Almost three in 10 Ontarians strategically voting.

Nanos Ontario Political Tracking, ending February 22, 2025
(Provincial survey released February, 2025)
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> *"Although a majority of Ontarians report they will be voting for a party or leader they like, a noticeable percentage say they are voting against a party (17 percent) or a leader (11 per cent) they do not want to win. Strategic voters are more likely to be Liberals, New Democrats or Greens compared to PCs."*
>
> *Nik Nanos, Chief Data Scientist*

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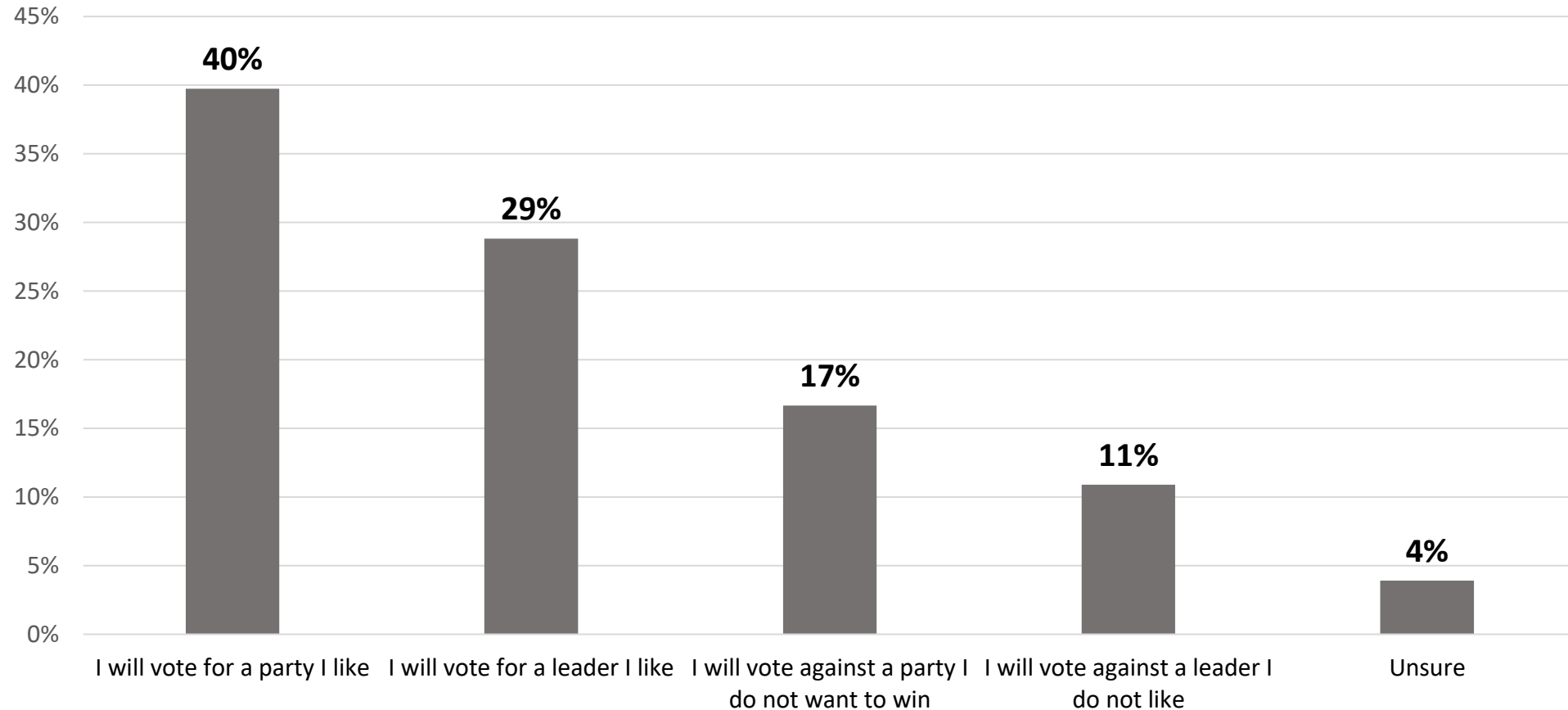
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Voting rationale for the upcoming Ontario provincial election

