

HWY 401 Tunnel Expansion

Provincial Survey
January 2, 2026



Methodology

Liaison surveyed a random sample of **1,000 Ontarians** on behalf of Focus Ontario through Interactive Voice Recording (IVR) **from December 5-7.**

Responses were weighted by demographic and geographic information to targets based on the 2021 Census.

The **margin of error** for survey results is **± 3.09** percentage points, 19 times out of 20 for the total.

The margin of error is higher for sub-samples.

Results may not add up to 100 due to rounding.



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	Total	Female	Male	Other
Unweighted	1000	494	472	34
Weighted	1000	501	470	29

	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Unweighted	271	243	255	231
Weighted	277	238	256	229

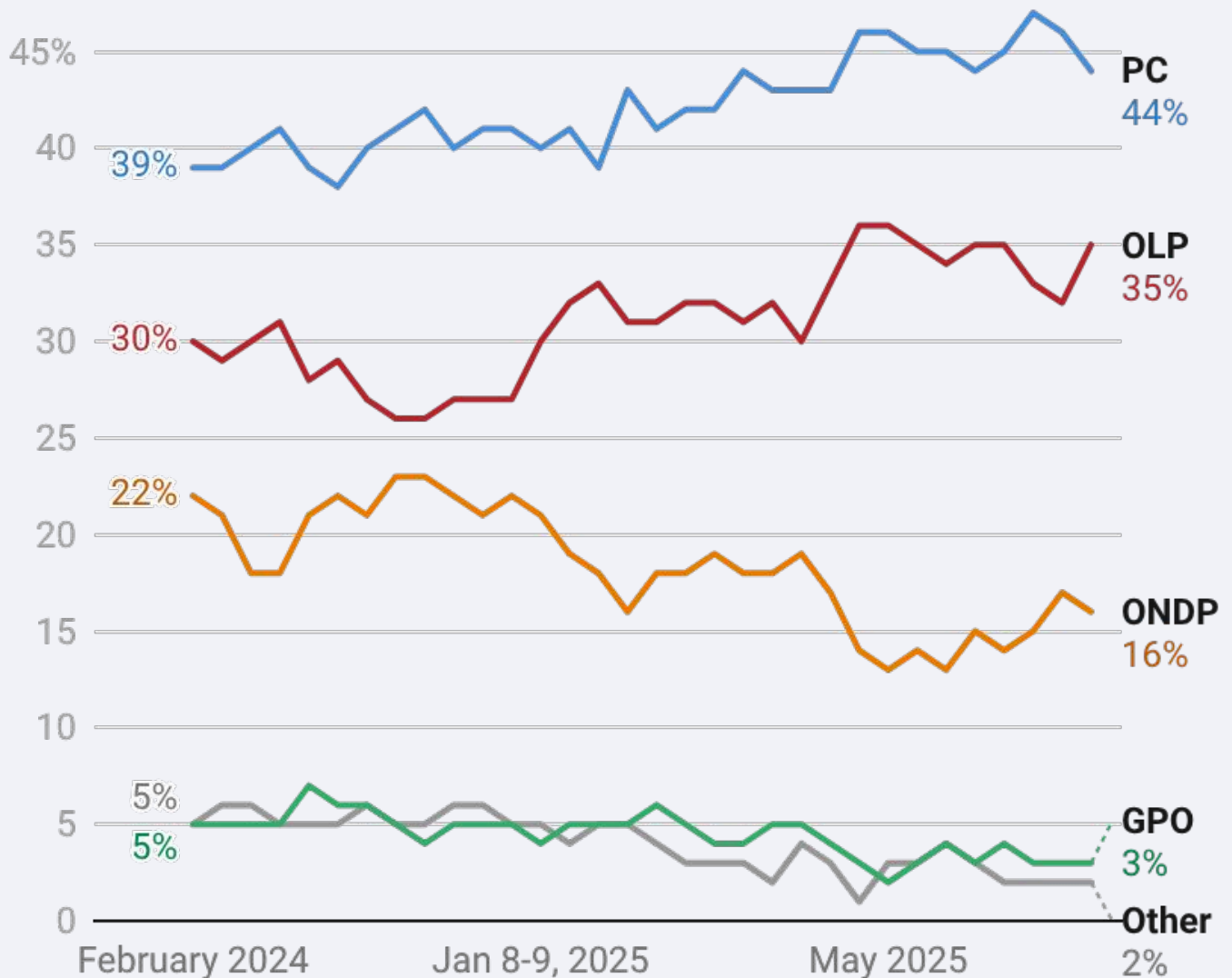
	North	East	SW	SC	905	416
Unweighted	57	183	190	95	275	200
Weighted	55	181	189	92	279	204



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If a Provincial Election were held today, **which party would you vote for?**

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If a Provincial Election were held today, which party would you vote for?

	Total	Female	Male	Other
PC	44 %	37 %	52 %	46 %
NDP	16 %	17 %	14 %	13 %
OLP	35 %	41 %	29 %	40 %
GP	3 %	2 %	4 %	1 %
Other	2 %	3 %	2 %	0 %

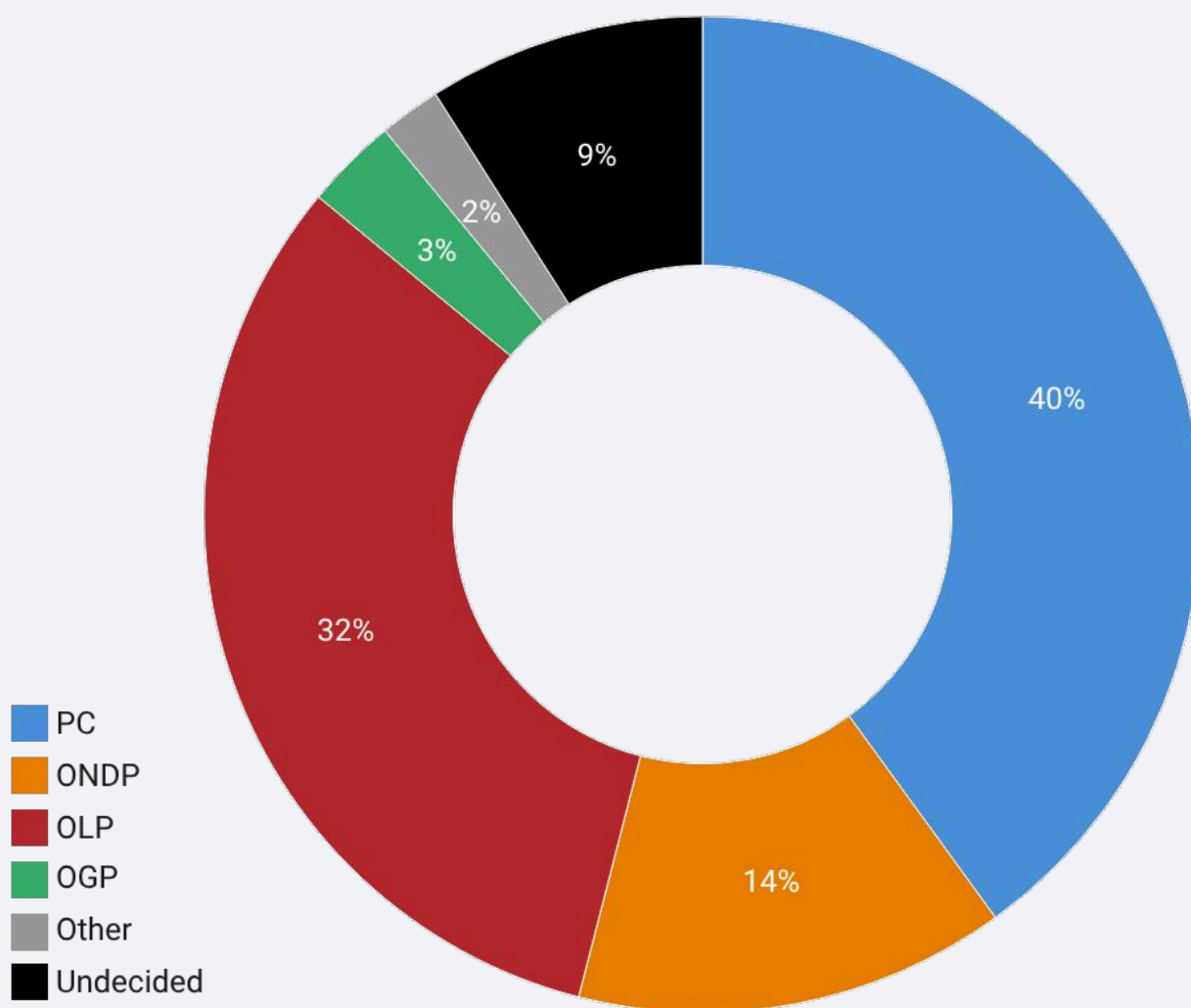
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
PC	44 %	46 %	44 %	44 %
NDP	21 %	16 %	12 %	13 %
OLP	29 %	31 %	40 %	41 %
GP	4 %	4 %	2 %	2 %
Other	2 %	4 %	2 %	1 %

