is the clear first preference among women (40.7%). John Tory is more likely to be liked by older voters while Ford receives his highest support from those under 30 years of age.





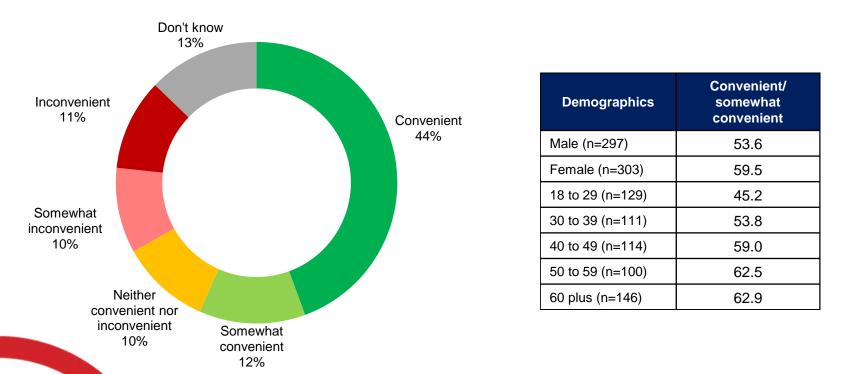


1st and 2nd Choice for Mayor – Rob Ford



Convenience of Buying Beer

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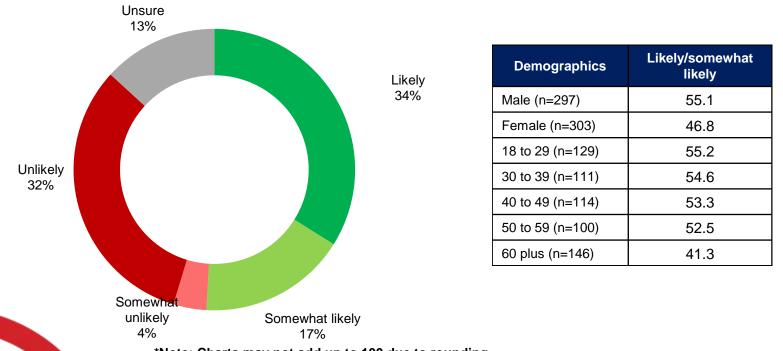
QUESTION - In Ontario, most beer is sold through stores owned by The Beer Store or the LCBO. Thinking only of retail store locations in your community and their hours of operation, would you say that buying beer is convenient, somewhat convenient, neither convenient nor inconvenient, somewhat inconvenient, or inconvenient?

Most people think that buying beer is convenient (44.4%) or somewhat convenient (12.2%). This is particularly true for those 50 years and older. Confidential

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Craft Beer

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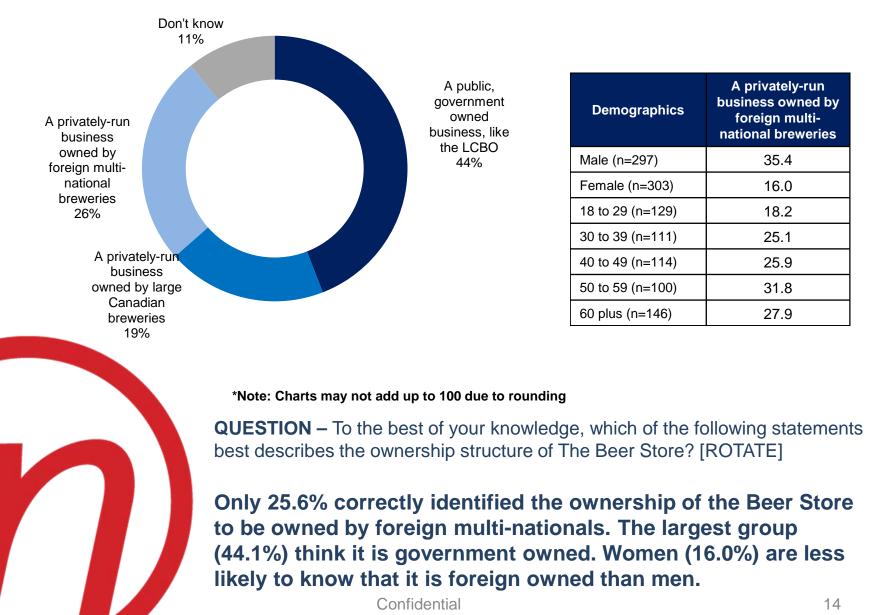
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QUESTION – Among the fastest growing categories of beer sales in Ontario are craft beers brewed by local Ontario craft brewers. If products from Ontario craft brewers were more widely available at more retail locations, would you be likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, or unlikely to purchase craft beers more frequently?

