

E45 Party Platform Analysis

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Introduction to E4D

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In this party platform analysis¹, we look at how each party plans to address key themes of <u>research</u>, <u>government transparency</u>, and <u>evidence-informed decision</u> making.

To read through each party's full platform, click on the following links:



¹ Note, our analysis covers details specifically mentioned in official party platforms and official public announcements. Additional social media commentary, etc. is not included.



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Funding Research Through Education & Skills

Conservatives

Platform

The Conservatives released their <u>platform</u> on Apr 22, 2025. In their <u>latest version</u> (added Apr 23, 2025), the Conservatives commit to the following:

- End to the "imposition of woke ideology" in the federal civil service and in the allocation of federal funds for university research
- Eliminate university degree requirements for most federal public service roles
- Require union LMIA pre-checks to ensure unions get consulted before employers hire temporary foreign workers, with the goal of protecting Canadian jobs.
- Mandatory criminal background checks for individuals entering Canada on a student permit.
- Provide small loans to help new Canadians complete Blue Seal certification
- **Bringing home Canadian students studying medicine abroad** by expanding residency spots for them in Canada
- Boost funding to the Union Training and Innovation Program (UTIP) and expanding it to cover capital investments (e.g. training halls).
- Reinstate apprenticeship grants and streamline El for apprentices
- Require universities to enforce the standards of <u>section 2 of the Charter's</u> freedom of expression as a condition for federal funding.

Since the platform's announcement, the Conservatives have amended their platform, uploading a <u>new version</u> on Apr 23, 2025 to include the commitment to:

• **End the "imposition of Woke ideology**" in the federal public service, and in the allocation of federal funds for university research

Public Commitments

Additionally, the Conservative leader **Pierre Poilievre** has committed to the following in <u>public announcements</u>:

- Incentivize federal funding to universities that have "implemented the Chicago Principles" to "protect free speech on campus." Failure to protect free expression "would result in losing federal funding."
- Implement a "competitive review process with enhanced transparency and accountability" to determine Tri-Council grant recipients and "restore



merit" by directing hiring practices associated with research funding "away from ideology."

- **Create a Chief Scientist** modeled on the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology in the U.K. to advise the government and coordinate science policy nationally and internationally.
- Create an independent Canada Education Transfer targeted at postsecondary education to be funded at a base level, to be negotiated with the provinces, and to increase annually according to inflation and demographic growth.
- Support a three-year prohibition on embryonic research and ensure the federal government "encourage[s] the granting agencies to focus on more promising adult (post-natal) stem cell research." Poilievre indicated that the party wants federal regulation in assisted human reproduction and related research that would "respect human individuality, integrity, dignity and life."
- Introduce income-contingent repayment for federal student loans following graduation.
- Make interest on student lines of credit tax-deductible.
- **Build a system for recognizing international credentials** by implementing equivalency exams, creating criteria for equivalent Canadian professional statuses and investing in bridging programs.

Liberals

Platform

The Liberals released their <u>official platform</u> on Apr 19, 2025, which includes the following commitments:

- Establish the Bureau of Research, Engineering and Advanced Leadership in Science (BOREALIS)
- Provide funding and expand the mandates, where appropriate, for the Student Work Placement Program, the Youth Employment and Skills Strategy (YESS), Canada Summer Jobs, and the Canadian Service Corps.
 Better align the mandates with critical and emerging sectors such as green technology, artificial intelligence, and advanced manufacturing.
- **Establish a Youth Climate Corps pilot** which will provide paid skills training for young Canadians to quickly respond to climate emergencies, support recovery, and strengthen resilience in communities across the country



- Continue to uphold the removal of interest on Canada Student Loans and Canada Apprentice Loans.
- Increase funding for research grants and infrastructure at Canadian hospitals and other health care institutions.
- **Invest in research into postpartum maternal health**, funding studies and tracking outcomes, disparities, and service gaps to inform future investments
- **Drive increased private sector investment in research and development** by increasing, to \$6 million, the claimable amount under the Scientific Research and Experimental Development Tax Incentive Program (SR&ED) for Canadian companies
- Catalyze commercialization by expanding successful programs at Canada's Al institutes (Mila, Vector, Amii) to connect more Canadian researchers and startups with businesses across the country
- Attract leading researchers to Canadian institutions by creating the
 <u>Canadian Sovereignty and Resilience Research Fund</u>. This fund will rescue
 an American researchers' project funding cut by the US government, if
 projects can directly help Canadians or be commercialized here. Eligible
 researchers could include professors and graduate students.
- Finalize Canada's modernization of science and research, through the creation of a capstone organization that will ensure the federal granting agencies are driving mission-driven research that brings Canadian expertise to big global challenges and effectively commercializes homegrown ideas.
- Promote French-language educational pursuits across Canada by collaborating with provinces and territories to increase investments, including creating a scholarship for Francophone students who continue their post-secondary studies in French in a minority context.
- Accelerate funding for access to post-secondary education so more First Nations, Inuit, and Métis students can go to school and invest in associated infrastructure.
- Invest in Indigenous-led post-secondary education institutions, such as the Inuit Nunangat University and the First Nations University.
- Prioritizing access to post-secondary education and skills training for Indigenous youth, including through targeted outreach for the Apprenticeship Grant.
- Launch a new training and upskilling benefit worth up to \$15,000 for workers in the middle of their careers. This benefit will be targeted to workers in priority sectors including manufacturing, health care, construction, Al, and technology. In the face of the economic uncertainty and volatility many



Canadian businesses are facing, the Liberals will collaborate with employers to support retention and upskilling within their companies.

Public Commitments

Additionally, Liberal leader **Mark Carney** has <u>committed</u> to the following:

• Maintain immigration levels, including international student visa caps. There is no fixed date when the caps would be removed.

Additionally, Carney has stated that the Liberal party would **maintain previous commitments under the Trudeau administration**, including:

- An increase in federal research grant funding by \$1.8 billion over five years.
- \$500 million over five years for a youth mental health fund to hire up to 1,200 counsellors at postsecondary institutions.
- Zero interest for new and existing federal student loans.
- An increase to the repayment assistance threshold for single Canada Student Loan borrowers from \$31,726 to \$50,000 annually.
- Approximately \$100 million invested in 2022 to support 119 new and renewed Canada Research Chairs at 35 Canadian research institutions.

New Democrats

Platform

The NDP released their <u>official platform</u> on Apr 19, 2025, which includes the following commitments:

- There is no specific mention of research funding in the official party platform, including regarding the federal granting agencies, graduate students, or researchers.
- However, the following public commitments give us some idea where the NDP plan to steer research funding in Canada.

Public Commitments

Publicly, NDP leader **Jagmeet Singh** has committed to the following:

- Match funding to the provinces and postsecondary institutions for the construction of affordable student housing.
- Coordinate the allocation of study permits to postsecondary institutions that have a "credible and affordable" student housing plan.
- Incentivize partnerships between business, nonprofits and postsecondary institutions to convert office spaces for dormitory-style student housing
- Forgive up to \$20,000 of federal student debt.



