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Survey Report

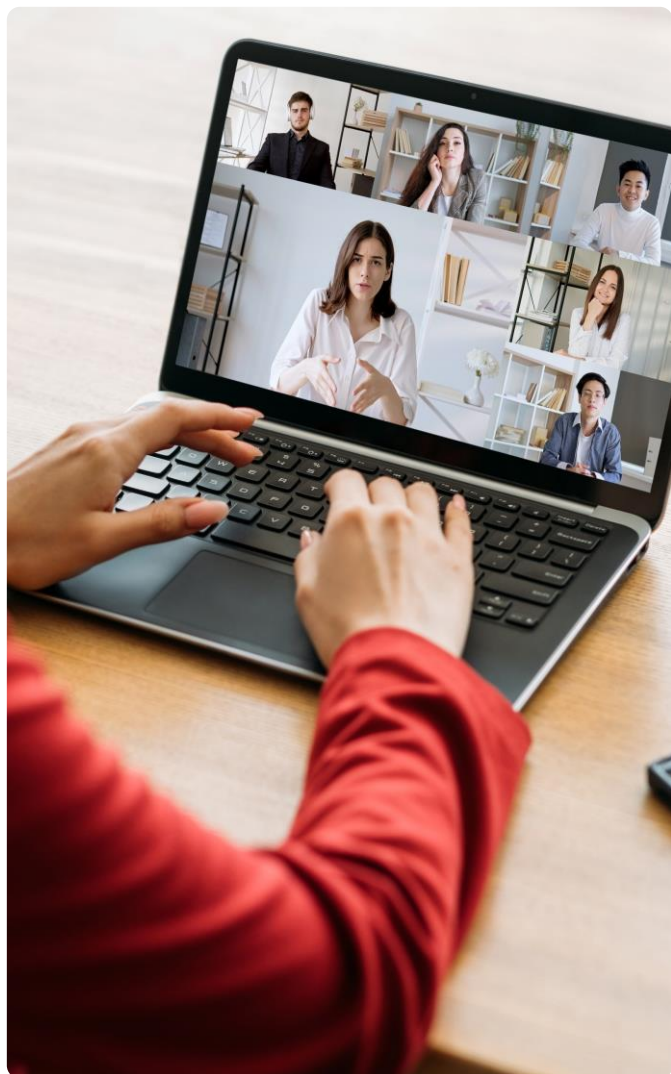
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Ontario Omnibus

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Methodology



Method

Online survey via Leger's LEO panel, with n=1001 Ontarians aged 18+.

When

The weekly online omnibus was in field from the 27th to the 30th of March 2026, inclusive, using Leger's online panel, LEO.

Margin of error

For comparison purposes, a probability sample of this size (n=1001) yields a margin of error no greater than $\pm 3.1\%$, (19 times out of 20).

Detailed Results



Six-in-ten Ontarians (61%) oppose excluding the premier and cabinet ministers' records from freedom of information requests.

In fact, nearly half (47%) *strongly* oppose excluding these records, while one-in-five support the exclusion (19%) or are unsure (20%). Demographically, those aged 55+ (vs 18-54) are more likely to oppose while men (vs women), those aged 18-34 (vs 35+) and those in the GTA (vs elsewhere in the province) are more likely to be among the minority who support excluding the premier and cabinet ministers' records.

SUPPORT/ OPPOSE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION EXCLUSIONS		GENDER		AGE			REGION	
		Men	Women	18-34	35-54	55+	GTA	Outside GTA
NET: Support	19%	24%	13%	30%	21%	9%	23%	15%
Strongly support	6%	8%	4%	8%	7%	4%	7%	5%
Somewhat support	13%	17%	9%	22%	14%	5%	16%	10%
NET: Oppose	61%	60%	63%	42%	59%	77%	58%	64%
Somewhat oppose	14%	13%	15%	14%	12%	17%	14%	15%
Strongly oppose	47%	47%	48%	29%	47%	60%	45%	49%
Unsure	20%	16%	24%	28%	20%	14%	18%	21%

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Significantly higher

Among those with an opinion, three-quarters (77%) oppose excluding the premier and cabinet ministers' records from freedom of information requests.

Six-in-ten *strongly* oppose (59%), while roughly a quarter support the exclusion (23%). In particular, women (vs men), those aged 55+ (vs 18-54) and those living outside the GTA (vs within the GTA) are more likely to oppose excluding the premier and cabinet ministers' records.

SUPPORT/ OPPOSE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION EXCLUSIONS		GENDER		AGE			REGION	
		Men	Women	18-34	35-54	55+	GTA	Outside GTA
NET: Support	23%	29%	17%	42%	26%	10%	29%	19%
Strongly support	7%	9%	6%	11%	9%	4%	9%	6%
Somewhat support	16%	20%	12%	31%	17%	6%	20%	13%
NET: Oppose	77%	71%	83%	58%	74%	90%	71%	81%
Somewhat oppose	18%	16%	20%	19%	14%	20%	17%	19%
Strongly oppose	59%	55%	63%	39%	59%	70%	55%	63%

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Base: All, excludes those who responded “unsure” (n=820)

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