




**CUPE Ontario - Ontario Poll
Research Report**

**Presented by:
Public Polling
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The poll was conducted by Interactive Voice Response (IVR) and has been weighted against Statistics Canada Toronto census data from 2016. This poll has a margin of error plus or minus 3.82 %, 19 times out of 20.

1. Introduction

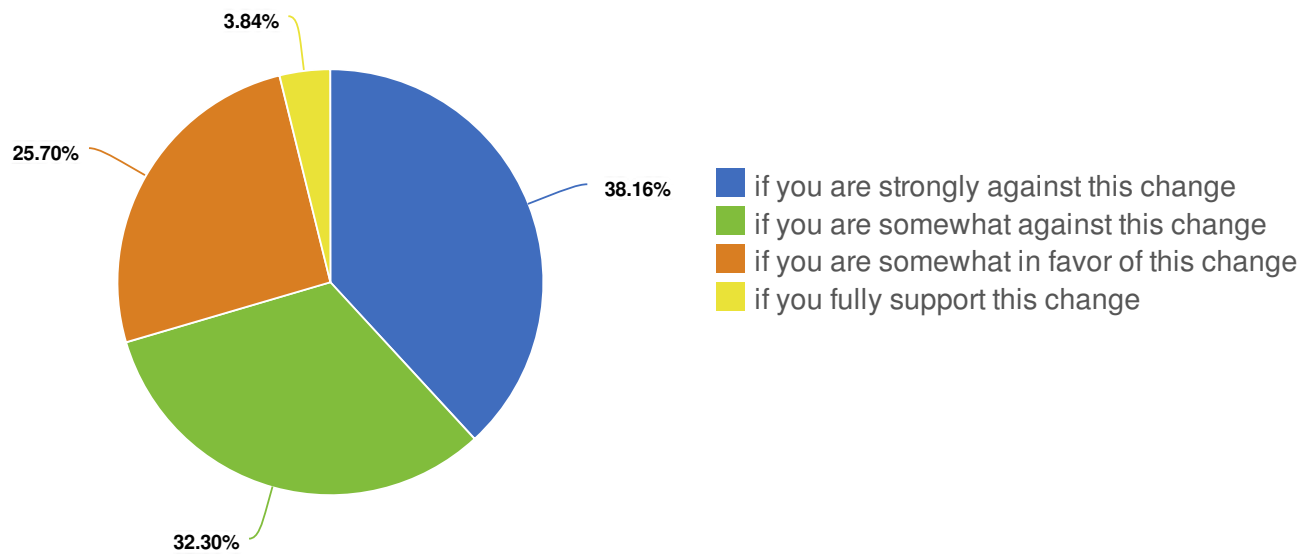
Hello, this is Public Polling calling. We are conducting a short survey about emergency medical services in Ontario on behalf of CUPE Ontario, and we would like your opinion. We can be reached at 1 (866) 290-3772 or info@publicpolling.ca.

Q5 

Would you support government replacing an ambulance service response to some 911 medical calls by a fire department response? You have four choices:

1. if you are strongly against this change
2. if you are somewhat against this change
3. if you are somewhat in favor of this change
4. if you fully support this change

Q5



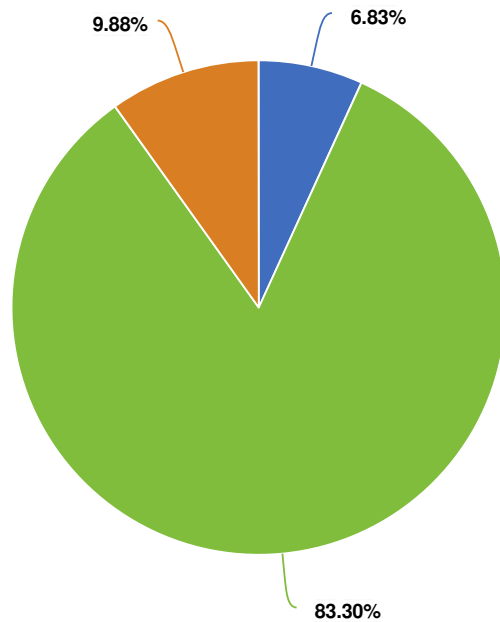
Q5	Count	Percent
if you are strongly against this change	252	38.2%
if you are somewhat against this change	213	32.3%
if you are somewhat in favor of this change	170	25.7%
if you fully support this change	26	3.8%
Total	661	100.0%

Q7 

If you or a family member had to make a 911 call for medical assistance, would you prefer a response to your medical call by the fire department or a response by the ambulance service?

1. if you would prefer a fire department response
2. if you would prefer an ambulance response
3. if you would have no preference

Q7



- if you would prefer a fire department response
- if you would prefer an ambulance response
- if you would have no preference

Q7	Count	Percent
if you would prefer a fire department response	45	6.8%
if you would prefer an ambulance response	549	83.3%
if you would have no preference	65	9.9%
Total	659	100.0%