- Place a moratorium on student loan payments and give graduates five years before requiring initial payments.
- Commit to working towards tuition-free postsecondary education
- **Invest in Northern Ontario's medical schools** to service rural and remote communities, and train more doctors in the North

Bloc Quebecois

Platform

The Bloc Quebecois released their <u>official platform</u> on Mar 29, 2025, which includes the following commitments:

Research Investments

- Invest in research and development of alternatives to neonicotinoid pesticides
- Support massive reinvestment in research and development, with the urgent need to improve the innovation, competitiveness, and productivity of Quebec businesses.
- Take advantage of Donald Trump's cuts to scientific research funding to finance an intensive recruitment effort for American talent in cutting-edge fields, including artificial intelligence, biomedical science, and clean technologies.
- Propose studying best practices in quantum sciences, particularly in the
 United Kingdom and the Netherlands, in terms of regulation, oversight of new
 technologies, and opportunities to develop Quebec's expertise.
- Insist on the recognition of Quebec's leading expertise in quantum research, notably by supporting the implementation of a Canadian quantum strategy that recognizes Quebec's importance in the next technological revolution.
- Relaunch the debate on the regulation of artificial intelligence, ensuring that Quebec has jurisdiction in this area and is drawing inspiration from global best practices.
- Offer predictable and recurring reinvestments in university scientific research.
- **Establish equity in science funding** for Francophones and for regional institutions.
- Propose financial support for institutions promoting science in Quebec's regions, particularly through the remarkable network of research centers in Quebec's regions and the network of Quebec universities.
- Promote the French language in scientific work and publications.



• Demand that the federal government provide unconditional financial support to any Quebec initiative to develop student housing as a means of reducing pressure on the residential and rental housing stock, particularly in the regions and at the initiative of colleges and universities.

Public Commitments

Publicly, the Bloc leader **Yves-Francois Blanchet** has <u>committed</u> to the following:

- **Promote freedom of expression and oppose censorship,** the exclusion of public debate, and restrictions on topics discussed in public spaces, "particularly in universities, the media and legislative assemblies."
- Advocate for increased federal transfer to the provinces. The Bloc believes education should be the area of exclusive provincial jurisdiction.
- Fund an intensive recruitment effort for Americans in cutting-edge research fields, including artificial intelligence, biomedical and cleanteach.
- Support the implementation of a Canadian quantum strategy that recognizes Quebec's role in advancing quantum technology.
- Redistribute federal research funding for more balance between regions.

 The BQ noted that 12 of Canada's 15 largest research institutions are outside of Quebec.
- **Reinvest in research and development** to improve productivity and competitiveness given the global trade war.
- Support French-language research and publications.
- Provide funding for the province, colleges and universities for student housing initiatives.
- Collaborate with the province to narrow the parameters around international student immigration without compromising the regional university model.

Greens

Platform

The Greens released their <u>official platform</u> on Apr 17, 2025, which includes the following commitments:

Research Funding

- **Increase R&D funding to 2.7% of GDP** to bring Canada in line with the OECD average.
- Increase funding for research councils (NSERC, SSHRC, CIHR), ensuring a minimum 60% success rate in grant competitions.



- Restore and expand Climate Change and Atmospheric Research (CCAR) funding and provide annual funding for the Polar Environment Atmospheric Research Lab.
- Ensure full implementation of Scientific Integrity Policies across government departments to protect research independence.
- **Increase research and innovation funding** for circular economy solutions, including material recovery technologies, zero-waste manufacturing, and advanced recycling systems.

Equity in Scientific Research

- Mandate ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) considerations in federal research grants to ensure ethical and sustainable research funding.
- **Ensure equity in STEM funding** by allocating at least 10% of all research council funding to support underrepresented groups in science and technology.
- Introduce a program of direct, non-reviewed research funding to all Canadian universities based on graduate student size, with the condition that all results are made fully public.
- Mandate open access for publicly funded research, following Europe's "Plan S" model to make science freely available.
- Create a public portal for government science and decision-making evidence to enhance transparency and public trust.

<u>Innovation</u>

- Provide direct research funding to Canadian universities, allocated automatically based on graduate student enrollment in thesis-based programs, to ensure stable baseline funding for curiosity-driven, early-stage research. This will support long-term scientific inquiry and breakthrough discoveries without the burden of competitive grant applications.
 - Require that all research funded through this program be fully public, preventing the privatization of publicly funded knowledge and ensuring open access for researchers, businesses, and the public
- Require Statistics Canada to conduct an annual technology survey to track innovation trends and investment needs.
- Create an 'Entrepreneur-in-Residence' Program in national labs to facilitate knowledge-sharing between researchers and businesses.

Written Commitments



In a direct response to E4D's <u>request for information</u>, the Green Party indicated that they believe research should be publicly funded and openly shared, and that they would support strong, stable funding for research and innovation. In their reply, the Greens pledge to honour the following commitments:

Federal Funding

- Support strong, stable funding for research and innovation
- Increase support to Canada's research councils for health, science, and social science.
- **Expand scholarships for graduate students** and support early-career researchers.
- Restore and grow funding for climate, atmospheric, and environmental research.
- Provide direct funding to universities to support basic science and discovery.
- Invest in independent research on fisheries, forests, and pesticides.

Public Commitments

Publicly, Green co-leaders **Elizabeth May** and **Jonathan Pedneault** have <u>committed</u> to the following:

- Cancel federal student loan debt and abolish tuition for postsecondary institutions. The party says this would cost \$10.2 billion annually.
- **Budget \$10 billion to support postsecondary schools** with "mentorship, student-professor contact, inclusive policies and tenure-track hires."
- Double and triple the quotas for PhD and master's scholarships, respectively.
- Support postsecondary schools in minority-language communities.

Health

Conservatives

<u>Platform</u>

The Conservatives released their platform on Apr 22, 2025. In their platform, the Conservatives commit to the following:



- Working with provinces to **create nationally-recognized licenses for doctors,** nurses, early childhood educators, and other professions.
- Rapidly recognizing U.S.-board certified professionals to recruit more qualified physicians to Canada
- Adding 15,000 doctors by 2030.
- **Upholding the Canada Health Act** and defending universal public health care.
- Ensuring that there will be no laws, rules or regulations passed restricting abortion.
- End all safe supply treatment centres
- Create a national outcomes dashboard to ensure transparency of data and allow provinces to track best practices.
- Allow judges to sentence offenders to mandatory treatment for addiction
- Speed up Drug Approval for drugs approved by 2 of 3 peer jurisdictions, ensure companies share all data on pediatric drug use, and implement a rare diseases strategy to support treatment development.
- Ban the dismissal of federal workers based solely on COVID vaccine status

Liberals

<u>Platform</u>

The Liberals released their <u>official platform</u> on Apr 19, 2025, which includes the following commitments:

- Improve health services and support for women Veterans' health by launching a health research study on the experience of women Veterans to ensure proper data is collected
- Support the health, including mental health, of first responders by doubling the federal government's collaboration with the Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR), and the Canadian Institute of Public Safety Research and Treatment.
- Recruit qualified doctors through a new global recruitment strategy that will fast-track the arrival of doctors into Canada, including Canadians practicing abroad and other U.S.-trained physicians and health researchers.
- **Invest in increased collection of data** to help address women's health gaps in Canada, particularly in understudied areas of menopause, endometriosis, maternal mortality and morbidity, stillbirth, and perinatal health.