Question: Thinking of the current provincial election, which of the following statements best reflects your personal view? [RANDOMIZE]

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Category	Percentage
I will vote for a party I like	40%
I will vote for a leader I like	29%
I will vote against a party I do not want to win	17%
I will vote against a leader I do not like	11%
Unsure	4%

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Voting rationale for the upcoming Ontario provincial election – by region

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	Feb 22, 2025 Ontario (n=920)	Golden West (n=145)	SW/ Central (n=189)	North and East (n=225)	Toronto (n=191)	GTA (n=170)
I will vote for a party I like	39.7%	45.4%	41.4%	40.9%	39.8%	32.4%
I will vote for a leader I like	28.8%	23.8%	30.7%	29.6%	21.9%	35.8%
I will vote against a party I do not want to win	16.7%	16.8%	13.5%	17.3%	20.7%	15.6%
I will vote against a leader I do not like	10.9%	12.8%	9.1%	6.5%	15.3%	11.9%
Unsure	3.9%	1.2%	5.3%	5.7%	2.2%	4.3%

Source: CTV/Nanos Research tracking survey Ontarians, February 20 to 22, 2025, n=920, accurate 3.2 percentage points plus or minus, 19 times out of 20. See full methodology here.

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Voting rationale for the upcoming Ontario provincial election – by age and gender

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	Feb 22, 2025 Ontario (n=920)	Men (n=497)	Women (n=422)	18 to 34 (n=135)	35 to 54 (n=329)	55 plus (n=456)
I will vote for a party I like	39.7%	43.4%	36.3%	39.0%	38.8%	40.9%
I will vote for a leader I like	28.8%	26.0%	31.5%	29.5%	27.2%	29.7%
I will vote against a party I do not want to win	16.7%	15.9%	17.2%	19.5%	17.2%	14.2%
I will vote against a leader I do not like	10.9%	9.0%	12.7%	8.1%	13.0%	11.1%
Unsure	3.9%	5.6%	2.3%	3.9%	3.8%	4.0%

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Voting rationale for the upcoming Ontario provincial election – by voter profile

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	Feb 22, 2025 Ontario (n=920)	Ontario Liberal Party (n=239)	Progressive Conservative Party (n=384)	Ontario New Democratic Party (n=135)	Green Party of Ontario (n=41)	Other (n=19)*	Undecided (n=102)
I will vote for a party I like	39.7%	42.7%	42.7%	38.7%	30.0%	-	38.3%
I will vote for a leader I like	28.8%	17.3%	38.0%	22.4%	19.1%	-	20.9%
I will vote against a party I do not want to win	16.7%	20.4%	10.6%	23.7%	28.4%	-	11.0%
I will vote against a leader I do not like	10.9%	17.5%	5.0%	12.5%	22.5%	-	18.0%
Unsure	3.9%	2.0%	3.7%	2.8%	0.0%	-	11.9%

*Note: Responses with a sample size of less than 30 have been suppressed

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METHODOLOGY

The CTV News/Nanos nightly provincial election tracking conducted by Nanos Research surveys 900 Ontarians aged 18 years and over three days (300 interviews each day). Respondents are all randomly recruited through a dual-frame (cell- and land-line) RDD sample using live agents. One half of the sample is administered the questionnaire by telephone and one half are administered the same questionnaire online. The random sample may be weighted by age and gender according to the latest Canadian census data. Throughout the election, the interviews are compiled into a three-night rolling average of 900 interviews, with the oldest group of 300 interviews being replaced by a new group of 300 each evening. The current data covers the three-night period ending February 22, 2025.

A random survey of 920 Ontarians is accurate ±3.2 percentage points, plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.

The full methodology is detailed in the technical note in this report. This research was conducted and released in accordance with the standards of the CRIC of which the firm is an accredited member.

Full data tables with weighted and unweighted number of interviews is here.