	North	East	SW	SC	905	416
PC	30 %	54 %	52 %	48 %	38 %	40 %
NDP	19 %	18 %	17 %	23 %	14 %	11 %
OLP	40 %	23 %	28 %	23 %	44 %	45 %
GP	6 %	3 %	1 %	4 %	2 %	4 %
Other	5 %	3 %	2 %	1 %	3 %	1 %



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If a Provincial Election were held today, which party would you vote for?

	Total	Female	Male	Other
PC	40 %	33 %	47 %	42 %
NDP	14 %	16 %	13 %	12 %
OLP	32 %	37 %	26 %	30 %
GP	3 %	2 %	4 %	1 %
Other	2 %	2 %	2 %	0 %
Undecided	9 %	10 %	8 %	16 %

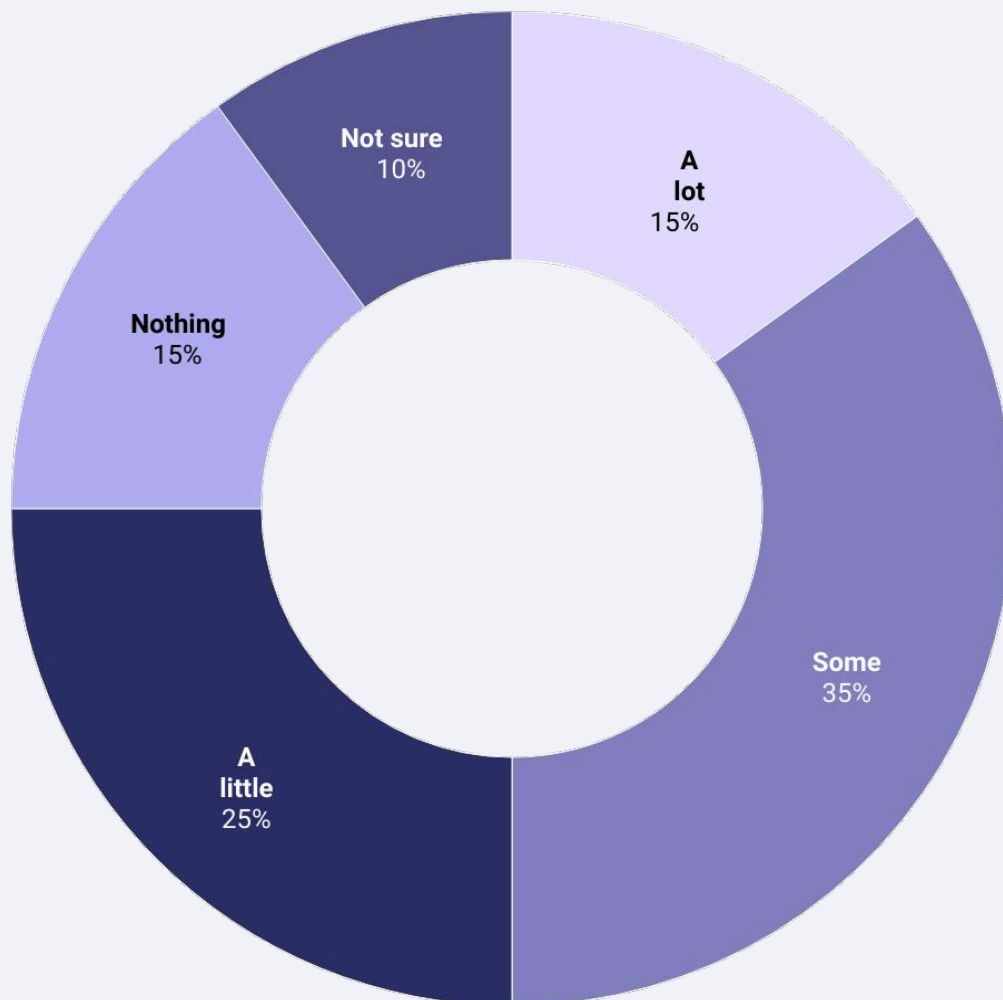
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
PC	39 %	40 %	40 %	40 %
NDP	20 %	14 %	11 %	12 %
OLP	26 %	27 %	37 %	38 %
GP	4 %	3 %	1 %	2 %
Other	2 %	4 %	2 %	1 %
Undecided	10 %	11 %	9 %	7 %

	North	East	SW	SC	905	416
PC	26 %	47 %	50 %	41 %	34 %	35 %
NDP	18 %	16 %	16 %	21 %	12 %	10 %
OLP	36 %	21 %	25 %	21 %	40 %	40 %
GP	6 %	3 %	1 %	4 %	2 %	4 %
Other	5 %	3 %	2 %	1 %	2 %	1 %
Undecided	9 %	9 %	6 %	12 %	9 %	11 %



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Before today, how much **had you heard about the provincial government's proposal** to build a long tunnel under Highway 401?