- Achieve mutual recognition of credentials with provinces and territories so Canadians can work wherever they want, including health professional credentials
- **Build critical health infrastructure like hospitals**, clinics, and long-term care facilities by working with provinces and territories.
- Strengthening the *Investment Canada Act*, making it clear that any transactions involving core infrastructure in our public health system, such as long-term care facilities and family health practices, will be subject to stringent review and protection under the Act.
- Assert Canada's leadership in supporting women and girls by protecting funding for sexual and reproductive health care and rights, education, and combatting child marriage. At a time when women's rights are under threat and reproductive rights are being rolled back at a shocking rate, the Liberals plan to ensure that Canada's foreign assistance is gender responsive and helps the poorest and most vulnerable.
- **Defend the Canada Health Act** and build up Canada's health care system based on its founding values: free of charge, fair, universal, and accessible.
- Protect dental care and pharmacare
- Add thousands of new doctors to Canada's health care system by working with the provinces, territories and Indigenous Peoples to:
 - o Increase medical school and residency spaces, and build new medical schools and expand residency positions, especially for family medicine. This will be done in close collaboration with each province and territory to reflect their priorities and population needs. The Liberals will consider the unique health care access needs of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis and establish a dedicated stream to increase access to medical care in areas of federal jurisdiction.
 - Make it easier for internationally trained doctors and health professionals to practice in Canada. The Liberals will work with provincial and territorial partners to streamline credential recognition for internationally trained doctors and nurses so that qualified health care professionals already living here can contribute to our health care system.
 - Address labour mobility issues and implement pan-Canadian licensure so that health workers can be employed anywhere in Canada. By advancing mutual recognition of credentials across provinces and territories the federal government can improve workforce flexibility, lower health care costs, and reduce regional shortages [more].



- Recruit qualified doctors through a new global recruitment strategy that will fast-track the arrival of doctors into Canada, including Canadians practicing abroad and other U.S.-trained physicians and health researchers. To make sure Canada fully capitalizes on this opportunity, the Liberals will increase funding for research grants and infrastructure at our hospitals and other health care institutions.
- Build hospitals, clinics, and more by investing \$4 billion to construct and renovate community health care infrastructure. This will also support investments in public long-term care; improve access to team-based care, including mental health care services; and provide funding for expensive machinery like MRIs.
- Provide Personal Support Workers (PSWs) with up to \$1,100 a year by immediately legislating a refundable Health Care Workers Hero Tax Credit.
- Support training for nurses, PSWs, and teachers by expanding the Union Training and Innovation Program (UTIP) to include training spaces. When Liberals take care of caregivers, they are better able to take care of patients.
- Make the Sexual and Reproductive Health Fund Program permanent, so that there will always be funding for abortion care in Canada, with access to reproductive care protected for underserved communities [more].
- Establish a new in vitro fertilization (IVF) program that provides up to \$20,000 for a single standard cycle of IVF treatment, making it more affordable for Canadians who want to become parents, especially 2SLGBTQI+ Canadians who face a costly journey to parenthood. The Liberals plan to work with the provinces and territories to make sure more Canadians can access this support.
- Address the under-researched area of postpartum maternal health by investing in research into postpartum maternal health to fund studies and track outcomes, disparities, and service gaps, and inform future investments so that women get better care after giving birth.
- **Invest in increased collection of data** to help address women's health gaps in Canada, particularly in understudied areas of menopause, endometriosis, maternal mortality and morbidity, stillbirth, and perinatal health.
- Provide 100,000 young people a year with mental health care by
 establishing a permanent Youth Mental Health Fund. This fund will enhance
 community-based mental health services and give access to mental health
 care to people who otherwise would not, improving the lives of young people,
 and the friends and families that love them.
- Provide urgent and immediate support to address the overdose crisis by adding \$500 million to the Emergency Treatment Fund to support



municipalities, Indigenous Peoples, and community health care organizations to confront the toxic drug and overdose crisis and connect more people to treatment and vital services, faster.

- Ensure Canadians can securely access their health care data
- Reduce the administrative burden on doctors with streamlined and standardized forms and scaling up digital tools that significantly reduce paperwork and leave more time for patient visits. The Liberals will also launch a new program to support doctors in safely and securely adopting new digital tools such as e-prescribing and e-referrals. The Liberals will also support tools that are bilingual for doctors and nurses.
- Launch a Task Force for Public Health Care Innovation to invest and scale up made-in-Canada public health care solutions, leverage, and improve the quality of data, and evaluate and ensure accountability in public investments in health care, including the \$25 billion Working Together Agreements signed with provinces and territories.
- Implement a national licence for physicians and nurses, giving health workers more mobility across the country and making it easier to respond to workforce needs across jurisdictions.
- Increase investments for Indigenous mental health, healing and wellness centres, and friendship centres.

New Democrats

Platform

The NDP released their <u>official platform</u> on Apr 19, 2025, which includes the following commitments:

- Guarantee that every Canadian can access primary care and a family doctor by 2030, by launching a comprehensive strategy that retains and hires more doctors, nurses and other health-care workers.
- Boost Canada Health Transfers by an additional 1% for provinces that commit to action and publicly report on their progress, to support real partnerships to train, recruit, and retain the health workers.
- Take tangible steps to help connects every Canadian with a family doctor, including:



- Creating residencies for qualified, internationally trained doctors already living in Canada
- Implementing a pan-Canadian licensure, to help medical professionals practice where they are needed across the country
- Working with provinces and doctors to reduce administrative bureaucracy that takes time away from patients
- Training and equipping more doctors from northern and rural communities
- Working with territorial governments to provide housing and facilities for family doctors and primary care teams to keep healthcare providers in the North
- Work with Canada's nurses to close the job vacancy gap in the nursing sector, to ensure wage parity and safe staffing ratios.
- Improve working conditions for nurses.
- Launch a \$5,000 tax credit to help boost pay for more than 780,000 nurses and Personal Support Workers.
- Launch a universal pharmacare program within four years. During the first year of the next Parliament, ensure deals with every province to cover diabetes medications and birth control. Expand that first step by covering essential medicines by the end of the first year, building to full coverage by the end of four years.
- Stop U.S.-style privatization and protect public health care from Donald Trump's trade agenda. This includes:
 - o banning American corporations from buying Canadian health facilities,
 - o blocking any trade deals from putting health care on the trading table,
 - o and strengthening the Canada Health Act to stop cash-for-care clinics from charging Canadians for basic care.
- **Expand mental health coverage** by ensuring that all Canadians can access services like psychotherapy and counselling by launching a new plan to cover these services for those who are currently not covered by work plans.
- Expand funding for crisis and addictions care to help people access the care they need

Bloc Quebecois

The Bloc Quebecois released their <u>official platform</u> on Mar 29, 2025, which includes the following commitments:



- Call for a massive increase in health care funding through federal transfers, arguing this is the only way to improve the deficient provision of mental health care, rehabilitation center spaces, rapid access to emergency care, social workers, supervised consumption sites, and harm reduction.
- Aim to increase federal health transfers to 35% of total costs in order to address the persistent crisis in our public health care system.
- Transparence pour les consommateurs Support the labeling of products in order to distinguish their origin, to know the list of additives and dyes, and to know which are GMOs or are derived from genomic editing or cloning.
- Call for the transfer of the federal dental care program to Quebec, which will save money by entrusting management to the RAMQ rather than a private insurer, while also allowing for an adjustment of the fee schedules so that they truly correspond to the costs billed to patients.