Note: Charts may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

Element	Description
Research sponsor	CTV News
Population and Final Sample Size	920 Randomly selected individuals, three-day sample of 300 individuals each day compiled into a three day rolling average.
Source of Sample	Nanos Insights Labs Probability Panel and RDD cell- land-lines.
Type of Sample	Probability
Margin of Error	±3.2 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.
Mode of Survey	RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) random telephone survey (50%) and online deployed to Nanos Insights Labs Probability Panel (50%).
Sampling Method Base	The sample included both land- and cell-lines RDD (Random Digit Dialed) across Ontario.
Demographics (Captured)	Men and Women; 18 years and older. Six-digit postal code was used to validate geography.
Demographics (Other)	Age, gender, education, income
Fieldwork/Validation	Live interviews with live supervision to validate work.
Number of Calls	Maximum of five call backs for the telephone sample.
Time of Calls	Local time 5:00-9:00 pm, on weekends 12:00- 6:00 pm
Field Dates	February 20 to 22, 2025
Language of Survey	The survey was conducted in English.
Standards	Nanos Research is a member of the Canadian Research Insights Council (CRIC) and confirms that this research fully complies with all CRIC Standards including the CRIC Public Opinion Research Standards and Disclosure Requirements. https://canadianresearchinsightscouncil.ca/standards/

Element	Description
Weighting of Data	The results may be weighted by age and gender using the latest Census information (2021) and the sample is geographically stratified to ensure a distribution across all regions of Ontario. See tables for full weighting disclosure.
Screening	Screening ensured potential respondents did not work in the market research industry, in the advertising industry, in the media or a political party prior to administering the survey to ensure the integrity of the data.
Excluded Demographics	Individuals younger than 18 years old; individuals without land or cell line or internet could not participate.
Stratification	By age and gender using the latest Census information (2021) and the sample is geographically stratified to be representative of Ontario.
Estimated Response Rate	Ten percent, consistent with industry norms.
Question Order	Question order in the preceding report reflects the order in which they appeared in the original questionnaire. PROVINCIAL Ballot was released as Part 1.
Question Content	This was module two of a nightly tracking survey.
Question Wording	The questionnaire includes questions on which parties people would consider, then explores ballot and preferred premier preferences and closes with issue questions identified by CTV News and demographics.
Research/Data Collection Supplier	Nanos Research
Contact	Contact Nanos Research for more information or with any concerns or questions. http://www.nanos.co Telephone: (613) 234-4666 ext. 237 Email: info@nanosresearch.com.
Tabulations	By region, age, gender, voter profile and number of weighted and unweighted interviews 2025-2783 CTV Ontario ELXN Issue K - Voting Rationale - Formatted Tabs.xlsx 2025-2783 CTV Ontario ELXN Issue K - Voting Rationale - Formatted Tabs by Vote.xlsx

TECHNICAL NOTE

Nanos stratifies the provincial sample into the following sub-regions for weighting and analytical purposes.