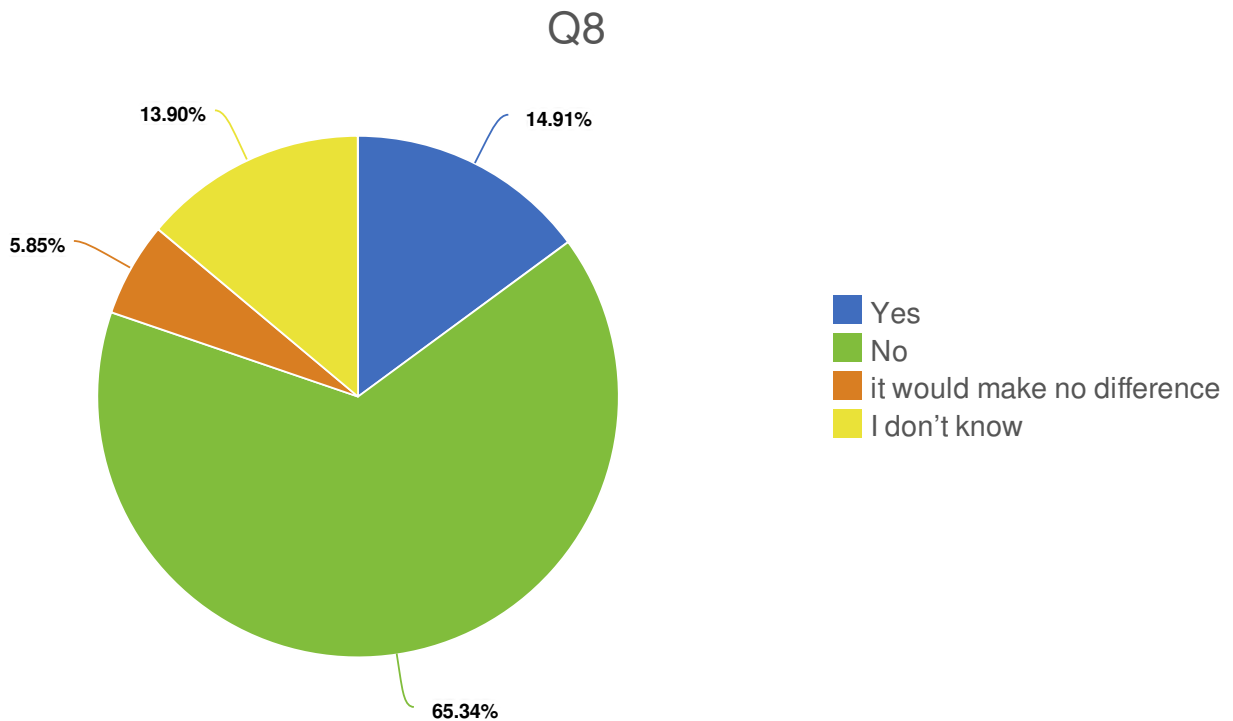
Background Information

Here is some information that may help you answer the questions that follow. Did you know that Ontario's provincial government is considering changes to the delivery of emergency medical services? The current system is that municipalities fully pay 100% of the cost of all fire services. They are paid through municipal property taxes. For ambulance services, the province of Ontario pays 50 percent of the cost. Here are some questions about this.

Q8 

Do you think the province allowing municipalities to replace ambulance services with fire department services for 911 medical care would improve the quality of patient critical care in Ontario?

1. Yes
2. No
3. it would make no difference
4. I don't know



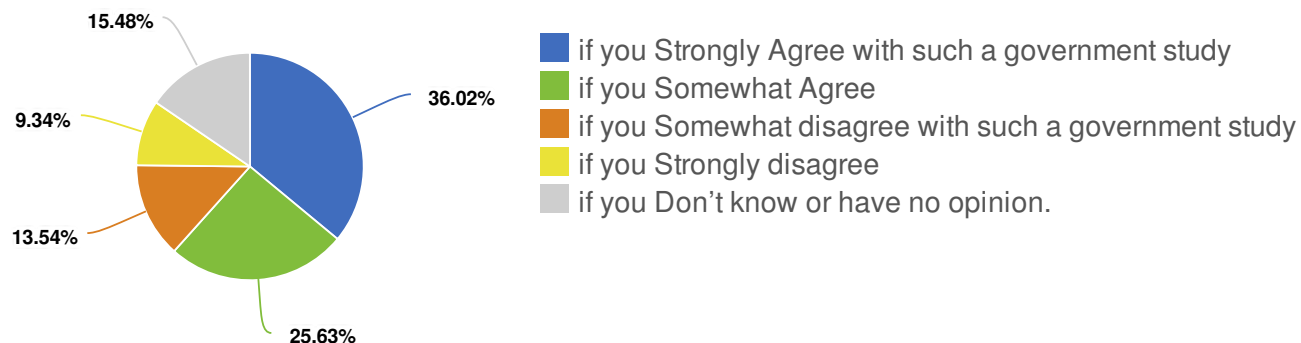
Q8		Count	Percent
Yes		99	14.9%
No		430	65.3%
it would make no difference		39	5.8%
I don't know		92	13.9%
Total		660	100.0%

Q11

Studies confirm that emergency medical calls are increasing, while the number of fires are declining. Do you think the government should study the public health and economic potential for moving resources from services that have a declining need, such as fire calls, to services that have an increasing need, such as ambulance-based paramedic calls?

1. if you Strongly Agree with such a government study
2. if you Somewhat Agree
3. if you Somewhat disagree with such a government study
4. if you Strongly disagree
5. if you Don't know or have no opinion.

Q11



Q11	Count	Percent
if you Strongly Agree with such a government study	238	36.0%
if you Somewhat Agree	169	25.6%
if you Somewhat disagree with such a government study	90	13.5%
if you Strongly disagree	62	9.3%
if you Don't know or have no opinion.	102	15.5%
Total	661	100.0%