CANADA VOTES 2025



What you need to know to keep Canada a strong and principled sovereign country, supporting Indigenous rights, Queer rights, Quebec autonomy, and promoting and protecting human rights for all people.

On April 28th, Canada will have a Federal Election. While all elections matter, this one is huge, as we decide which party or parties are best to defend our sovereignty and who best represents our progressive values, laws, social programs, incomes, environment, and the rights of 2SLGBTQIA +, Indigenous people and the people of Quebec, and will work to build Canada as a compassionate and more resilient country independent of the U.S.A militarily and economically.

While this is, as usual, an election that includes a number of parties, it is an unusual election because of the threats of annexation and increasing tariffs from U.S.A. President Donald Trump. The election is turning into a battle between the Liberals, led by Mark Carney, and the Conservatives, led by Pierre Poilievre. We have focussed on our political concerns with the positions of the Conservatives and the Liberals as well as commenting on the positions of the NDP, Greens and the Bloq and providing you with links to their platforms.

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KEY POLICY POSITIONS OF THE FIVE PARTIES MARCH 25, 2025

Leader	Poilievre	Carney	Singh	May/Pedneault	Blanchet
Party	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green Party	Bloc Quebecois
Reproductive Rights	Weak	Strong	Strong	Strong	Strong
Health Care	Bad	Good	Strong	Good	Good
Housing	Bad	Weak	Good	Fair	Good
Refugees	Bad	Fair	Good	Good	Fair
Pensions	Bad	Fair	Good	Proposed a Radical change –can't evaluate	Fair
\$10/day child Care	Bad	Good	Good	Good	Good
Climate Change	Bad	Weak	Good	Good	Good
Trans Rights	Bad	Good	Strong	Strong	unknown
Indigenous Rights	Very Bad	Bad	Bad	Bad	Bad
Same-sex marriage	Good	Strong	Strong	Strong	Strong
Defend CBC	Bad	Strong	Strong	Strong	Strong
Defend Canada's Sovereignty from the US	Weak	Strong	Strong	Strong	Strong
Defense Spending	Bad	Bad	Bad	Bad	Bad
Workers' Rights	Bad	Fair	Good	Fair	Fair

WHAT IS PIERRE POILIEVRE'S VOTING RECORD?

Copied from Alexhale's posting in **CanadianPolitics**



"I've been doing some research on Pierre Poilievre. He's a pretty crappy person for those of you who don't already know. I fact checked these before posting. I don't know about most of you, but I sure as hell do not want him running Canada alongside that Orange Gangster in the US." Alexhale

Here's his record over 20 years as a politician:

- Pierre Poilievre voted against raising the minimum wage TRUE
- Pierre Poilievre voted against the First Home Savings Account program TRUE
- Pierre Poilievre voted against \$10 a day childcare TRUE
- Pierre Poilievre voted against the children's food programs at school TRUE
- Pierre Poilievre voted against the child benefit TRUE
- Pierre Poilievre voted against dental care for kids TRUE
- Pierre Poilievre voted against Covid relief TRUE
- Pierre Poilievre voted against middle class tax cuts TRUE
- Pierre Poilievre voted against the Old Age Security Supplement TRUE
- Pierre Poilievre voted against the Guaranteed Income Supplement TRUE
- Pierre Poilievre voted to ban abortions TRUE
- Pierre Poilievre voted AGAINST housing initiatives Poilievre voted against initiatives to make housing affordable and address Canada's housing crisis in 2006, 2009, 2010, 2013, and 2014 when Conservatives were in power; and again in 2018 and 2019 as a member of the official opposition. TRUE
- Pierre Poilievre voted to raise the retirement age TRUE
- Pierre Poilievre voted to slash OAS/CPP TRUE
- Pierre Poilievre voted for scabs TRUE
- Pierre Poilievre voted against the environment in climate bills 400 times over his 20-years as a sitting Conservative MP in the House of Commons - TRUE
- Pierre Poilievre refused security clearance TRUE
- Pierre Poilievre instructed his MPs to keep silent on gay rights TRUE
- Pierre Poilievre voted to cancel school lunch programs for children experiencing poverty TRUE
- Pierre Poilievre voted against aid for Ukraine TRUE
- Pierre Poilievre voted for a \$43.5 billion cut to healthcare in 2012
- Pierre Poilievre voted for the \$196.1 billion cut to funds for surgery and reducing emergency wait times
- Pierre Poilievre voted for Bill C377 an attack on unions demanding access to the private banking info of union leaders - TRUE
- Pierre Poilievre vowed to "wield the NOTWITHSTANDING CLAUSE" thereby taking our charter rights away - TRUE
- Pierre Poilievre publicly stated that he would not support Pharmacare and Dentacare (at least twice) TRUE
- Pierre Poilievre supplied coffee and donuts to the Trucker Convoy who were funded by MAGA and Russia - TRUE
- Pierre Poilievre scapegoated Trudeau for causing inflation, while inflation was global and Canada had one of the lowest rates in the world TRUE
- Pierre Poilievre scapegoated Trudeau for causing the interest rate hikes, while Trudeau has zero power or influence over the Bank of Canada TRUE
- Pierre Poilievre scapegoated Trudeau by falsely claiming that the air pollution fines are the main driver of inflation in Canada, even though he KNOWS that that is completely false and was proven so - TRUE
- Pierre Poilievre publicly stated that he will defund the CBC TRUE
- PLUS, Pierre Poilievre publicly stated "Canada's Aboriginals need to learn the value of hard work more than they need compensation for abuse suffered in residential schools".
- And it's open season for mining companies to damage the environment if Poilievre gets elected. He voted "nay" to bills that would hold mining companies accountable for environmental

