



ONTARIO POLL

MAJORITY OF ONTARIANS SUPPORT ANESTHESIOLOGIST JOB ACTION

- **Six-in-ten (60%) Support Job Action scheduled for Friday, February 11th, 2005. Three-in-ten (30%) Oppose.**
- **After Discussion of Non-Emergency Surgery Cancellations, Support only Drops 8 Points, as about Half (52%; -8) are Supportive. Opposition Rises by 11 points to Four-in-ten (41%).**
- **If Anesthesiologists Argue that this Protest is Only Way to Get Government to Address Shortages in Profession, a Clear Majority remain Supportive. Six-in-ten (64%; +4) are Supportive – 35% (+9) Strongly. About three-in-ten (29%; -1) still Opposed.**

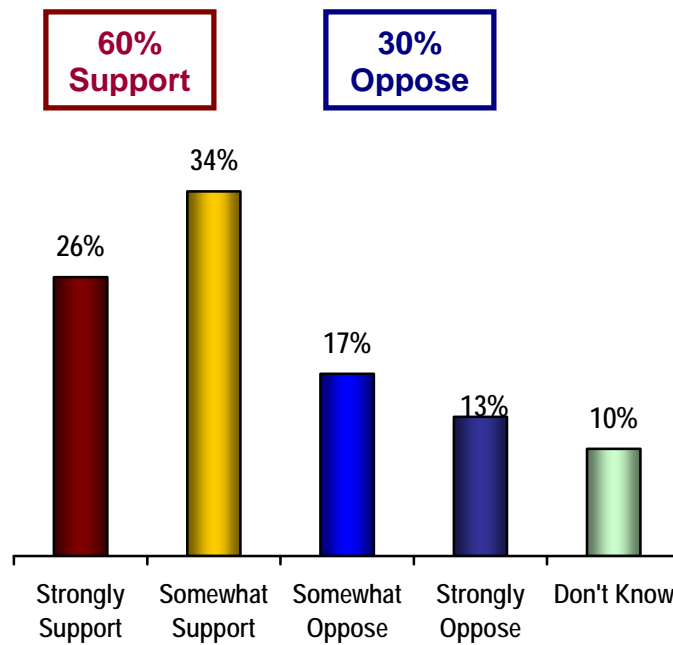
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MAJORITY SUPPORT FOR ANESTHESIOLOGIST JOB ACTION

- Six-in-ten (60%) Ontarians are supportive of the protest scheduled for Friday, February 11th, 2005 – about a quarter (26%) *strongly*.
- Three-in-ten (30%) are opposed – 13% *strongly*.

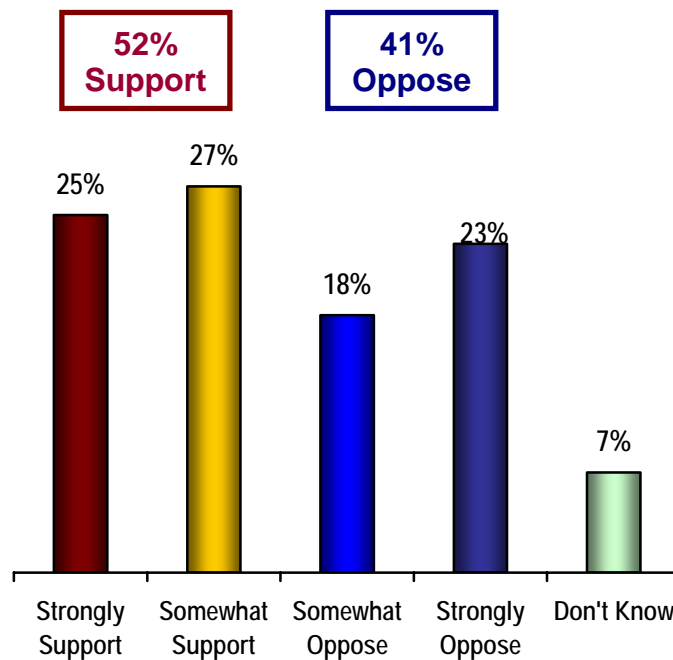
Q2. As you may know, Anesthesiologists are specialist physicians who administer drugs to make surgery pain-free for patients. Last week, the Ontario Medical Association announced that Anesthesiologists from across the province will not go to work on February 11th. Instead, they will attend a day-long meeting. They will do this in order to protest the slow pace of negotiations with the government and to draw attention to Ontario's shortage of Anesthesiologists. Thinking about this, do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this protest by Ontario's Anesthesiologists? **N=1,000.**



MEASURING IMPACT OF SURGERY CANCELLATIONS ON SUPPORT

- After explaining that job action will force cancellation of non-emergency surgeries in about 3 dozen hospitals, support only drops 8 points to 52%.
 - A quarter (25%; -1) remain *strongly* supportive.
- Opposition rises 11 points to four-in-ten Ontarians (41%).
 - About a quarter (23%; +10) are *strongly* opposed.