If craft brewery products were more widely available, 33.9% would be more likely and 17.0% somewhat more likely to purchase them frequently. Men and those under 60 years of age are more likely to purchase more if they were more available.

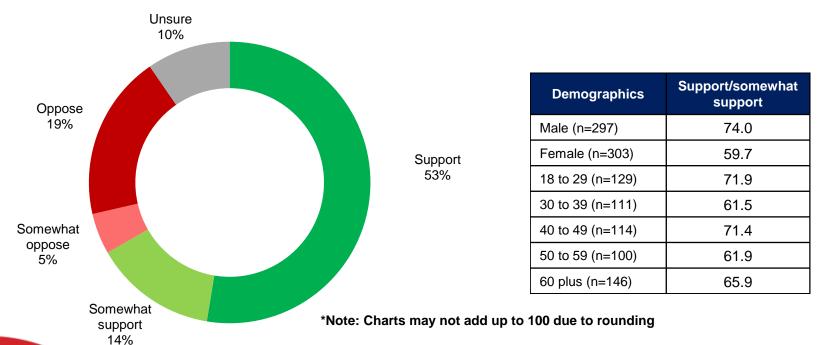
Ownership of The Beer Store

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Private Retailers Selling Beer

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QUESTION – As you may know, The Beer Store is a privately-owned business owned by three foreign multi-national companies. Currently, about 80% of beer in Ontario is sold through the privately-owned Beer Store, about 20% is sold through the government-owned LCBO and about 200 privately-owned convenience stores in largely rural locations. Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose allowing more private retailers to sell beer and compete with The Beer Store in Ontario?

More than half (52.6%) support and 14.1% somewhat support allowing more private retailers to sell beer after being presented with the facts about current retail distribution. Support is much higher among men.



Methodology

The survey was commissioned by the Ontario Convenience Stores Association. This random telephone survey of 600 Torontonians was conducted between July 2nd and July 5th, 2014 by Nanos Research. The dual frame sample included both land- and cell-lines across Toronto. The results were statistically checked and weighted by age and gender using the latest Census information and the sample is geographically stratified to be representative of Toronto.

The vote and issue module was asked first in the survey followed by some proprietary questions related to convenience stores.

Individuals randomly called using random digit dialling with a maximum of five call backs.

The margin of error for a random survey of 600 Torontonians is ± 4.0 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

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Tabulations

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Question 1 - What is the most important issue facing the City of Toronto?

				Reg	jion		Total
			Etobicoke	North York	Scarborough	Toronto	
	Jobs/local economy	Count	15	30	24	30	9
	Jobs/local economy		18.3%	18.3%	16.4%	14.2%	16.4
	City budget/control spending	Count	1	3	2	4	1
	City budget/control spending		1.2%	1.8%	1.4%	1.9%	1.7
	Mayor Ford/Mayor has	Count	1	3	8	13	2
	embarrassed Toronto		1.2%	1.8%	5.5%	6.2%	4.1
	Cost of housing	Count	2	0	1	2	
	Cost of housing		2.4%	0.0%	0.7%	0.9%	0.8
	High property taxes	Count	13	31	21	38	10
	high property taxes		15.9%	18.9%	14.4%	18.0%	17.1
	Traffic/gridlock	Count	7	30	26	22	8
	Traine/grubek		8.5%	18.3%	17.8%	10.4%	14.1
Question 1 - What	TTC/Public transit/more	Count	34	52	45	79	2
	subways		41.5%	31.7%	30.8%	37.4%	34.8
s the most mportant issue	City Planning Department is a	Count	0	1	0	2	
acing the City of	mess		0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.9%	0.5
Foronto?	Poor overall leadership at City	Count	1	2	1	5	
	Hall		1.2%	1.2%	0.7%	2.4%	1.
	Crumbling infrastructure	Count	1	1	2	2	
	Crumbing infrastructure		1.2%	0.6%	1.4%	0.9%	1.0
	Schools in disrepair	Count	0	1	2	1	
	Schools in disrepair		0.0%	0.6%	1.4%	0.5%	0.
	Hydro cost	Count	2	0	0	1	
			2.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.
	Access to healthcare	Count	0	1	1	4	
	Access to healthcare		0.0%	0.6%	0.7%	1.9%	1.
	Other	Count	0	0	4	2	
	Other		0.0%	0.0%	2.7%	0.9%	1.0
	Unsure	Count	5	9	9	6	
	Ulisule		6.1%	5.5%	6.2%	2.8%	4.
otal		Count	82	164	146	211	6
iotai			100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0



