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CANADIANS REJECT BAIRD'S VIEWS ON GLOBAL WARMING

Only 32% support environment minister's conclusions

**Half of Canadians (55%) agree climate change
could shrink the world economy by 20%,
as indicated by the Stern Report on Climate Change**

55% want their own MP to support Bill C-30

**If Kyoto is a top issue for the next election:
Tories 31%, Grits 24%, NDP 20%, Greens 15%, Bloc 8%**

From April 24 to 25, 2007, Angus Reid Strategies conducted an online survey among a randomly selected, representative sample of 1,016 adult Canadians. The margin of error for the total sample is +3.1%, 19 times out of 20. The results have been statistically weighted according to the most current education, age, gender and region Census data to ensure a sample representative of the entire adult population of Canada. Discrepancies in or between totals are due to rounding.

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National Public Opinion Poll

[TORONTO - May 1, 2007] – Canadians are not satisfied with the explanation provided by their environment minister for the federal government's decision to scrap the Kyoto Protocol, an Angus Reid Strategies poll has found.

The online survey of a representative national sample asked Canadians to review the conclusions of two reports on the economic impact of climate change. A third of respondents (32%) think Environment Minister John Baird's assessment of the consequences of implementing the Kyoto Protocol in Canada—driving the country into a deep economic recession, leading to job losses, and increasing gas prices—is accurate, while 55 per cent disagree with his views. Baird's conclusions were rejected by a majority of respondents in every region except Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

On the other hand, 55 per cent of respondents are in tune with the opinion of former World Bank chief economist Nicholas Stern—who warned last year that global warming could end up shrinking the world's economy by up to 20 per cent, which would make it a more costly crisis than either of the 20th century's world wars—and 31 per cent disagree.

The poll asked Canadians how they would want their own MP in Ottawa to vote on Bill C-30, which seeks to force the federal government to comply with the Kyoto Protocol. More than half of all respondents (55%) want their representative in the House of Commons to support Bill C-30, 24 per cent want him or her to oppose it, and 21 per cent are not sure.

Respondents who voted for the Conservative Party in the last federal election are more likely to want their MP to reject Bill C-30 (50%), while at least 70 per cent of those who voted for the opposition want their representative to endorse the proposed legislation.

When asked which party they would vote for in the event the current minority government fell and the next federal election was fought on the basis of environmental policy and the Kyoto Protocol, 31 per cent of respondents choose the Conservatives. The Liberals are second with 24 per cent, followed by the New Democratic Party with 20 per cent, the Green Party with 15 per cent, and the Bloc Québécois with eight per cent.

The provincial breakdown of the purported "environmental federal election" shows the NDP leading in British Columbia with 33 per cent, while the Conservatives continue to dominate in Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and Ontario. The Bloc is at 30 per cent in Quebec, with the remaining parties at 20 per cent or lower. The Liberals are clearly ahead in the Atlantic Provinces.

The Green Party, which has never elected an MP to the House of Commons, reaches 20 per cent in Alberta and 18 per cent in Ontario, but just nine per cent in Atlantic Canada—where party leader Elizabeth May will run—and 12 per cent in BC.

The Kyoto Protocol and Climate Change
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Baird's Conclusions							
<i>Q. As you may know, Environment Minister John Baird released a report which claims that committing to the Kyoto Protocol to reduce greenhouse gas emissions would drive Canada into a deep economic recession, lead to job losses, and increase gas prices. Do you agree or disagree with Baird's assessment?</i>							
	Region						
	Total	BC	Alberta	Man/Sask	Ontario	Quebec	Atlantic
Agree	32%	34%	41%	43%	35%	21%	26%
Disagree	55%	56%	44%	44%	52%	66%	50%
Not sure	14%	10%	14%	12%	13%	13%	23%

Stern's Conclusions							
<i>Q. Last year, a report written by former World Bank chief economist Nicholas Stern warned that global warming could end up shrinking the world's economy by up to 20 per cent, which would make it a more costly crisis than either of the 20th century's world wars. Do you agree or disagree with Stern's assessment?</i>							
	Region						
	Total	BC	Alberta	Man/Sask	Ontario	Quebec	Atlantic
Agree	55%	67%	56%	53%	51%	60%	38%
Disagree	31%	20%	29%	38%	33%	28%	37%
Not sure	15%	12%	15%	8%	16%	12%	25%

A vote on Bill C-30							
<i>Q. A bill currently being debated in the House of Commons seeks to force the federal government to comply with the Kyoto Protocol. How would you want your own Member of Parliament to vote on this bill?</i>							
	Region						
	Total	BC	Alberta	Man/ Sask	Ontario	Quebec	Atlantic
In favour of the bill	55%	52%	40%	39%	51%	74%	50%
Against the bill	24%	34%	26%	37%	28%	11%	17%
Not sure	21%	15%	34%	24%	21%	14%	33%

An “environmental” federal election						
<i>Q. If the current minority government were to fall, and the next federal election was fought on the basis of environmental policy including the Kyoto Protocol, which of these parties' candidate are you more likely to support? (Decided Voters)</i>						
	Federal Vote Last					
	Total	Con.	Lib.	NDP	Bloc	Other
Conservative Party	31%	87%	9%	2%	8%	16%
Liberal Party	24%	4%	68%	27%	2%	8%
New Democratic Party	20%	3%	15%	50%	16%	7%
Bloc Québécois	8%	1%	0%	0%	68%	3%
Green Party	15%	5%	7%	14%	5%	56%
Some other party	3%	0%	1%	8%	0%	9%

Angus Reid Strategies is a North American full-service polling and market research firm which is a leader in the use of the Internet and rich media technology to collect high-quality, in-depth insights for a wide array of clients. Dr. Angus Reid and the Angus Reid Strategies team are pioneers in online research methodologies, and have been conducting online surveys since 1995. Located in Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto, and Montreal, our team of specialists provides solutions across every type and sector of research.

Angus Reid Strategies polls are conducted using the Angus Reid Forum online panel (www.angusreidforum.com), which is recruited via an industry-leading process that incorporates a randomized, widespread invitation approach and a triple opt-in screening procedure. The panel is maintained through state-of-the-art sampling techniques and frequent verifications of personal identity, contact information, and demographic characteristics. This premier online survey platform presents respondents with highly visual, interactive, and engaging surveys, ensuring that panel members provide thoughtful and reliable responses.

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