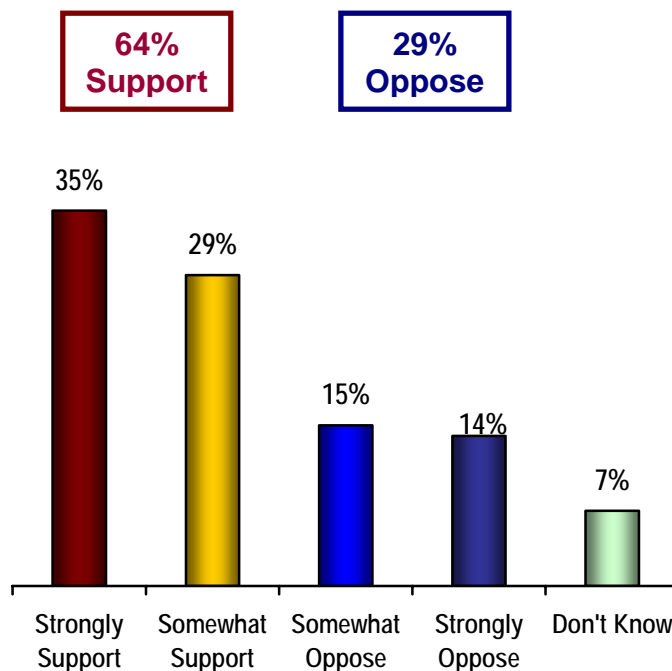
Q3/Q4 [ROTATED]. Because of this protest, it is estimated that about 3 dozen Ontario hospitals will be forced to cancel all of the non-emergency elective surgeries scheduled for that day. Emergency surgeries are supposed to be unaffected by the protest. Now, knowing this, would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this protest by Ontario's Anesthesiologists? **N=1,000.**



MEASURING IMPACT OF OBJECTIVES ON SUPPORT

- If Anesthesiologists argue that this is the only way to get the government to address shortages in the profession, a clear majority (64%; +4) of Ontarians remain supportive.
 - About a third (35%; +9) are *strongly* supportive.
- About three-in-ten (29%; -1) Ontarians remain opposed.
 - Similarly, 14% (+1) stay *strongly* opposed.

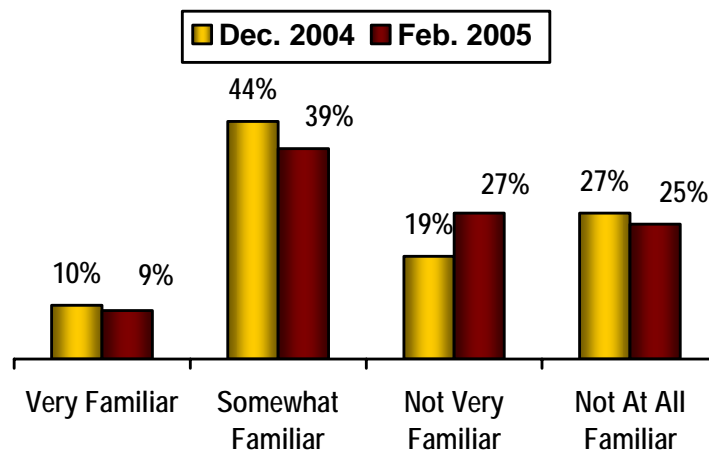
Q3/Q4 [ROTATED]. *If Anesthesiologists said that this is the only way they can get the provincial government to address the shortages in their profession, would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this protest by Ontario's Anesthesiologists? N=1,000.*



NEGOTIATIONS: HIGH GENERAL AWARENESS, BUT MODERATE-TO-LOW FAMILIARITY

- Three-quarters (75%) of the public continue to express some level of awareness of the Government–OMA negotiations.
- However, still only about one-in-ten (9%) are Very Familiar with the issue.

Q1. As you may know, the Ontario Government is currently negotiating a new collective agreement with Ontario's Doctors, who are represented by the Ontario Medical Association. Thinking about this, would you say you are very familiar, somewhat familiar, not very familiar, or not at all familiar with this issue in the news? **N=1,000.**



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