Greens

Platform

The Greens released their <u>official platform</u> on Apr 17, 2025, which includes the following commitments:

Universal Healthcare

- Enforce and strengthen the Canada Health Act, ensuring that all new federal health care funding goes to public, not-for-profit services, while preventing the expansion of for-profit clinics, extra billing, user fees, and privatization creep.
- Increase federal health transfers with accountability measures, ensuring funds are used to improve access and equity.
- Reform the Canada Health Transfer (CHT) to guarantee fair funding for rural and remote healthcare services, ensuring staffing levels, facility funding, and service access are equitable across all regions.
- Pass a new Primary Care Health Act, complementing the Canada Health Act, to ensure that every Canadian can access a family doctor, nurse practitioner, and community-based primary care team
- Hire 7,500 new family doctors, nurses, and nurse practitioners over five years to address health worker shortages.
- Train and certify 50,000 personal support workers (PSWs) and establish minimum wage of \$25/hour for PSWs and long-term care workers.
- **Implement Universal Pharmacare** to establish single-payer pharmacare across Canada.



- Expand the Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP) immediately to all Canadians who meet the eligibility requirements.
- **Expand community health services, i**ncluding mobile clinics for rural and remote communities and increased support for telemedicine.
- Require provinces to provide culturally safe and inclusive primary care services, especially for Indigenous Peoples, rural and remote communities, and historically marginalized groups.

Mental Health

- Make mental health services fully insured under the Canada Health Act, ensuring public coverage of therapy, counselling, and psychiatric care through general provincial health transfers.
- Establish a Canada Mental Health Transfer (CMHT) as a transitional measure, ensuring mental health funding reaches community services while provinces fully integrate mental health into Medicare. The CMHT will be phased out once full integration is achieved.
- Earmark 50% of all mental health funding for community-based providers, ensuring stable, long-term funding for nonprofit mental health agencies, harm reduction services, and Indigenous-led programs.
- Launch a National Suicide Prevention Strategy, including 988 crisis services expansion and peer-based crisis response models.
- Expand funding for supervised consumption sites and harm reduction services, ensuring nationwide access, including rural and correctional facilities.
- Legislate full decriminalization of drug possession for personal use, replacing discretionary policies with a consistent legal framework.
- Establish a Federally Managed Safe Supply Program, providing pharmaceutical alternatives to prevent overdose deaths.

Public Health

- Increase funding for the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) and Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) to support long-term investments in public health monitoring.
- **Develop a nationwide public health equity framework** to address social determinants of health and reduce disparities.
- Establish a permanent National Pandemic Preparedness Plan, ensuring strategic Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) stockpiles, domestic vaccine production, and a rapid-response task force for future health emergencies

Reproductive Health



- Advocate for the **enforcement of the Canada Health Ac**t to ensure all provinces and territories provide comprehensive reproductive health services, including abortion, without financial or logistical barriers.
- Support the expansion of telemedicine services to provide medication abortion and related care, particularly in underserved and remote communities.
- Ensure that reproductive health services are inclusive and affirming for LGBTO+ individuals.
- Enhance the collection of disaggregated data on reproductive health to identify and address disparities in access and outcomes.
- **Oppose any legislation** that seeks to restrict access to abortion or undermine reproductive rights.

Other Industries (including Fisheries, Forestry, & Agriculture)

Conservatives

Platform

The Conservatives released their **official platform** on Apr 22, 2025. In their platform, the Conservatives commit to the following:

Agriculture

- Bring the premiers together to cut exceptions in the Canadian Free Trade
 Agreement and boost interprovincial trade within 30 days of taking office.
- Introduce a Free Trade Bonus that rewards provinces that lower the trade and labour mobility barriers. Increased tax revenue would be given back to provinces to spend on schools, hospitals, etc. at their discretion
- Remove trade barriers on Canadian wine, beer and spirits by ending the ban on interprovincial alcohol shipments

Fisheries

- Adapt Marine Protected Areas to ensure science, not ideology, determines where harvesters can land their catch.
- Streamline regulations and permitting on ports, reform borrowing caps, pre authorizing future development zones, explore container shipping on the Great Lakes, extend the shipping season at the Port of Churchill, and review the hours of work regulations for smaller ports.
- Ensure fishing is allowed only in accordance with DFO regulations



- **Implement "marked selective salmon" fisheries** for hatchery salmon to protect vulnerable species.
- Invest in fisheries science and Integrated Fisheries Management Plans.
- Balance ecosystems by managing pinniped predation.

Additionally, **Pierre Poilievre** has publicly committed to the following:

- "Put science first" by conducting assessments and monitoring of Canada's fishery stocks to enable better, more timely management decisions for fish harvesters.
- "Restore law and order" by ensuring fishing is only permitted in accordance with Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) regulations, with the aim to sustain the Atlantic fishery.
- Protect harvester rights by upholding the "Willing Buyer/Willing Seller" principle, so new entrants can only access quota or fishing rights by purchasing them at fair market value from willing sellers, with DFO managing access based on clear, science-based conservation objectives.
- Restore sustainable fisheries and "ensure fairness" for Canada's coastal communities, reversing policies that have led to unregulated fishing and uncompensated quota expropriation from legal harvesters.

Liberals

Platform

The Liberals released their <u>official platform</u> on Apr 19, 2025, which includes the following commitments:

Red Tape Reduction

- Require all relevant federal departments such as Transport Canada,
 Natural Resources Canada, and Innovation, Science and Economic
 Development Canada to undertake reviews and to report on progress,
 within 60 days, on steps to eliminate outdated or unnecessary rules, reduce
 duplication or overlap with provincial rules, and streamline the administration
 of rules and the delivery of regulatory decisions.
- Require the new Major Federal Project Office to render final decisions on projects on a maximum two-year timeline, much faster than the former government's five-year timeline. This will include where other federal decisions are required, including under the Fisheries Act, the Species at Risk Act, and other federal legislation.
- Get big projects built quickly by establishing "One Window" project decisions through a Major Federal Project Office and effectively shifting the



focus of project review from "why" to "how." This will enable businesses to navigate regulations more quickly and with fewer redundancies. This office will uphold rigour when it comes to environmental protection and Indigenous consultation and participation.