		_		Region				Gen	der		Age			
			Toronto 2014-07	Etobicoke	North York	Scarborough	Toronto	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 plus
		Unwgt N	600	81	164	146	209	297	303	- 72	- 87	119	146	176
	Total	Wgt N	600	81	164	146	209	297	303	129	111	114	100	146
Question 2 – Thinking of the upcoming municipal	Likely to vote	%	65.6	62.2	69.0	63.1	66.0	64.6	66.6	51.7	55.4	68.4	72.1	79.1
election in the City of Toronto are you likely,	Somewhat likely to vote	%	21.9	21.7	19.3	24.4	22.2	18.5	25.3	30.6	25.9	20.6	18.0	14.8
somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely or unlikely to vote?	Somewhat unlikely to vote	%	4.6	8.1	3.4	2.7	5.4	6.3	2.9	7.0	4.3	4.2	5.7	2.2
	Unlikely to vote	%	5.4	5.2	7.3	4.9	4.2	6.6	4.2	7.4	10.7	6.1	3.0	.5
	Don't know	%	2.6	2.8	.9	5.0	2.1	4.1	1.1	3.4	3.8	.7	1.1	3.4



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Question 3 (first ranked	Rob Ford	%	19.1	23.7	20.8	23.7	12.9	24.1	14.3	26.1	13.7	22.0	15.9	17.1
response) – If the election for Mayor of Toronto were	Olivia Chow	%	27.8	24.1	19.8	30.1	34.0	22.0	33.6	28.0	25.7	24.6	31.4	29.3
held today, please tell me your first choice and your	John Tory	%	34.2	33.6	38.7	28.3	35.0	38.5	30.0	21.0	30.4	39.7	37.7	42.0
second choice from the following list of candidates: [ROTATE	David Soknacki	%	.9	.0	.7	1.8	.7	1.2	.5	1.6	.8	.0	1.6	.5
ORDER]	Karen Stinz	%	3.6	3.8	3.9	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.6	2.9	5.4	2.4	2.9	4.2
	Sarah Thomson	%	1.3	.0	2.0	1.5	1.1	.8	1.8	.0	3.9	2.4	.8	.0
	Unsure	%	13.1	14.8	14.2	11.3	12.8	9.8	16.3	20.4	20.1	8.9	9.7	6.9



						Mayor of Toronto w following list of can			Total
		-	Rob Ford	Olivia Chow	John Tory	David Soknacki	Karen Stinz	Sarah Thomson	
	-	Count	0	15	22	0	2	0	39
	Rob Ford		0.0%	9.0%	10.7%	0.0%	8.7%	0.0%	7.4%
		Count	18	0	68	2	6	4	98
	Olivia Chow		15.5%	0.0%	33.0%	33.3%	26.1%	50.0%	18.6%
Question 3 (second ranked	John Tory	Count	43	65	0	1	11	0	120
response) – If the election for			37.1%	38.9%	0.0%	16.7%	47.8%	0.0%	22.8%
Mayor of Toronto were held today, please tell me your first choice and		Count	4	24	17	0	1	1	47
your second choice from the			3.4%	14.4%	8.3%	0.0%	4.3%	12.5%	8.9%
following list of candidates: [ROTATE ORDER]		Count	5	20	46	0	0	0	71
	Karen Stinz		4.3%	12.0%	22.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	13.5%
		Count	2	6	2	0	2	0	12
	Sarah Thomson		1.7%	3.6%	1.0%	0.0%	8.7%	0.0%	2.3%
		Count	44	37	51	3	1	3	139
	Unsure		37.9%	22.2%	24.8%	50.0%	4.3%	37.5%	26.4%
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Total			100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%