damage. In a Calgary rally in April, 2022, Poilevre told the crowd, "We're going to clear the way for pipelines. I am going to support pipelines south, north, east, west. " (CBC)

According to the Council of Canadians, "One thing that has not changed is our assessment of the danger that a Conservative majority government led by Pierre Poilievre would represent. In many ways his policies are a mirror image of those currently being pursued by Donald Trump, Elon Musk, and their underlings in the U.S. - to devastating effect."

<u>Trump, Poilievre, Carney and the Corporate Agenda: An Update to Our Election Primer – The Council of Canadians.</u>

Think about this voting record. Do you want this man as Prime Minister? This is all on record. Check it out.



MARK CARNEY -- LIBERAL

Val Innes

Mark Carney has a solid background in economic management. With a doctorate in economics from Oxford, he was the 8th governor of the Bank of Canada from 2008 to 2013, and he was the 120th governor of the Bank of England from 2013 to 2020. He is a talented economist and was responsible for saving Canada's economy during the fiscal meltdown caused by Junk bond speculation in 2008-9. He was also responsible for saving Britain's economy during the Brexit crisis in 2020.¹

Carney also brings expertise in climate action, and he served from 2020 as a United Nations special envoy for climate action and finance. Carney stepped down from all his executive, board and advisory positions in order to become leader of the Liberals and Prime Minister of Canada. Something to keep in mind, though, that in forming a "war" cabinet, he removed the WAGE, Women and Gender Equality Minister which is a significant loss. However, he has shown himself to be a tireless warrior in defence of Canadian sovereignty, and we should particularly note that Trump's tone changed after one phone call with Carney. Trump stopped talking about the 51st state, and he did not institute the threatened 25% tariffs on Canada in his Liberation Day debacle. We were exempted.

Carney advocated at the 2023 Global Progress Action Committee for progressives to build "health care, infrastructure, schools, opportunity, sustainability and prosperity" He has also proposed new policies, such as a major advance in housing and funding and deepening relationships with Commonwealth countries Britain, New Zealand and Australia. He has advocated for the oil industry to become cleaner and an incentives program to reward green choices. He believes that there is economic opportunity as well as a realistic response to the science of climate change in "a transition to a sustainable economy with reduced carbon emissions." Carney has also said Indigenous issues would be at the core of his government.