Fisheries

- Protect more of our freshwater as it becomes increasingly attractive to foreign actors by developing a National Water Security Strategy and prohibiting their inclusion in trade deals. The Liberals will also create a strategic water security technology fund to advance development of related Canadian R&D, AI, monitoring, and data tools. The Liberals will also modernize the Canada Water Act to address evolving challenges. And through the Canada Water Agency, the Liberals will strengthen national water stewardship and launch a municipal stream under the Freshwater Action Plan for regions facing freshwater challenges and equipping them to safeguard local water resources. The Liberals will also invest in the deployment of new technologies and enforcement efforts in the fight against aquatic invasive species. Freshwater is a precious resource and the Liberals will keep our water clean, our ecosystems healthy, and our freshwater sovereign.
- Support modern water management practices and safeguard local water resources as part of the freshwater action plan
- Invest an additional \$250 million in the repair and maintenance of small craft harbours. These harbours are the backbone of the fishing industry, especially in Atlantic Canada, and are the homebase for many of Canada's fisheries. Tackling much needed repairs and improvements will protect livelihoods, and help these small fisheries grow.
- Help our fisheries respond to tariffs and reduce the risk involved in expanding to new markets by creating a new Arctic Fisheries Fund, and revamping the Atlantic Fisheries Fund, the Quebec Fisheries Fund, and the British Columbia Salmon Restoration and Innovation Fund, increasing funding by 20% for each. This new funding will help our fishermen and women face tariff risks including on developing new export markets, new product development and promoting Canadian seafood for dinner tables here at home. Funding will also drive innovation, sustainability, and productivity so that our industry is set up fo long-term growth.
- **Protect marine life and clean up our shores.** Ghost gear (lost or abandoned fishing equipment) traps and kills fish, marine mammals, and seabirds, damages sensitive habitats, and litters coastlines. The Liberals will work to clean up ghost gear through new innovations, such as Al-powered data



analysis and satellite imagery, GPS-enabled buoys, RFID tags, and acoustic sensors to retrieve ghost gear in real time. These innovations will reduce harm to marine habitats, protect fish stocks, and keep fishermen and women safe.

<u>Agriculture</u>

- Strengthen Canada's food security by investing in greenhouses, hydroponics, and other controlled environment agriculture that allow us to grow more types of food, here at home. The Liberals will work with the private sector to protect Canadian food security.
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- Increase the resilience of food supply chains and support innovation
- Amend the mandates of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and the Pest Management Regulatory Agency to ensure they consider food security and the cost of food in all their regulatory decisions without compromising on health and safety
- **Direct the Canada Infrastructure Bank** to prioritize investments in agriculture, fisheries, agri-food, and the food supply chain, particularly those that improve food security and reduce the cost of food for Canadian families, unlocking potentially billions in investment for the sector.
- Help Canadian farmers get their goods to market at low cost, particularly in Alberta, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan. The Liberals will do this by extending the Extended Railway Interswitching pilot by three years. As part of our commitment to support Canadian workers, the Liberals will explore all options to exclude non-Canadian railways from being included in this project.
- Make permanent the doubling of revenue protection for farmers under the AgriStability Program, from \$3 million to \$6 million per farm, in the case of significant revenue drops caused by tariffs, extreme weather events, and other external shocks.
- **Keep Canada's supply management off the table** in any negotiations with the U.S. The Liberals will protect Canada's commitment to supply management and supply-managed sectors, including dairy, poultry, and eggs.
- **Build more domestic processing capacity,** including food processing capacity in rural and remote areas, with a new \$200 million Domestic Food Processing Fund, applicable to both agricultural and fisheries products. This could include processing milk into baby formula.



- Increase support for farmers, ranchers, and producers, including in the fish and seafood sectors, to access new markets for their food products with an additional \$30 million in the AgriMarketing Program. This will build on recent successes, including the recent opening of new Agri-Food Offices abroad, which helps our farmers access new markets and diversify away from the United States.
- Increase the support for farmers and ranchers to buy more efficient farm equipment. This will support farmers in growing their businesses and hiring more workers, while reducing emissions and improving resiliency to the effects of climate change and extreme weather events.
- Double the loan guarantee limit, from \$500,000 to \$1 million, of the Canadian Agricultural Loans Act Program and expand terms to 20 years. This will help the next generation of young farmers start their own farms by facilitating the purchase of land, the construction or improvement of farm infrastructure, the purchase or repair of equipment, and more.
- Work with the National School Food Program and provinces and territories to prioritize the purchasing of Canadian food products as much as possible, supporting Canadian farmers and ensuring Canadian kids have access to local, fresh food grown and caught right here in Canada [more].
- Work with the Canada Food Inspection Agency to ensure mutual recognition of food safety standards with reliable trading partners. This will cut red tape to accelerate access to new technology approvals without compromising health and safety.

Natural Resources

• Expand the Indigenous Loan Guarantee Program from \$5 billion to \$10 billion and increase the sectoral scope. This will enable a greater share in the benefits of natural resources and energy projects in Indigenous Peoples' territories, on their own terms. And the Liberals will work with First Nations, Inuit, and Métis partners to improve accessibility. An expansion will create more space for more communities to access lower interest loans thus enabling greater opportunities for investment and profit from natural resources

Indigenous Sovereignty

- Advance Indigenous participation in major projects to ensure First Nations,
 Inuit and Métis rights-holders are a part of Canada's accelerated push to build
- Conserve nature in partnership with Indigenous Peoples by expanding the Indigenous Guardians Program to include 50 new Arctic Indigenous



Guardians This will support Indigenous leadership in environmental monitoring and land management ensuring invaluable traditional knowledge is incorporated into nature protection

Environmental Protection

- Launch the Canadian Nature Protection Fund to restore old-growth forests, safeguard carbon-rich peatlands, and revive Canada's coastal waters. Every dollar Canadians, businesses, and philanthropists contribute will be matched by the federal government, up to \$250 million.
- Champion nature conservation internationally by stopping illegal wildlife trade across Canada's borders with modern digital solutions; ratifying the High Seas Treaty as soon as possible; and supporting growth of Canadian marine resource sectors, while advocating for strong evidence- based international protections.
- Improving Parks Canada's disaster response capabilities, having learned lessons from what happened in Jasper, Alberta, last year, and the devastation experienced by the local economy and the surrounding nature and wildlife. The Liberals will invest to ensure Canadian national parks have a well-resourced response force including expanding and equipping Parks Canada's wildfire response teams with additional training and modern firefighting equipment to meet emerging wildfire threats. We will increase investment in FireSmart programs, including strategic debris clearing and controlled burns; ensure comprehensive evacuation planning for all communities within national parks, developed in collaboration with local and Indigenous partners; update building codes and infrastructure standards for all new constructions in national parks, ensuring climate-resilient design that accounts for future wildfire and climate risks.
- Prioritize natural infrastructure, like forested areas and wetlands. Nature
 protects against flooding, storm surges, extreme heat, mudslides, and other
 natural disasters. The government will use a mix of conservation funding,
 climate change adaptation funding, and leverage public-private infrastructure
 investments to invest in nature that protects communities.
- Map Canada's ecologically sensitive areas. The Liberals will map Canada's
 carbon and biodiversity-rich ecological landscapes including ocean
 coastlines, peatlands, and permafrost areas to enable a more holistic
 ecosystem approach to conservation, carbon accounting, and project
 development.
- **Proactively rehabilitate and mitigate environmental** and species at risk impacts in areas where the Liberals expect there to be significant



infrastructure development over the next five years. The Liberals will do this in cooperation with project proponents, provinces, territories, and Indigenous partners that could impact endangered and at-risk species across the country. This includes habitats and environments near ports, railroads, airports, highways, critical mineral sites, energy infrastructure, and more. This will ensure prevention, mitigation, or offset measures are in place before projects even break ground.

