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## PN ahead in polls but MLP gains 8% of PN voters

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THE penultimate MaltaToday electoral survey shows the PN at 39%-five clear points ahead of the MLP and well beyond the survey's +/-3.3% margin of error.

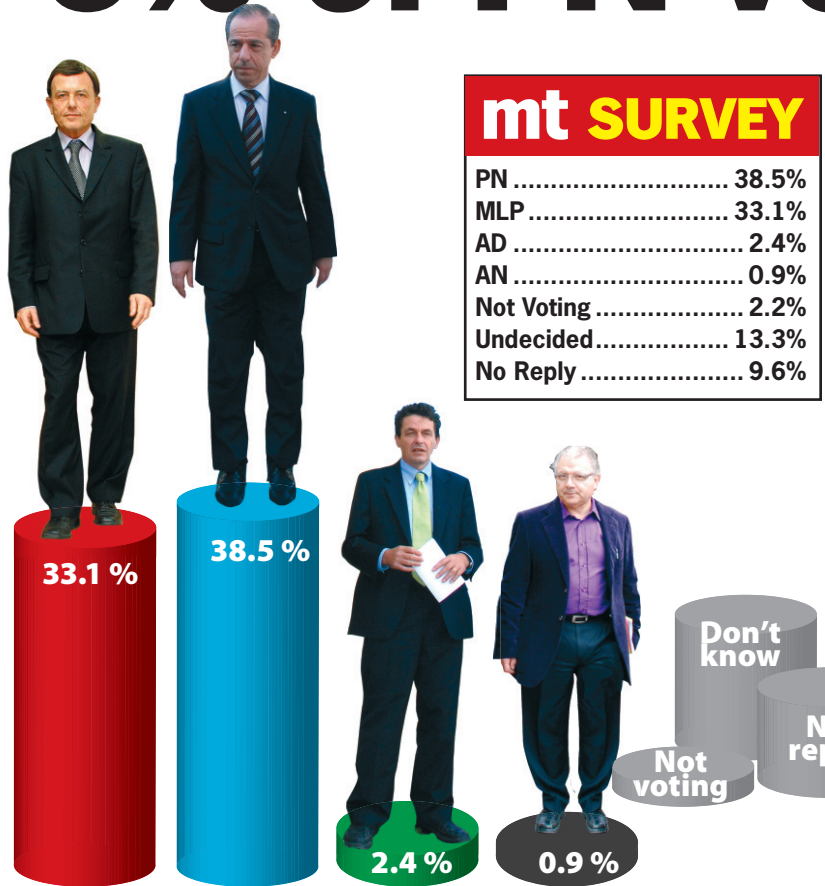
Still the same survey shows the PN losing 7.6% of its former voters when present voting intentions of respondents are compared to how they claim voting in the 2003 general elections.

This is a clear indication that despite the growing gap between the two parties the election remains too close to call.

Compared to last week's survey, a drop of 4.6% of non committed voters has resulted in a net gain of 4% for the PN. This is the second consecutive gain for the PN which was trailing the MLP until last week.

Support for the other three parties remained stable with the MLP gaining 0.4% AN gaining 0.3% and AD losing 0.2%.

The survey was carried out be-



tween Monday and Wednesday just before the MLP took back the initiative from the PN by publishing a 2004 Ministry of Health report suggesting fees on health services and before AD published a damning Audit Office report on Charles Polidano's ODZ supermarket in Safi.

Significantly for the first time Labour is losing more votes to AD than the PN. While the PN loses only 1.2% to AD, the MLP is losing 1.7% of its 2003 vote share.

While the survey shows that the PN's slick and focused campaign has swayed more voters to declare their intention to vote PN, it still shows that the Nationalist party losing more votes from its 2003 tally than the MLP.

The PN's haemorrhage from its 2003 tally has been a persistent trend in all MaltaToday's surveys carried out in the past year.

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**How PN voters in 2003 would vote now:**

PN	69.6
MLP	9.8
AD	1.2
AN	0.4
Not Voting	1.8
Don't Know	10.2
No Reply	6.9

**How MLP voters in 2003 would vote now:**

MLP	82.9
PN	3.5
AD	1.7
AN	0
Not Voting	1
Don't Know	8.7
No Reply	2.1

**Who do you prefer as your next Prime Minister:**

Alfred Sant	40.3
Lawrence Gonzi	47.8
None	3.2
Don't Know	5.3
No Reply	3.3



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