- 1. Mark Joseph Carney, Wikipedia
- 2. Fawcett, Max (September 28, 2023). "Mark Carney and how we all win | Canada's National Observer: Climate News". www.nationalobserver.com. Retrieved March 9, 2025.
- 3. ^ Jump up to: a b "COVID-19 pandemic adds urgency to fight against climate change: Mark Carney". CBC News. March 12, 2021. Archived from the original on March 13, 2021. Retrieved March 13, 2021

While Poilievre would have you believe that the Liberals have done nothing in the last ten years and that Canada is broken, the truth is actually quite different. This is a matter of record and you can check it out: In the last ten years, much of it working with the NDP:

• Liberals introduced the Canada Child Benefit

- restored the Old Age Security and Guaranteed Income supplement to Seniors to age 67
- introduced EI Parental Sharing Benefit
- made \$10 a day child care a reality and created affordable child care spaces
- took action to fight climate change
- made new investments in better transit across Canadian communities
- lowered small business tax rate from 11% to 9%
- lowered income tax for the middle class and raised it on the wealthiest 1%
- legalized cannabis,
- made investments to end 132 drinking water advisories on reserves,
- introduced Canada Workers' Benefit to reduce barriers to employment for low-wage workers,
- diversified Canadian Trade,
- introduced federal legislation to protect trans rights and made first-ever investments in LGBTQ2 service organizations,
- took first steps towards a National Pharmacare system to reduce prescription costs for Canadians,
- launched the new Canada Training Benefit to give workers the skills they need,
- advanced pay-equity legislation for women,
- supported mental health, homecare and caregivers,
- introduced new support for First Nations, Inuit and Metis people,
- made the largest investment in Science in Canadian history.

https://liberal.ca/our-progress

JAGMEET SINGH'S NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY



Jagmeet Singh grew up in Scarborough, St. John's, and Windsor, and served as an Ontario MPP from 2011 until 2017. He studied law so he could support community organizations fighting poverty, keeping tuition affordable, and advocating for equal access to justice for marginalized communities. Singh made the jump into politics in 2011. On October 1st, 2017, he became leader of Canada's NDP. Guided by values rooted in his experiences growing up, Singh is intent

on building a fairer, more just Canada where everyone can realize their dreams. Singh and the NDP have worked closely with the Liberals to help bring us that fairer and more just Canada. As Singh said, "The defining feature of the NDP – of every New Democrat – is that we are not only offended by inequality, we put everything we have into fighting it." Meet Jagmeet Singh « Canada's NDP and https://www.ndp.ca

While it is clear that the NDP will not form the next government according the polls, it is equally clear that having an NDP voice in Ottawa is crucially important in order to make all the parties consider equality and the needs of working people. Voters in currently NDP ridings need to look at the polls and very carefully assess how to vote.





A co-leadership model, with <u>Elizabeth May</u> and <u>Jonathan</u> Pedneault

The Green Party of Canada is founded on six key principles that were adopted at the 2002 convention of the <u>Global</u> <u>Greens</u>. [5] These principles are: ecological wisdom, non-violence,



social justice, sustainability, participatory democracy and respect for diversity. Anne Kingston described the party as an "ideological hybrid", combining left-leaning views on social issues and welfare with a right-leaning embrace of market solutions and tax shifting. Kingston, Anne (May 3, 2019). "Why you just may vote Green this time". Maclean's. The Green voice is an important one in parliament, but it is currently a small one. For more information and their platform, check out https://www.greenparty.ca

BLOC QUÉBÉCOIS

Yves-Francois Blanchet

The Bloc Québécois is a federal political party in Canada devoted to Quebecois nationalism and the promotion of Quebecois sovereignty. The Bloc was formed by Members of Parliament who defected from the federal Progressive Conservative



Party and Liberal Party during the collapse of the Meech Lake Accord.¹ Our table of Key Policy Positions should give you an idea of Bloc positions. Check out <u>The Bloc Québécois unveils its electoral platform, stressing Quebec identity, environment | CBC News</u> for more information. Bloc Quebecois makes sure Quebec's voice is heard in Ottawa. Their platform is based on 30 measures, including plans to increase health funding, replace the Indian Act and create a "green equalization" program to reward the provinces that fight effectively against climate change.²

- 1. Wikipedia
- 2. CBC

THIS ELECTION MATTERS: DO YOUR DUE DILIGENCE AND CHOOSE CAREFULLY WHO YOU VOTE FOR. BUT MAKE SURE YOU VOTE!