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	Total	Female	Male	Other
A Lot	15 %	15 %	15 %	17 %
Some	35 %	35 %	35 %	47 %
A Little	25 %	27 %	24 %	15 %
Nothing	15 %	15 %	16 %	7 %
Not Sure	10 %	9 %	11 %	15 %

	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
A Lot	14 %	17 %	14 %	15 %
Some	35 %	37 %	35 %	33 %
A Little	22 %	23 %	25 %	30 %
Nothing	15 %	14 %	16 %	16 %
Not Sure	13 %	9 %	10 %	7 %



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Before today, how much had you heard about the provincial government's proposal to build a long tunnel under Highway 401?

	North	East	SW	SC	905	416
A Lot	21 %	12 %	16 %	22 %	12 %	15 %
Some	30 %	35 %	35 %	38 %	34 %	36 %
A Little	26 %	26 %	25 %	23 %	24 %	25 %
Nothing	15 %	16 %	13 %	9 %	18 %	17 %
Not Sure	8 %	11 %	12 %	8 %	11 %	7 %

	PC	NDP	OLP	UD
A Lot	14 %	15 %	14 %	19 %
Some	37 %	34 %	33 %	37 %
A Little	23 %	28 %	26 %	19 %
Nothing	15 %	12 %	17 %	18 %
Not Sure	10 %	11 %	10 %	7 %



Context

The Ontario government, led by Premier Doug Ford, is studying the idea of **building a roughly 50–55km tunnel** under the central section of Highway 401, from around Mississauga to Markham.

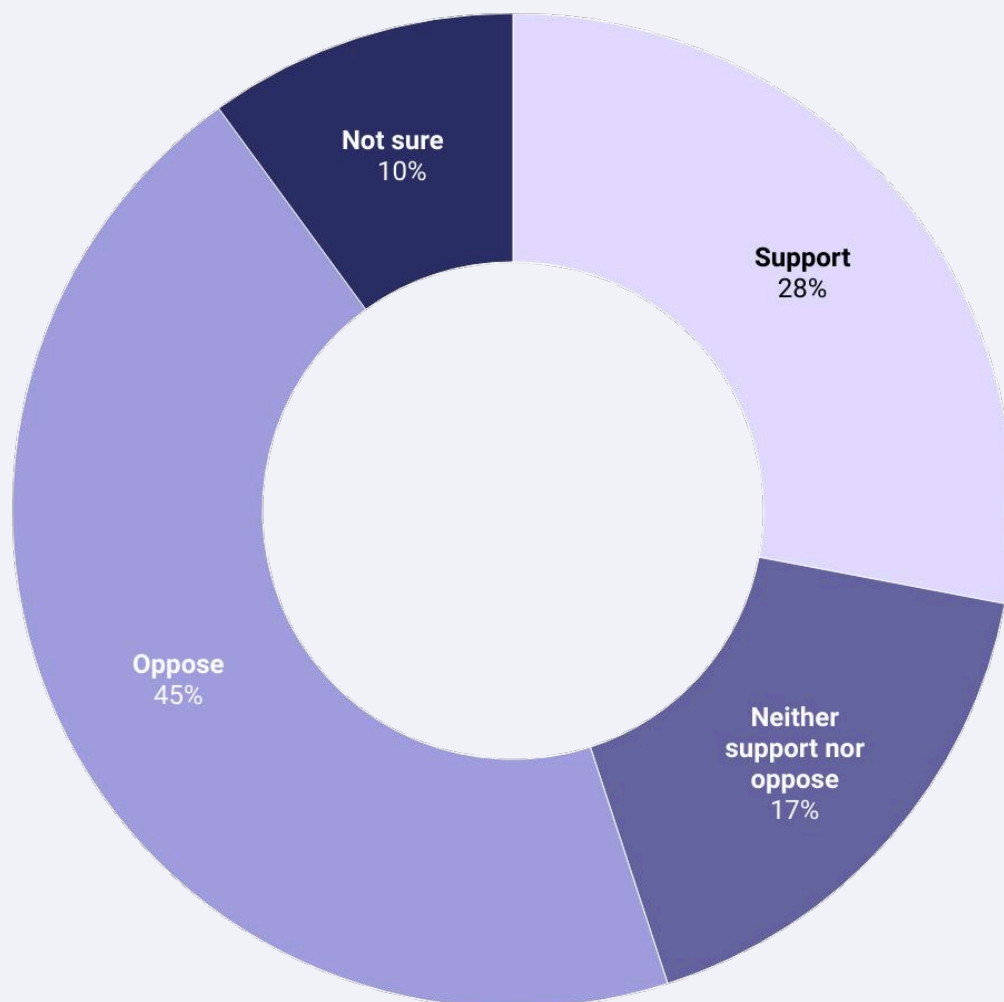
The tunnel is being **promoted by the government as a “nation-building” project** that would move cars, trucks and public transit more quickly and reduce congestion.

Critics say the project **could cost tens of billions of dollars**, may not solve gridlock, and could pose safety and construction risks.



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	North	East	SW	SC	905	416
Support	23 %	36 %	31 %	25 %	25 %	25 %
Neither Support N...	7 %	17 %	22 %	17 %	17 %	17 %
Oppose	57 %	36 %	40 %	46 %	48 %	48 %
Not Sure	14 %	11 %	8 %	12 %	9 %	10 %

	PC	NDP	OLP	UD
Support	56 %	12 %	8 %	8 %
Neither Support N...	16 %	17 %	18 %	21 %
Oppose	20 %	61 %	62 %	60 %
Not Sure	8 %	10 %	12 %	11 %



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In general, do you support or oppose the idea of building a tunnel under Highway 401?