New Democrats

Platform

The NDP released their <u>official platform</u> on Apr 19, 2025, which includes the following commitments:

 The NDP platform, as presented on their official campaign commitments page, does not provide detailed or specific proposals regarding fisheries, forestry, or natural resources in the sections currently available

Bloc Quebecois

Platform

The Bloc Quebecois released their <u>official platform</u> on Mar 29, 2025, which includes the following commitments:

Agriculture

- **Sovereignty alimentaire** this aims to support the next generation of farmers, in particular by promoting the recovery of fallow land.
- Transparence pour les consommateurs_- Support the labeling of products in order to distinguish their origin, to know the list of additives and dyes, and to know which are GMOs or are derived from genomic editing or cloning.
- **Résilience alimentaire** Advocate for the rapid prohibition of neonicotinoid pesticides, with support for the transition for farmers, and propose investing in research and development of alternatives with a view to generally reducing pesticides.

Sustainable Agriculture and Fisheries

• **Support sustainable agricultural practic**es, such as promoting organic farming, greenhouse cultivation, and local food systems, as well as rewarding innovative environmental practices among farmers



- Advocate for the rapid ban of neonicotinoid pesticides, support for the transition to alternatives, and improved risk management programs to help farmers adapt to climate change
- Work with the federal government, Quebec and the community to develop a
 plan to diversify markets for fisheries, while 85% of Canadian product
 exports are directed to the United States.

Greens

Platform

The Greens released their <u>official platform</u> on Apr 17, 2025, which includes the following commitments:

Fisheries & Waterways

- Shift nearshore fisheries management to Indigenous and community-led governance, ensuring that quota-setting, conservation decisions, and enforcement reflect traditional knowledge and local stewardship.
- Transition the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) toward a co-governance and Indigenous-led management model in key regions.
- Update federal fisheries regulations to align with Indigenous laws and management plans, ensuring their legal authority over conservation measures and resource management.
- Implement science-based catch limits, habitat protections, and stronger enforcement against overfishing, following recommendations from Oceana's 2024 Fisheries Audit.
- Ensure all fish caught in a fishery including bait and recreational fishing are counted in management decisions to improve stock assessments and sustainability.
- Ensure all fisheries policies account for the impacts of climate change, adjusting quotas and protections to reflect shifting fish populations.
- Complete recovery plans for all dangerously depleted fish stocks.
- Invest in independent fish stock research over five years to ensure management decisions are based on the best available science and to close critical data gaps.
- Ensure transparency in fisheries management by making all quotasetting, conservation measures, and decision-making processes publicly accessible.
- Conduct a review of the Recovery Potential Assessment (RPA) process to determine whether its shortcomings are due to unnecessary complexity or poor implementation.



- Protect independent fishers and coastal communities by preventing corporate control of inshore fishing licenses.
- Implement key recommendations from Parliament's 2024 West Coast Fisheries report to ensure fair access to fisheries resources and stronger protections for coastal communities.
- **Develop a Canadian "Sea Grant"-style program** to fund fisheries research, support coastal communities, and enhance public engagement on sustainable fisheries management, in consultation with key Canadian and international scientific societies
- **Protect and restore coastal and marine ecosystems, i**ncluding seagrass meadows, kelp forests, and salt marshes, to support biodiversity and enhance natural carbon storage. Expand habitat restoration programs and reduce human impacts on marine biodiversity.
- **Support a moratorium on deep-sea mining** until at least 2030 to prevent irreversible damage to marine ecosystems.
- Require all finfish aquaculture operations to transition to closed containment systems, starting with the phase-out of open-net pen fish farms in Pacific waters by 2025 and all Canadian waters by 2030, ensuring a just transition for affected workers and communities.
- Remove Fisheries and Oceans Canada's mandate to promote salmon aquaculture, ensuring its regulatory role prioritizes environmental protection over industry interests.
- Transfer aquaculture regulation from Fisheries and Oceans Canada to Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada to prevent conflicts of interest in fisheries management.
- Support sustainable shellfish and seaweed aquaculture in partnership with Indigenous communities, ensuring these industries create local jobs while protecting marine ecosystems.
- Develop a National Water Strategy to ensure long-term protection of freshwater resources in collaboration with Indigenous and provincial governments.
- Recognize water as a collective resource in federal legislation to prevent privatization and unsustainable extraction.

Natural Resources

• Establish national strategic reserves of critical resources — including critical minerals, metals, energy resources, and lumber — to stabilize domestic markets, counter trade disruptions, and strengthen Canadian sovereignty.



- Phase out raw resource exports by prioritizing domestic reserves, processing and manufacturing.
- **Increase productivity** by incentivizing value-added resource use through tax incentives, innovation grants, and industrial partnerships that maximize efficiency in processing and manufacturing.
- **Expand Canada's clean industrial sector** by investing in value-added industries such as:
 - Battery production and critical minerals refining.
 - o Green steel and zero-emission aluminum processing.
 - o Mass timber and engineered wood production.
- Leverage public procurement to drive demand for domestically processed materials, ensuring federal infrastructure projects use Canadian resources first.
- Align Canada's resource policies with the Pan-Canadian Energy Strategy to ensure resource extraction, processing, and industrial development support the transition to a net-zero economy.
- **Develop a National Industrial Decarbonization Strategy** to transition manufacturing, resource processing, and heavy industry away from fossil fuels.
- Redirect Natural Resources Canada's resources toward supporting low-carbon industrial development, sustainable resource extraction, and clean technology innovation.

<u>Forestry</u>

- **Develop a National Forest Strategy** focused on carbon sequestration, wildfire resilience, and biodiversity restoration.
- Expand tree nursery infrastructure and invest in sustainable forestry research to accelerate reforestation efforts.
- Fund Indigenous-led protection of old-growth and boreal forests while supporting sustainable community forestry initiatives

Mining

- Transform Canada's mining sector into a hub for green technology innovation by ensuring responsible extraction and refining of critical minerals for clean energy and advanced manufacturing.
- **Invest in a Sudbury-based mining innovation cluster** to drive sustainable mining practices and processing.
- Mandate strong environmental and labour protections in all mining developments.