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	Total	Wgt N	600	81	164	146	209	297	303	129	111	114	100	146
	No answer	%	13.1	14.8	14.2	11.3	12.8	9.8	16.3	20.4	20.1	8.9	9.7	6.9
Question 3 (second ranked response) – If the	Rob Ford	%	6.4	3.1	6.8	10.6	4.5	7.6	5.2	5.5	5.3	9.8	7.1	4.8
election for Mayor of Toronto were held today,	Olivia Chow	%	16.2	24.4	12.2	18.7	14.4	17.3	15.1	14.6	18.9	19.9	14.1	14.1
please tell me your first choice and your second choice from the following	John Tory	%	19.9	29.7	18.7	15.9	19.8	19.6	20.1	15.8	20.7	18.7	18.0	25.0
list of candidates: [ROTATE ORDER]	David Soknacki	%	7.8	10.5	6.9	8.6	6.8	7.2	8.4	10.5	6.8	6.3	7.3	7.6
	Karen Stinz	%	11.7	2.7	14.6	9.6	14.4	14.4	9.1	8.2	18.2	8.3	13.7	11.2
	Sarah Thomson	%	1.8	.0	2.4	2.0	1.9	2.3	1.4	3.6	.0	.0	3.7	1.7
	Unsure	%	23.1	14.8	24.2	23.2	25.4	21.7	24.5	21.3	10.0	28.0	26.3	28.7



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			Toronto 2014- 07	Etobicoke	North York	Scarborough	Toronto	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 plus
		Unwgt N	67	11	18	16	22	25	42	15	16	10	14	12
	Total	Wgt N	79	12	23	17	27	29	49	26	22	10	10	10
Question 4 (undecided	Rob Ford	%	.8	.0	.0	.0	2.2	.0	1.2	.0	.0	.0	6.2	.0
only) - Are you currently leaning toward any	Olivia Chow	%	9.7	.0	6.5	10.8	16.0	9.5	9.7	7.6	13.2	7.7	.0	18.5
candidate for Mayor of Toronto?	John Tory	%	5.4	11.6	.0	7.8	5.8	7.1	4.3	.0	.0	12.8	14.2	15.4
	Karen Stinz	%	.6	4.2	.0	.0	.0	.0	1.0	.0	.0	.0	5.2	.0
	Unsure	%	83.6	84.2	93.5	81.3	76.0	83.3	83.7	92.4	86.8	79.5	74.4	66.1



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	Olivia Chow	%	29.1	24.1	20.7	31.3	36.0	22.9	35.1	29.6	28.4	25.3	31.4	30.6
Vote Profile	John Tory	%	34.8	34.7	38.7	29.2	35.7	39.2	30.5	21.0	30.4	40.9	38.6	43.1
	David Soknacki	%	.9	.0	.7	1.8	.7	1.2	.5	1.6	.8	.0	1.6	.5
	Karen Stinz	%	3.7	4.4	3.9	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.8	2.9	5.4	2.4	3.4	4.2
	Sarah Thomson	%	1.3	.0	2.0	1.5	1.1	.8	1.8	.0	3.9	2.4	.8	.0
	Unsure	%	10.9	12.4	13.3	9.2	9.7	8.2	13.6	18.9	17.5	7.1	7.2	4.5



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		Unwgt N	546	73	147	133	193	277	269	58	73	111	136	168
	Total	Wgt N	534	71	142	133	189	273	262	105	91	106	93	139
	Rob Ford	%	21.7	27.8	24.0	26.1	14.6	26.3	16.9	32.1	16.6	23.7	18.4	17.9
	Olivia Chow	%	32.7	27.6	23.9	34.5	39.9	24.9	40.7	36.5	34.4	27.2	33.8	32.1
Ballot	John Tory	%	39.1	39.6	44.6	32.1	39.6	42.7	35.3	25.9	36.8	44.0	41.6	45.1
	David Soknacki	%	1.0	.0	.8	2.0	.8	1.3	.6	2.0	.9	.0	1.8	.5
	Karen Stinz	%	4.1	5.0	4.5	3.6	3.8	3.8	4.4	3.5	6.6	2.6	3.6	4.4
	Sarah Thomson	%	1.5	.0	2.3	1.6	1.3	.9	2.0	.0	4.8	2.6	.8	.0