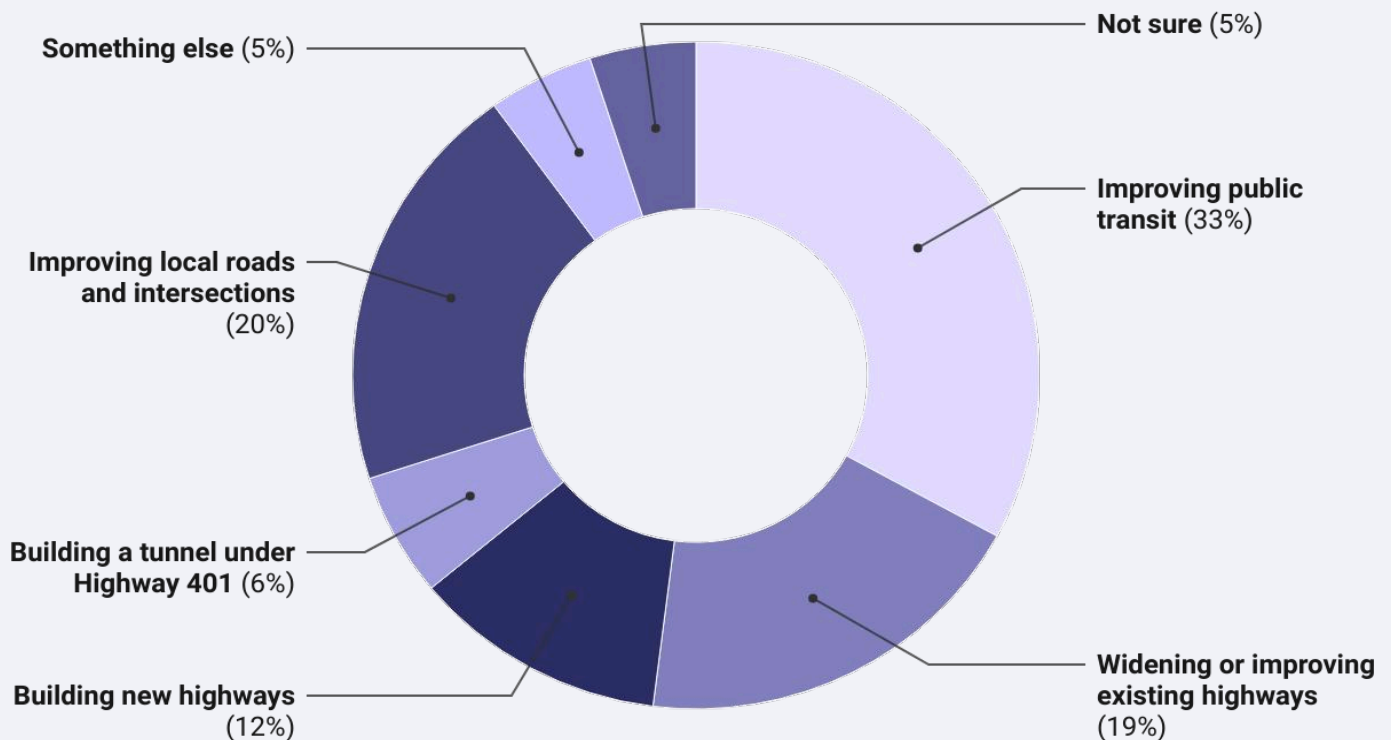
	Total	Female	Male	Other
Support	28 %	25 %	32 %	19 %
Neither Support N...	17 %	19 %	15 %	18 %
Oppose	45 %	48 %	41 %	49 %
Not Sure	10 %	8 %	11 %	14 %

	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Support	31 %	24 %	30 %	27 %
Neither Support N...	14 %	20 %	18 %	17 %
Oppose	46 %	45 %	41 %	47 %
Not Sure	9 %	11 %	11 %	9 %



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Which of the following should be the **top transportation priority** for the provincial government in the Greater Toronto Area?



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	Total	Female	Male	Other
Improving Public T...	33 %	36 %	30 %	37 %
Widening Or Impr...	19 %	17 %	21 %	27 %
Building New High...	12 %	13 %	12 %	7 %
Building A Tunnel...	6 %	5 %	7 %	11 %
Improving Local R...	20 %	21 %	20 %	13 %
Something Else	5 %	5 %	5 %	5 %
Not Sure	5 %	4 %	6 %	0 %

	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Improving Public T...	34 %	34 %	36 %	29 %
Widening Or Impr...	18 %	21 %	18 %	20 %
Building New High...	11 %	16 %	11 %	11 %
Building A Tunnel...	6 %	5 %	4 %	8 %
Improving Local R...	21 %	17 %	20 %	22 %
Something Else	5 %	3 %	6 %	5 %
Not Sure	4 %	5 %	5 %	6 %



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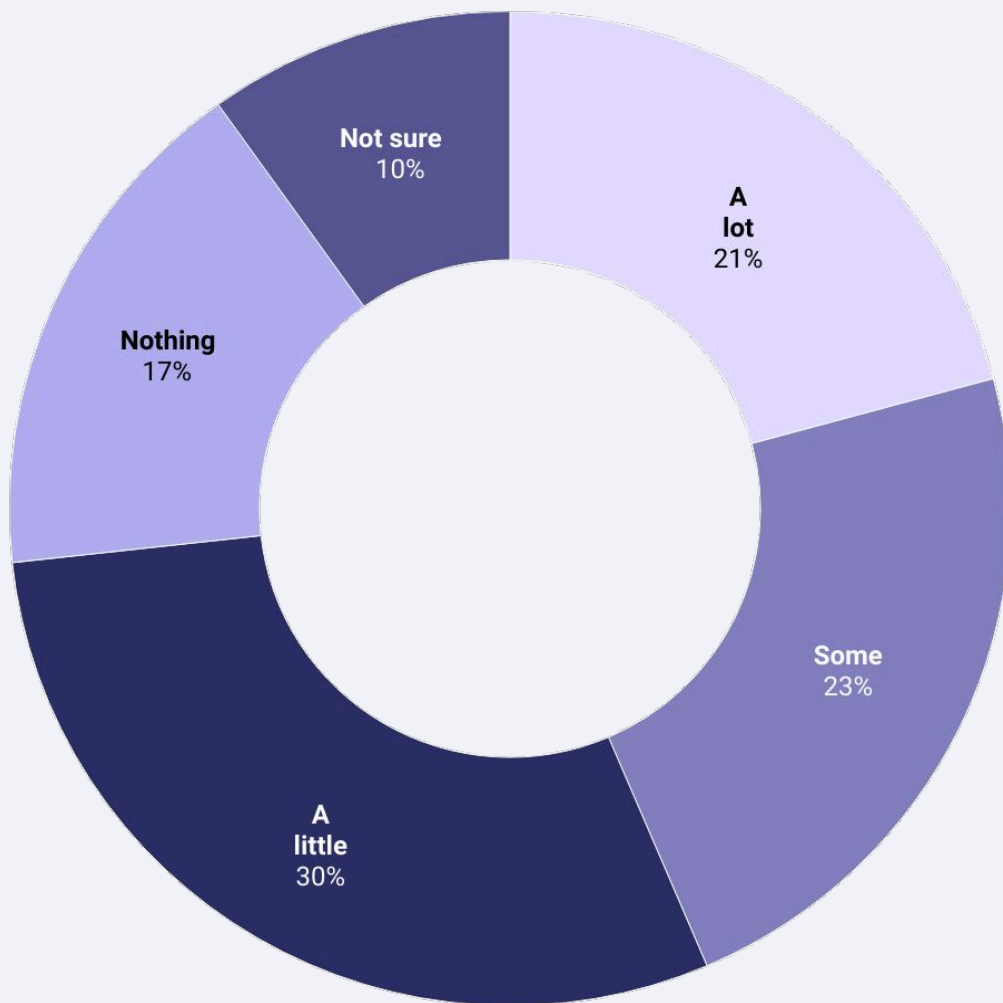
	North	East	SW	SC	905	416
Improving Public T...	36 %	34 %	29 %	27 %	33 %	38 %
Widening Or Impr...	20 %	20 %	21 %	20 %	18 %	16 %
Building New High...	8 %	11 %	15 %	12 %	12 %	10 %
Building A Tunnel...	3 %	6 %	5 %	9 %	7 %	4 %
Improving Local R...	26 %	20 %	19 %	20 %	21 %	20 %
Something Else	0 %	5 %	4 %	3 %	5 %	7 %
Not Sure	8 %	3 %	6 %	10 %	4 %	4 %

	PC	NDP	OLP	UD
Improving Public T...	17 %	38 %	47 %	41 %
Widening Or Impr...	25 %	16 %	14 %	19 %
Building New High...	19 %	7 %	8 %	8 %
Building A Tunnel...	11 %	3 %	1 %	2 %
Improving Local R...	19 %	23 %	20 %	20 %
Something Else	5 %	6 %	5 %	4 %
Not Sure	4 %	6 %	5 %	7 %



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If it were built, how much do you think a Highway 401 tunnel would **actually reduce traffic congestion** in and around the GTA?