<u>Agriculture</u>

- Expand farmers' markets, culinary tourism, and direct-to-consumer food sales, reducing corporate control over food distribution and supporting local food cooperatives and processing facilities.
- Create policies and programs that strengthen food sovereignty and incorporate this lens into political decision making to advance the public interest.
- Implement safeguards to prevent speculation of agricultural lands.
- **Support a transition to agroecological systems** using and respecting Traditional Ecological Knowledge.
- Ensure that the National School Lunch Program prioritizes purchasing local and regional food
- **Promote plant-based eating** in alignment with Canada's Food Guide, supporting public health and lowering the environmental impact of food production.
- **Redirect industrial agribusiness subsidies** to regenerative and organic small and mid-scale farms.
- **Incentivize carbon sequestration in soil** by expanding support for regenerative farming practices.
- **Invest in research and direct farm support** for organic and regenerative practices.
- **Invest in climate-resilient farming**, supporting drought-resistant crops, precision agriculture, water conservation systems and research.
- **Establish sector-specific climate emission targets**, including fertilizer reduction strategies, methane capture for livestock, and lower-carbon food production incentives.
- Restore the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Program ensuring drought adaptation, soil conservation, and water management initiatives are fully funded.
- **Re-establish Environmental Farm Plans** providing direct financial support for sustainable water and soil conservation farming practices.
- **Support farmland preservation** in partnership with provincial and municipal governments.
- Restructure Business Risk-Management Programs to provide disaster relief, climate resilience, and rapid-response aid for farmers facing extreme weather events.
- Revive and expand the National Pesticides Monitoring and Surveillance
 Network to assess the environmental impacts and public health risks of pesticides.



- **Ban neonicotinoid pesticides** and invest in direct farmer support for alternative pest management systems.
- Reduce the use of agricultural pesticides and non-selective herbicides by 50% by 2030.
- Strengthen the regulatory oversight by PMRA, CFIA, (spell out on first reference) and Health Canada to ensure the best science-based practices are used in agriculture and food production.
- **Implement National Food Waste Strategy** reducing food waste and incentivizing surplus food redistribution and composting.
- Comprehensively review the Temporary Foreign Worker Program (TFWP)
 to protect workers from exploitation while ensuring critical labour needs are
 met in agriculture. This includes strengthening enforcement of labour
 protections, fair wages, adequate housing, and safe working conditions for
 foreign agricultural and other seasonal workers, and address barriers these
 seasonal workers face to access social safety net programs such as
 employment insurance and disability protections.
- **Reduce reliance on the TFWP** by expanding employer-driven immigration pathways, ensuring migrant agricultural workers have clear, fair routes to permanent residency.
- **Prevent labour trafficking and exploitation** by mandating open work permits, increasing unannounced workplace inspections, and enforcing strict penalties for abusive employers
- **Reinstate the Canada Land Inventory** ensuring accurate tracking of agricultural land use, soil health, and farmland conversion to prevent loss of agricultural land.
- Ban the bulk acquisition of farmland by non-resident investors, ensuring Canadian farmers retain ownership and control over agricultural land.
- Work with provinces to strengthen farmland protection laws, ensuring land remains in agricultural use and is accessible to new farmers.
- **Protect collective rights to seeds**. Ensure that farmers can save, exchange, and use their own seeds without corporate restrictions.
- Support farmer-led seed banks, seed exchanges, and community land trusts to prevent corporate control over essential agricultural resources.



Climate and Energy

Conservatives

Platform

The Conservatives released their <u>platform</u> on Apr 22, 2025. In their platform, the Conservatives commit to the following:

Climate Change

- Reform Investment Tax Credits (ITCs) to reward clean Canadian manufacturing and production to help lower emissions and fight climate change.
- Use <u>Article 6 of the Paris Agreement</u> to dramatically reduce global emissions and fight climate change by exporting cleaner Canadian resources (eg Canadian liquified natural gas or LNG) and technologies
- Scrap the consumer and industrial carbon tax, in all forms.

Energy

- End tax incentives and federal rebates for made-in-China EVs.
- Create a National Energy Corridor to rapidly approve and build critical infrastructure and end Canada's energy dependence on America. The goal will be to fast-track approvals for transmission lines, railways, pipelines, and other critical infrastructure across Canada in a pre-approved corridor entirely within Canada, transporting resources across the country and to the world while bypassing the United States.
- Create a single Rapid Resource Project Office to streamline all regulatory approvals into one application and environmental review, in cooperation with provinces, with a target of six month decisions and a one-year maximum timeline to reduce delays and duplication. The goal is to bring in "One and Done" approvals and accelerate priority resource projects.
- Repeal the 'No More Development' Law (C-69), with the goal to build more mines, pipelines, and other major energy infrastructure
- Repeal the West Coast tanker ban (C-48) with the goal to build new LNG terminals to export Canada's energy overseas, ending economic dependence on the United States.
- Scrap the Liberal fuel regulations to lower fuel costs and boost the economy.
- Scrap the Liberal electricity tax



- Champion Canada's auto sector by maintaining all existing government supports and the clean incentives for the auto-sector supply chain, and scrap the planned \$20,000 tax on gas-powered cars.
- **Cut GST on Canadian-made vehicles** (as long as American tariffs remain in place) and bring in a 'Keep Canadians Working Fund' to protect the jobs of workers directly affected by Trump tariffs.
- Scrap the emissions cap on oil and gas production
- Double oil production in Newfoundland and Labrador, and greenlight the LNG Newfoundland and Labrador project
- Fast-track B.C.'s LNG Canada Phase 2 and the GNL Québec LNG project.
- **Build the road to Ontario's Ring of Fire** and approve federal permits to harvest chromite, cobalt, nickel, copper, and platinum
- **Unlock Arctic ports,** approve oil exports from Canada's Arctic ports, and expand the Port of Churchill to extend the shipping season.

Liberals

Platform

The Liberals released their <u>official platform</u> on Apr 19, 2025, which includes the following commitments:

Clean Energy

- Kickstart the clean energy supply chain by investing in critical minerals, attracting investment in critical minerals to get them from "rock to road" faster, supporting early-stage mining companies, and supporting thousands of jobs across the supply chain. To get the vital components needed, the Liberals will:
 - Connect critical mineral projects to supply chains through a new First and Last Mile Fund (FLMF). This will make more projects viable and create a more integrated and accessible Canadian economy.
 - Directly support clean energy and critical mineral projects through the FLMF, reducing Canadian reliance on other countries and protecting Canadian jobs. This will include supporting on-site development, processing, and refining capacity.
 - Accelerate exploration and extraction, including investing in prospecting activities and recovering valuable minerals from end-of-life products like mining waste and batteries, contributing to a circular economy



