



ONE ELECTION AWAY...

FROM A SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY WITH BETTER JOBS FOR ALL

Under decades of Conservative and Liberal governments, the wages of Canadians have stagnated, while corporate profits and incomes of the richest Canadians have risen.

While Canadian families struggle to make ends meet, the public services we count on for our quality of life and as a source of good jobs are being cut. Part-time, casual, low wage insecure jobs are becoming too common, especially for women and racialized workers.

Increasing inequality and cuts are slowing down our economy. We need higher wages and more public investment to strengthen it. It's time to renew and expand the physical and social infrastructure that is the backbone of our country.

We need a plan to build a stronger and more sustainable economy that creates good jobs for all Canadians and protects the quality public services we depend on.

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The Conservatives' record

The Conservatives' economic plan is to drive down workers' wages.
The Conservatives:

- » Cut Employment Insurance, making it even harder to qualify for benefits – hurting working people and local economies.
- » Cut quality public services to pay for tax breaks for profitable corporations and the rich.
- » Allowed corporations to exploit temporary foreign workers for low wages.
- » Cut programs for seniors forcing them to work longer for less.
- » Promote risky and expensive privatization of public services and public infrastructure.

The Liberals' promises

The Liberals' record in power is virtually identical to the Conservatives. The Liberals:

- » Promise tax cuts, but won't say how they intend to pay for them.
- » Won't commit to tax system reforms to ensure corporations pay their fair share.
- » Favour privatization and contracting out of public services.
- » Have a legacy of economic policies that hurt Canadian workers, including cutting funds to health care, education and social services in the mid 1990s and gutting the Employment Insurance program.

The NDP's commitment

The NDP has a plan to build an economy that works for everyone. The NDP will:

- » Strengthen and diversify our economy, by creating good quality and better-paid jobs in communities across Canada.
- » Create jobs by supporting clean energy and green technology, and renewing the public services and infrastructure that fuel our economy.
- » Increase the federal minimum wage to \$15/hour.
- » Improve Employment Insurance so it's there when workers need it most.
- » Make our tax system fairer so everyone – including corporations – pays their fair share.

Keys to a stronger, more sustainable economy

Create more and better quality jobs, through public investment in infrastructure and services, including affordable housing, public transit, and renewable energy.

Increase tax fairness by restoring corporate tax rates and closing regressive tax loopholes that overwhelmingly benefit the wealthy, including income splitting and CEO stock option deductions.

Support wage and income growth with increases in minimum wages and improvements to the Employment Insurance program, reform of the temporary foreign workers program, and more.

Ensure decent retirement incomes for all Canadians by expanding the Canada Pension Plan and restoring the age of eligibility for Old Age Security and the Guaranteed Income Supplement.

Support working families by establishing a quality public child care program.

Improve and expand our public health care system to ensure every Canadian has access to health care services when they need them.

Invest to strengthen and protect the quality public services that Canadians rely on every day. Public services and infrastructure are the foundation of our local economies. They provide well-paying jobs, and promote equality, ensuring everyone can succeed and thrive in our communities.

Now more than ever, with increasing income inequality, shrinking public services, a pressing need to renew crucial infrastructure and few decent job opportunities for our youth, working people need a strong political voice – a voice with a vision for workers.

With Tom Mulcair and his NDP team, we're one election away from an economy that works for everyone.