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Voter Remorse?

Is the Ford Government Losing Public Support Over Bill 7 and Its Handling of Health Care?

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A recent poll by Angus Reid shows that 53% of Ontarians consider Bill 7 a violation of the rights of vulnerable people, and think it should not have been considered as a solution in emptying hospital beds.

That number rises to 69% if you are an NDP voter and 60% if you are a Liberal voter.

66% of PC voters predictably thought it was fine to move patients into LTC beds they did not choose if it meant emptying hospital beds. Of note – even 34% of PC voters did not agree that this was the way to handle things, and considered it a violation of people's rights.

Another warning sign for the Ford government came in the response to a question about how it is handling health care. 80% believe the government is handling health care poorly, including 62% of PC voters.

Continuing to mismanage health care, including long-term care is not an option for this government. 58% of Ontarians now consider Health Care the # 1 issue in the province tied with concerns about Inflation/Cost of Living. Housing affordability is of concern to 35% and surprisingly Senior Care has risen to the fourth spot at 24% - ahead of climate change, the economy and government spending, education, poverty and homelessness.

This may be the large Boomer Generation finally weighing in.

Keep spreading the word. The more people who learn that there are other ways of supporting elders than forcing them into institutions the better.

The Ontario public is obviously starting to pay attention.

To view the entire poll, please go to: <https://angusreid.org/ontario-doug-ford-bill-7-health-care/?fbclid=IwAR2vQpcVWs99G9MYEYcYvyISEmdAaLKmaHjuV-0zjI-OuMMWrzLI7hNZtUg>