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	Total	Female	Male	Other
A Lot	21 %	18 %	23 %	24 %
Some	23 %	22 %	24 %	21 %
A Little	30 %	32 %	29 %	29 %
Nothing	17 %	17 %	15 %	26 %
Not Sure	10 %	11 %	9 %	0 %

	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
A Lot	22 %	23 %	19 %	18 %
Some	19 %	23 %	24 %	24 %
A Little	29 %	25 %	33 %	35 %
Nothing	20 %	17 %	16 %	13 %
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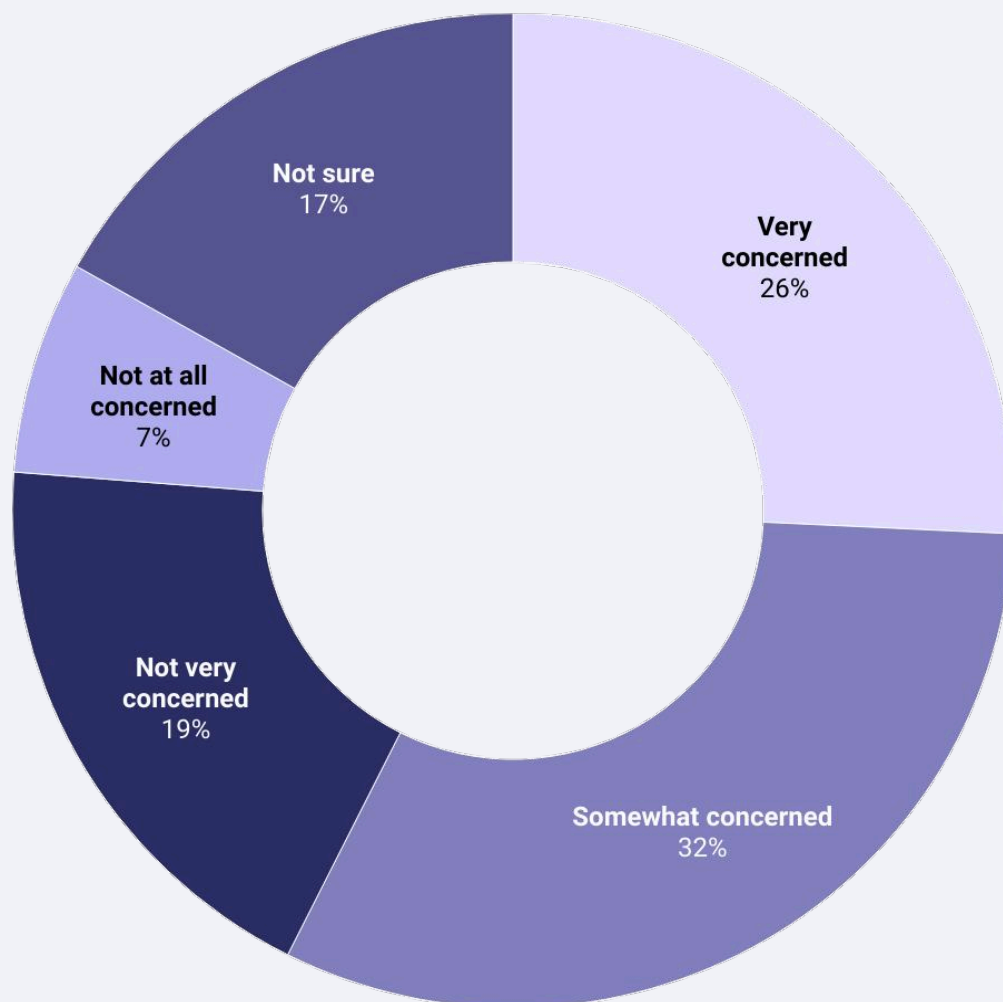
	North	East	SW	SC	905	416
A Lot	21 %	22 %	27 %	22 %	19 %	16 %
Some	16 %	18 %	18 %	32 %	24 %	26 %
A Little	34 %	37 %	26 %	23 %	30 %	31 %
Nothing	16 %	17 %	16 %	14 %	18 %	18 %
Not Sure	13 %	6 %	12 %	10 %	10 %	9 %

	PC	NDP	OLP	UD
A Lot	39 %	6 %	9 %	9 %
Some	21 %	24 %	22 %	32 %
A Little	22 %	34 %	39 %	31 %
Nothing	6 %	30 %	23 %	20 %
Not Sure	12 %	7 %	7 %	9 %



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Thinking about safety and construction risk, **how concerned are you** about tunnelling under Highway 401?



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Thinking about safety and construction risk, how concerned are you about tunnelling under Highway 401?

	Total	Female	Male	Other
Very Concerned	26 %	25 %	26 %	30 %
Somewhat Concer...	32 %	35 %	28 %	32 %
Not Very Concern...	19 %	18 %	20 %	10 %
Not At All Concern...	7 %	6 %	7 %	11 %
Not Sure	17 %	16 %	18 %	17 %

	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Very Concerned	26 %	25 %	24 %	27 %
Somewhat Concer...	31 %	31 %	32 %	33 %
Not Very Concern...	19 %	20 %	20 %	17 %
Not At All Concern...	8 %	7 %	7 %	4 %
Not Sure	15 %	16 %	18 %	19 %



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Very Concerned	31 %	23 %	27 %	30 %	24 %	26 %
Somewhat Concer...	32 %	30 %	31 %	25 %	32 %	37 %
Not Very Concern...	7 %	22 %	21 %	22 %	21 %	15 %
Not At All Concern...	6 %	6 %	4 %	6 %	8 %	7 %
Not Sure	24 %	20 %	17 %	18 %	15 %	15 %

	PC	NDP	OLP	UD
Very Concerned	15 %	31 %	33 %	30 %
Somewhat Concer...	24 %	38 %	40 %	27 %
Not Very Concern...	34 %	9 %	9 %	9 %
Not At All Concern...	9 %	1 %	5 %	10 %
Not Sure	18 %	20 %	13 %	23 %



Furthermore...

