

## **PRESS RELEASE**

# **Ondo Guber pre-election poll- Close race between Akeredolu and Oke** With significant proportion of undecided voters

**Abuja, Nigeria. November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2016** – In the race to the Ondo State Governorship election, a new public opinion poll conducted by NOIPolls has revealed a close race between Rotimi Akeredolu, candidate of the All Progressives Congress (APC) and Olusola Oke, candidate of the Alliance for Democracy (AD); with a 1 percent point difference between both candidates.

The poll was conducted in the week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016 and it sought to measure the level of preparedness of Ondo State residents for the forthcoming Gubernatorial election slated for 26<sup>th</sup> November 2016. When asked which candidate respondents will be casting their vote for, the result puts Akeredolu in a slight lead with 24%, over Olusola Oke with 23%. Interestingly, respondents also mentioned two candidates of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), with Eytayo Jegede (11%) trending ahead of the candidate currently listed by INEC, Jimoh Ibrahim (7%). Other candidates mentioned include Olu Agunloye (4%) and Francis Adeyemi Alao (2%) of the Social Democratic Party (SDP) and All Progressive Grand Alliance (APGA) respectively. However, a significant proportion of voters, 29%, remain undecided as to who they will cast their vote for on election day.

It is worth noting from the poll that Olusola Oke seems to be gaining huge momentum as a consolation candidate swinging support across party lines; especially from the PDP where most supporters of one of the candidates, Eytayo Jegede, disclosed that they would cast their votes in favour of Olusola Oke if the party does not resolve its internal crisis.

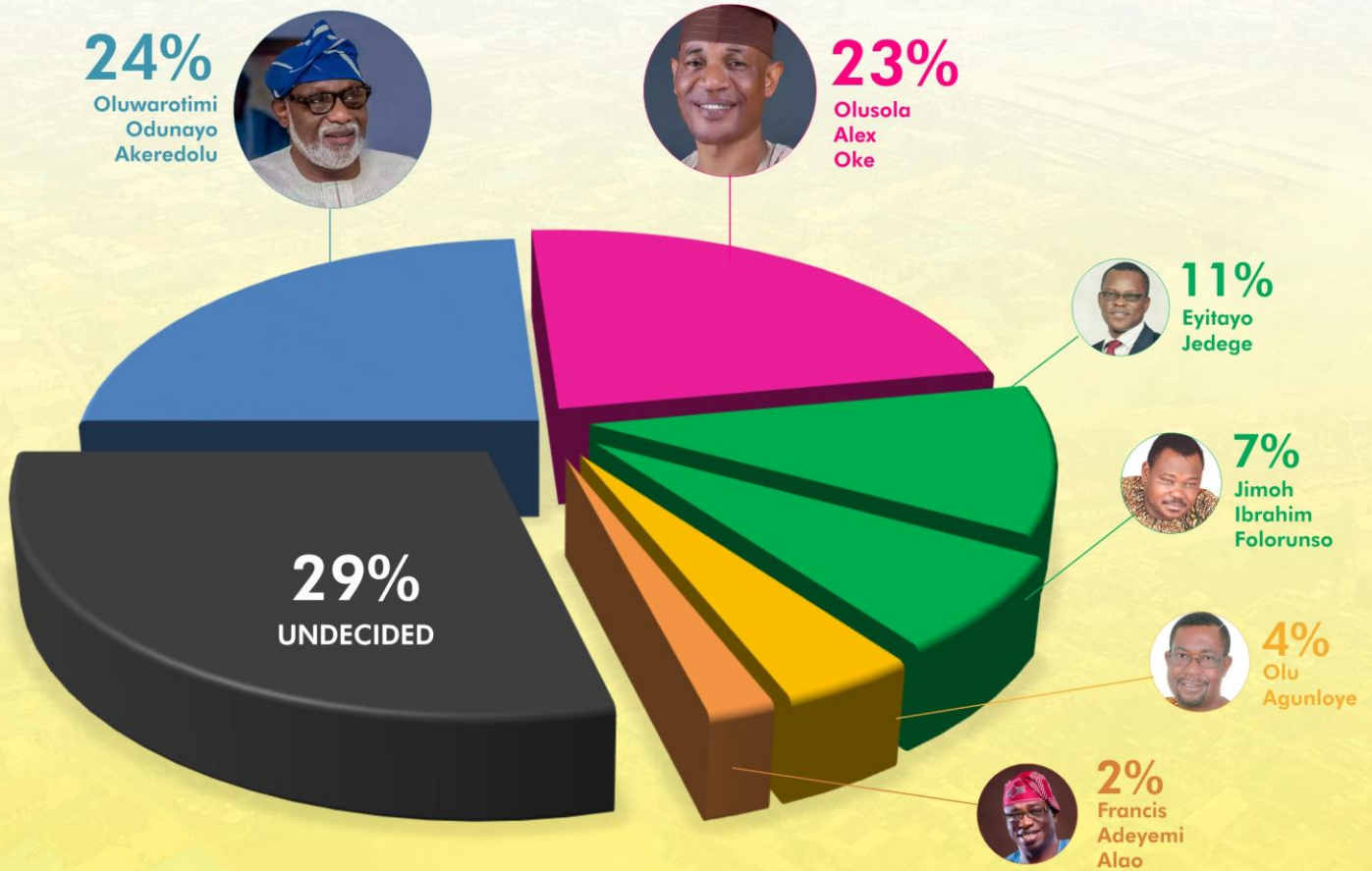
Back to the two leading candidates, the poll showed that while Rotimi Akeredolu has significant support in Ondo North senatorial district (36%); Olusola Oke has more support in Ondo Central senatorial district (24%). In addition, more male voters seem inclined to voting Olusola Oke (27%), while female voters lean towards Akeredolu (24%).

The poll also showed that 93 percent eligible voters in the state are registered to vote in the coming election, and 92 percent of this proportion disclosed that they have their permanent voters' card (PVC); with almost 7 in 10 (69 percent) absolutely certain to cast their vote on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

Finally, as party campaigns build up to the election day, the findings of this poll clearly suggest that the significant proportion of undecided voters (29%) remain critical to determining who emerges victorious at the poll. There are clear gaps across gender, senatorial districts and age-group within the undecided voters demography, which will ultimately swing the election result in favour of one candidate over others.

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	Total	Female	Male	ONDO NORTH	ONDO CENTRAL	ONDO SOUTH	18-35	36-60	61+
Oluwarotimi O. Akeredolu	24%	22%	24%	36%	17%	23%	24%	24%	18%
Olusola Alex Oke	23%	27%	18%	18%	25%	24%	25%	22%	20%
Eytayo Jedge	11%	10%	13%	4%	13%	14%	8%	13%	16%
Jimoh Ibrahim Folorunso	7%	7%	8%	8%	8%	7%	10%	5%	9%
Olu Agunloye	4%	5%	2%	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%	0%
Francis Adeyemi Alao	2%	3%	1%	4%	2%	1%	2%	2%	5%
Undecided	29%	26%	34%	26%	31%	28%	27%	30%	32%