North and East

Southwest and Central

GTA

Toronto

Golden West
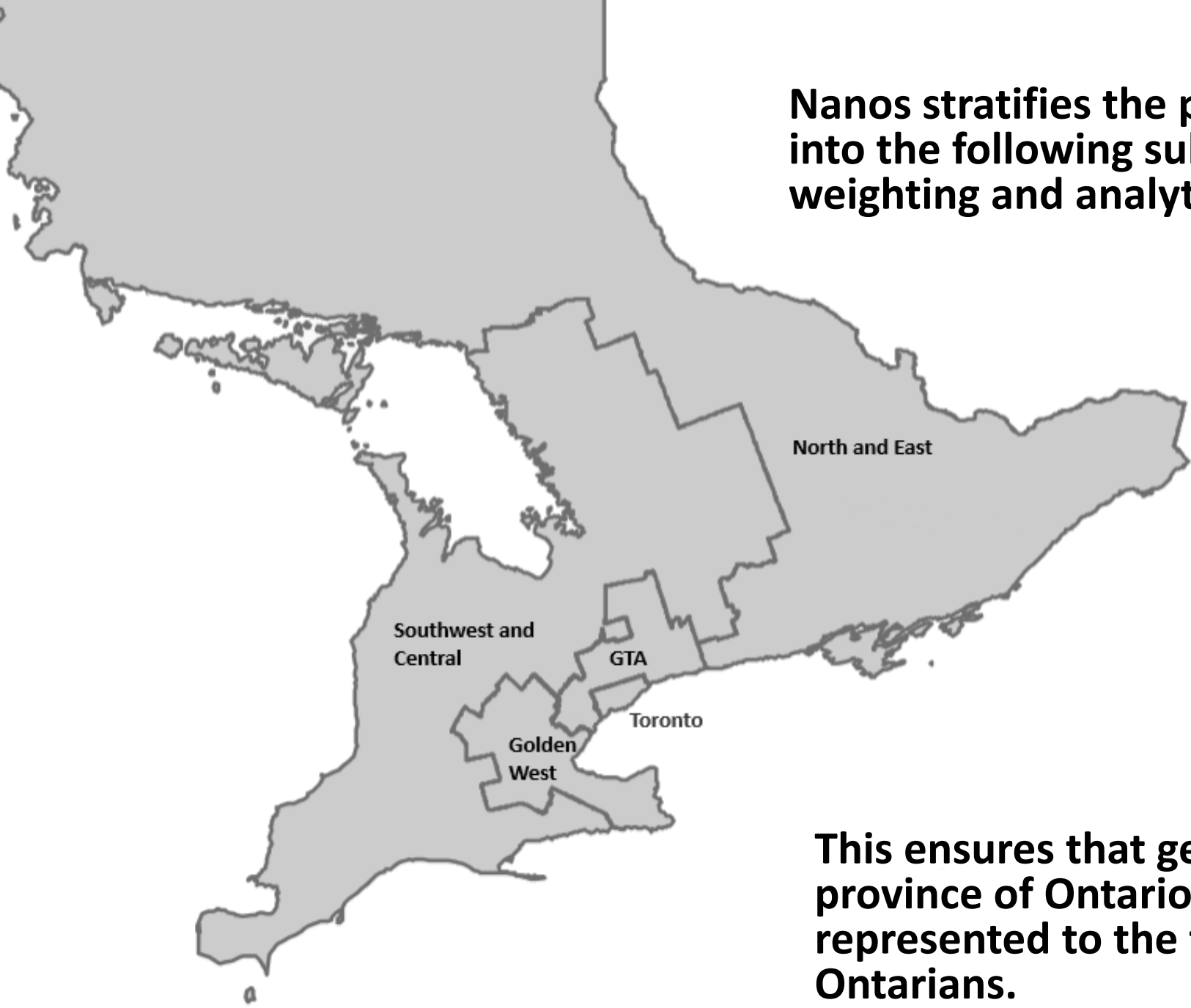
This ensures that geographies within the province of Ontario are properly represented to the true distribution of Ontarians.

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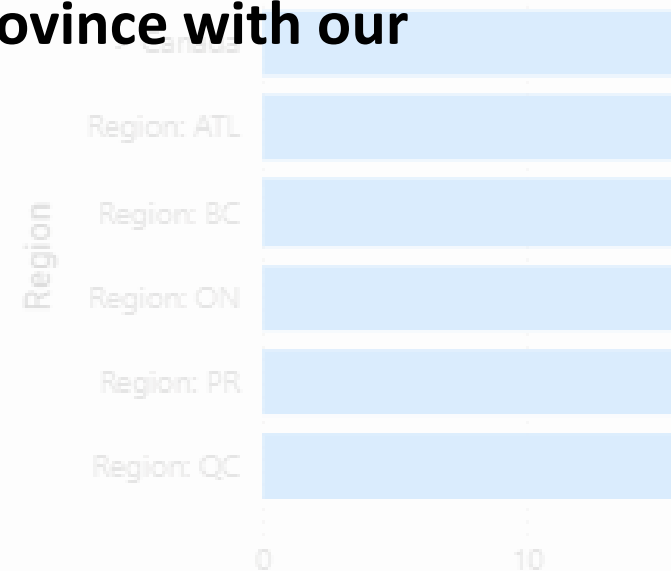
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