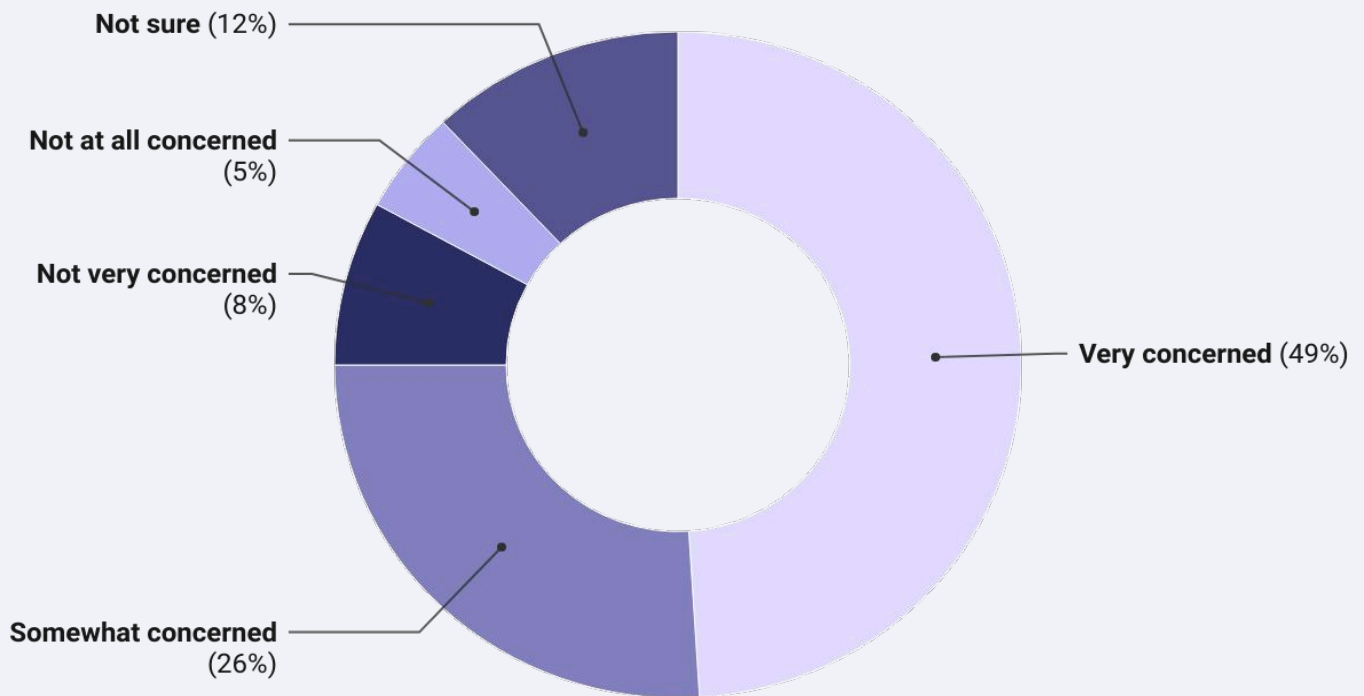
Earlier internal government work reportedly found **risks including a “potential for roadway collapse”** and other financial and construction challenges.

The **government has declined to release that study**, but has commissioned a new feasibility study from a private engineering firm.



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Given this information, and thinking about safety and construction risk, **how concerned are you** about tunnelling under Highway 401?



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Given this information, and thinking about safety and construction risk, how concerned are you about tunnelling under Highway 401?

	Total	Female	Male	Other
Very Concerned	49 %	49 %	49 %	55 %
Somewhat Concer...	26 %	26 %	26 %	21 %
Not Very Concern...	8 %	8 %	8 %	2 %
Not At All Concern...	5 %	5 %	5 %	13 %
Not Sure	12 %	12 %	12 %	9 %

	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Very Concerned	46 %	49 %	54 %	46 %
Somewhat Concer...	26 %	22 %	24 %	33 %
Not Very Concern...	8 %	11 %	5 %	7 %
Not At All Concern...	9 %	5 %	4 %	3 %
Not Sure	11 %	13 %	13 %	10 %



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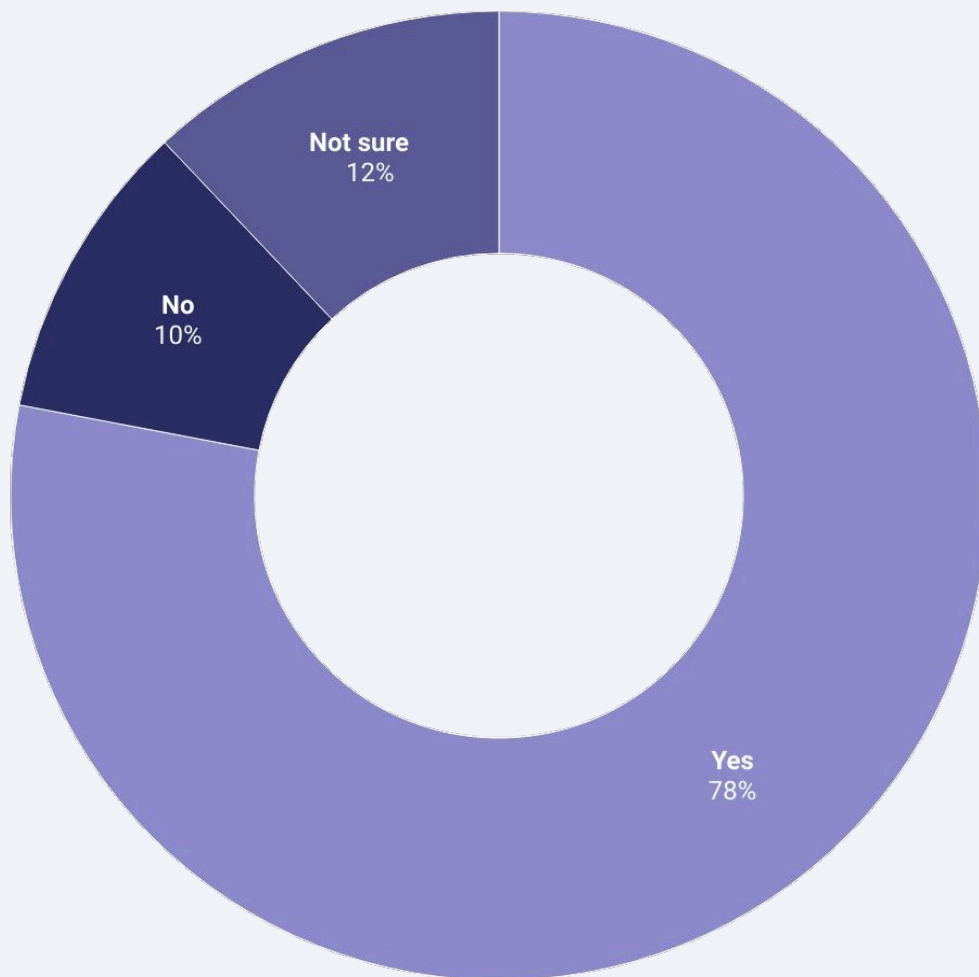
	North	East	SW	SC	905	416
Very Concerned	55 %	52 %	54 %	33 %	45 %	52 %
Somewhat Concer...	28 %	27 %	21 %	37 %	26 %	25 %
Not Very Concern...	8 %	6 %	5 %	11 %	10 %	7 %
Not At All Concern...	3 %	3 %	6 %	5 %	8 %	5 %
Not Sure	7 %	11 %	15 %	15 %	11 %	12 %

	PC	NDP	OLP	UD
Very Concerned	43 %	54 %	50 %	59 %
Somewhat Concer...	23 %	25 %	31 %	25 %
Not Very Concern...	12 %	6 %	5 %	4 %
Not At All Concern...	9 %	3 %	2 %	3 %
Not Sure	13 %	11 %	12 %	10 %



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Do you think the Ontario government should **publicly release any previous studies** on the Highway 401 tunnel, even if they raise serious concerns about the project?



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Do you think the Ontario government should publicly release any previous studies on the Highway 401 tunnel, even if they raise serious concerns about the project?

	Total	Female	Male	Other
Yes	78 %	78 %	78 %	86 %
No	10 %	9 %	10 %	12 %
Not Sure	12 %	12 %	11 %	2 %

	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Yes	77 %	80 %	79 %	77 %
No	11 %	8 %	10 %	10 %
Not Sure	11 %	12 %	11 %	12 %

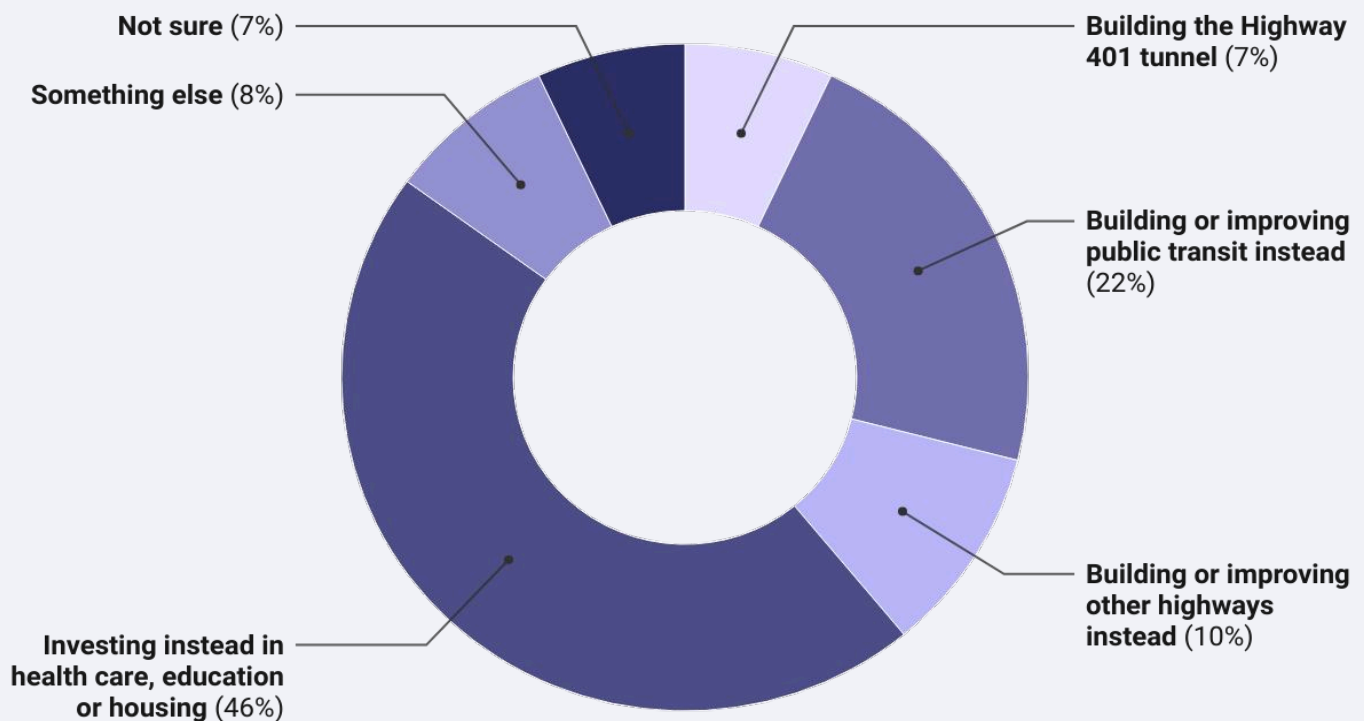
	North	East	SW	SC	905	416
Yes	89 %	79 %	80 %	75 %	76 %	79 %
No	6 %	12 %	9 %	16 %	10 %	7 %
Not Sure	5 %	9 %	11 %	10 %	14 %	13 %

	PC	NDP	OLP	UD
Yes	72 %	79 %	85 %	79 %
No	16 %	10 %	3 %	9 %
Not Sure	12 %	12 %	12 %	11 %



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If the tunnel project moves forward, it could **limit how much money is available** for other priorities. If you had to choose, which **would you prefer the province focus on?**



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Building The High...	4 %	7 %	7 %	5 %	6 %	9 %
Building Or Improv...	24 %	24 %	22 %	25 %	21 %	21 %
Building Or Improv...	12 %	9 %	14 %	13 %	7 %	11 %
Investing Instead I...	46 %	46 %	40 %	45 %	51 %	45 %
Something Else	7 %	9 %	8 %	7 %	8 %	7 %
Not Sure	6 %	6 %	9 %	5 %	7 %	7 %

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Building The High...	12 %	4 %	2 %	4 %
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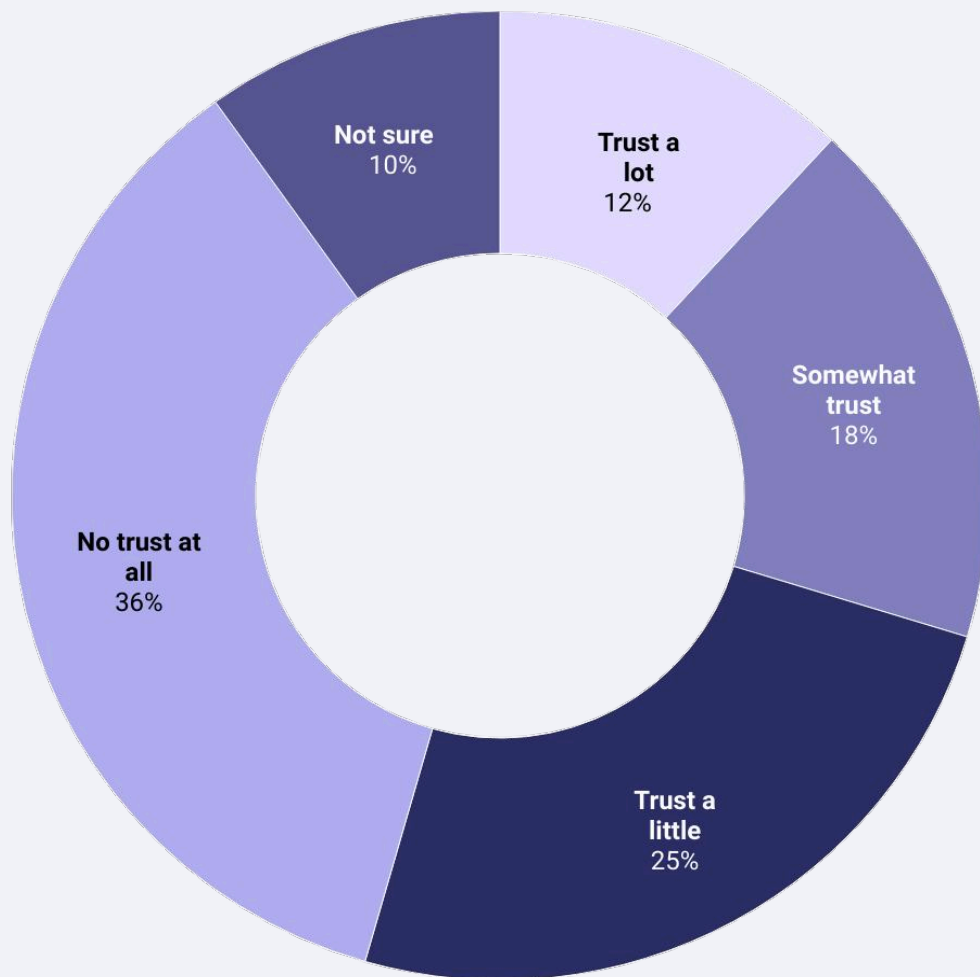
	Total	Female	Male	Other
Building The High...	7 %	6 %	8 %	0 %
Building Or Improv...	22 %	21 %	24 %	16 %
Building Or Improv...	10 %	8 %	12 %	15 %
Investing Instead I...	46 %	49 %	43 %	54 %
Something Else	8 %	8 %	8 %	6 %
Not Sure	7 %	8 %	5 %	10 %

	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Building The High...	9 %	5 %	8 %	5 %
Building Or Improv...	24 %	25 %	22 %	18 %
Building Or Improv...	10 %	10 %	8 %	12 %
Investing Instead I...	44 %	44 %	46 %	50 %
Something Else	6 %	11 %	8 %	6 %
Not Sure	7 %	5 %	7 %	9 %



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Overall, how much **do you trust the current provincial government** to manage large infrastructure projects like a Highway 401 tunnel safely, on budget and transparently?



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	Total	Female	Male	Other
Trust A Lot	12 %	11 %	13 %	12 %
Somewhat Trust	18 %	18 %	17 %	25 %
Trust A Little	25 %	26 %	22 %	40 %
No Trust At All	36 %	34 %	39 %	15 %
Not Sure	10 %	11 %	10 %	8 %

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Trust A Lot	11 %	12 %	14 %	11 %
Somewhat Trust	18 %	19 %	14 %	20 %
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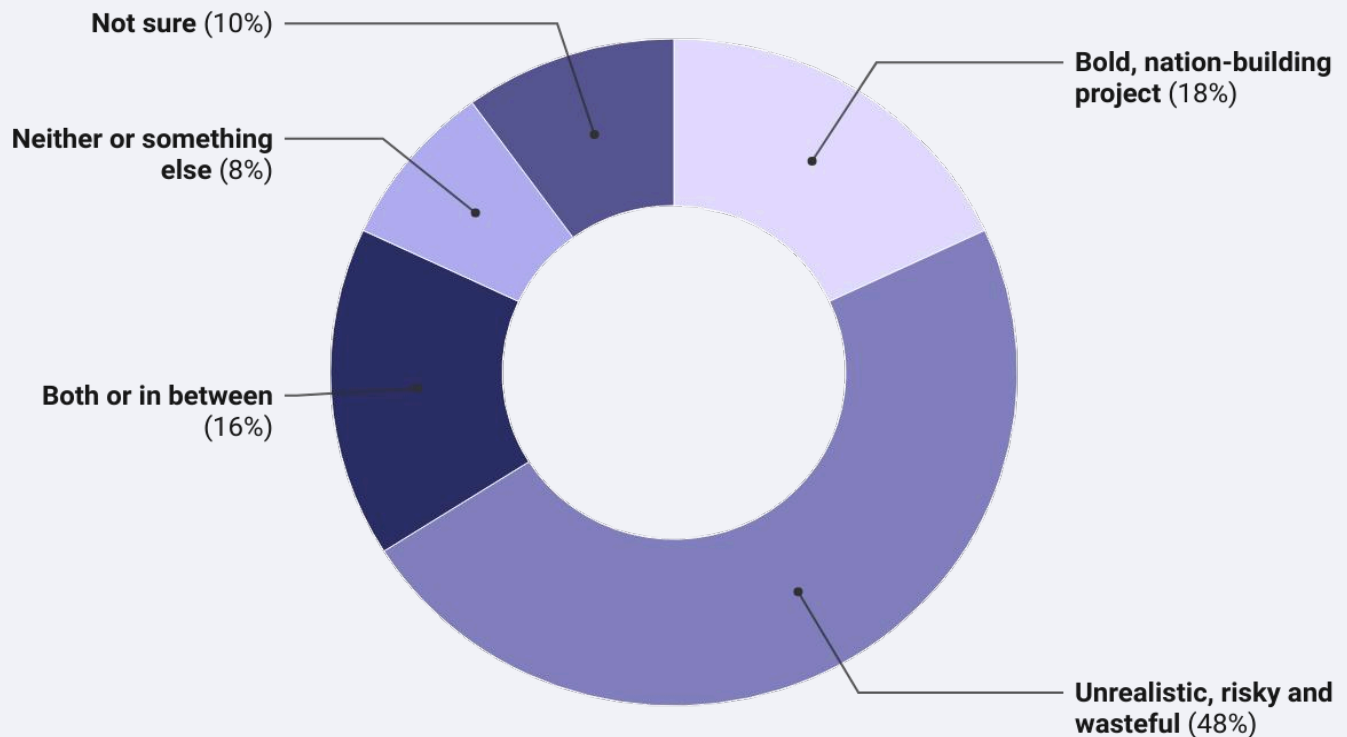
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Trust A Lot	9 %	13 %	14 %	12 %	9 %	14 %
Somewhat Trust	23 %	22 %	17 %	18 %	14 %	18 %
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No Trust At All	30 %	32 %	36 %	33 %	38 %	39 %
Not Sure	12 %	10 %	8 %	14 %	9 %	10 %

	PC	NDP	OLP	UD
Trust A Lot	21 %	3 %	7 %	6 %
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Trust A Little	20 %	26 %	26 %	34 %
No Trust At All	30 %	43 %	40 %	33 %
Not Sure	10 %	10 %	9 %	10 %



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Which statement comes **closer to your own view**, even if neither is exactly right?



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Which statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right?

	Total	Female	Male	Other
Bold, Nation-Build...	18 %	16 %	21 %	12 %
Unrealistic, Risky...	48 %	51 %	46 %	30 %
Both Or In Between	16 %	15 %	15 %	31 %
Neither Or Somet...	8 %	7 %	9 %	16 %
Not Sure	10 %	10 %	10 %	12 %

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Bold, Nation-Build...	19 %	17 %	19 %	17 %
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Not Sure	9 %	12 %	9 %	10 %



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Unrealistic, Risky...	40 %	45 %	43 %	47 %	57 %	46 %
Both Or In Between	24 %	15 %	16 %	14 %	13 %	18 %
Neither Or Somet...	9 %	10 %	9 %	7 %	7 %	7 %
Not Sure	9 %	10 %	11 %	7 %	9 %	13 %

	PC	NDP	OLP	UD
Bold, Nation-Build...	35 %	8 %	4 %	8 %
Unrealistic, Risky...	30 %	56 %	64 %	58 %
Both Or In Between	14 %	14 %	18 %	15 %
Neither Or Somet...	9 %	8 %	8 %	7 %
Not Sure	12 %	14 %	6 %	12 %



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