- Attract, expand, and de-risk investments in critical minerals exploration and extraction through the expansion of existing tax credits. The Liberals will do this by:
 - Broadening the Critical Mineral Exploration Tax Credit by expanding qualifying minerals to include critical minerals necessary for defence, semiconductors, energy, and other clean technologies.
 - **Expanding eligible activities under Canadian exploration expenses** to include the costs of technical studies, such as engineering, economic and feasibility studies for critical minerals projects.
 - Modifying the Clean Technology Manufacturing Investment Tax
 Credit to include critical mineral mine development expenses for brownfield sites while expanding the list of priority critical minerals. This will accelerate how the Liberals get critical minerals from "rock to road" and will create good jobs.
- Expand Canada's electric vehicle (EV) charging network by supporting the building of thousands of new stations by 2027. The Liberals will also look at ways to reintroduce a purchase incentive worth up to \$5,000 that supports Canadian workers and strengthens Canada's domestic supply chains.
- Examine measures to reduce Canada's reliance on imported clean fuels as part of the Liberals' plan to support Canadian farmers and businesses.
- Secure Canada's energy and electricity sovereignty.
- Move forward on Canada's six major investment tax credits (ITCs) that support clean energy and technology (1) the Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage ITC, (2) Clean Technology ITC, (3) Clean Electricity ITC, (4) Clean Hydrogen ITC, (5) Clean Technology Manufacturing ITC, and (6) Electric Vehicle Supply Chain ITC.

Carbon Mediation & Emissions

- Continue to be a world leader in Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage technology so that Canada is a world leader in responsible energy production.
- Ensure new federal buildings will be top performers in energy efficiency by adopting the top tiers for energy efficiency and greenhouse gas emissions reductions. This will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, lower long-term energy costs, and stimulate demand for clean energy technologies and green construction jobs.
- Invest in the prefabricated and modular housing industry to reduce home construction emissions by up to 22% compared to traditional construction methods



Climate Change

- Establish a new Indigenous Climate Readiness and Adaptation Fund and support Indigenous-led conservation initiatives to safeguard forests, waterways, oceans and wildlife and to bolster disaster response activities. This ensures invaluable traditional knowledge is incorporated into how the Liberals protect nature and advances reconciliation.
- Protect more nature by advancing the creation of at least 10 new National Parks and Marine Protected Areas; supporting the creation of 15 new urban parks and green spaces in municipalities; halting and reversing nature and biodiversity loss through reinforced efforts to conserve 30% of lands and waters by 2030; and implementing the Global Biodiversity Framework.
- Launch the Canadian Nature Protection Fund to restore old-growth forests, safeguard carbon-rich peatlands, and revive Canada's coastal waters. Every dollar Canadians, businesses, and philanthropists contribute will be matched by the federal government, up to \$250 million.
- Amend the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act to legislate the repeal of the consumer "carbon tax" after Mark Carney's government cancelled it on Day One, in March 2025. The Liberals will do this while making sure big polluters pay and delivering a bold plan to reduce emissions and drive investments in clean technologies.

New Democrats

Platform

The NDP released their <u>official platform</u> on Apr 19, 2025, which includes the following commitments:

- Develop sector-specific industrial strategies for energy, mining, manufacturing, buildings and transportation, with workers at the table every step along the way, with the goal of accelerating Canada's clean energy transition and attracting new investment in communities across the country.
- Provide additional supports to train more workers for tomorrow's green economy, with the goal to support good, new jobs in clean industries, and support the decarbonization of essential industries like steelmaking, cement-making, transportation and others.
- Set the goal to power Canada with net-zero electricity by 2035, moving to 100% non-emitting electricity by 2045. To support this goal, the New Democrats would bring together provinces and territories to prioritize the building of an East-West interprovincial power grid.



- Launch an ambitious national retrofit program to reduce emissions, delivering free energy efficiency upgrades to millions of low-income households, including apartment buildings, with a goal of eliminating energy poverty in Canada by 2035. By retrofitting every building in the country by 2050, the New Democrats plan to cut climate pollution, lower monthly bills, and create good local jobs in every region.
- Modernize the Energy Efficiency Act, update the National Building Code including cooling requirements and safe maximum indoor temperature limits, and develop an effective federal emissions performance standard for large buildings.
- Work with provinces and municipalities with a goal of doubling public transit ridership by 2035, including expanding the Canada Public Transit
 Fund to include operations funding. The New Democrats will work with rural communities to re-establish bus routes abandoned by Greyhound, and the New Democrats will create public, high-speed rail across Canada starting with the Quebec-Windsor corridor and Edmonton-Calgary-Banff.
- Extend federal rebates for new EVs up to \$5,000.
- Double rebates for made-in-Canada EVs to \$10,000, excluding EVs made in China or by companies like Tesla that undermine Canada's national interest and economic security. This will support Canada's electric vehicles sales mandate to achieve 100% zero-emission vehicle sales by 2035.
- Follow the expert advice of the Net-Zero Advisory Body and set a target to cut greenhouse gas emissions to 50% below 2005 levels by 2035.
- Ask the Net-Zero Advisory Body to engage Canadians from all walks of life—scientists, unions, workers, Indigenous communities, and concerned citizens—to shape a path forward that meets Canada's climate obligations, protects jobs and affordability, and holds the biggest polluters accountable.
- Eliminate the consumer carbon tax and maintain a robust industrial carbon pricing system— targeting big polluters as the most effective way to cut emissions while protecting jobs and keeping Canadian industries competitive.
- Eliminating fossil fuel subsidies by the end of 2026, and the NDP would immediately implement a cap on oil and gas emissions. Stop big banks and industries from greenwashing their fossil fuel investments and help accelerate investments in clean technology with a framework for corporate climate accountability.
- Require all federally regulated entities, including financial institutions,
 Crown Corporations and the financial regulator not only to have credible plans to meet Canada's climate commitments, but to meet those plans by



law. Commit to keeping a strong oil and gas emissions cap, as well as to keeping the North Coast tanker ban in place to protect Canada's coastal ecosystems from possible oil spills.

- Pass an Environmental Bill of Rights and establish an Office of
 Environmental Justice to address the disproportionate impacts of pollution
 and loss of biodiversity on Indigenous, Black and racialized communities, as
 well as youth and future generations.
- Establish a national wildfire fighting force that can be deployed across the country to protect communities on the frontlines of climate disasters. Provide critical support to volunteer firefighters and search and rescue teams who are stretched thin. Scale up long-term funding for infrastructure that keeps people safe. Make sure new buildings are kept out of high-risk areas, with disaster resilience built into Canada's building code.
- Ban the sale of all products containing unnecessary plastic microparticles by 2030 and reduce toxic chemicals such as PFAs and other "forever chemicals" in plastic products by 90% in 2035.
- Establish an ambitious nature plan to halt and reverse biodiversity loss in Canada. This includes passing a biodiversity accountability law informed by an expert panel with measurable targets for protecting at least 30% of high-carbon, high-biodiversity lands, freshwater and oceans by 2030.

Bloc Quebecois

Platform

The Bloc Quebecois released their <u>official platform</u> on Mar 29, 2025, which includes the following commitments:

Climate Action

- Explicitly identify climate change as a major challenge requiring urgent action, stating that Quebec must act "before it is too late" and framing the fight against climate change as both a necessity and an opportunity for Quebec's economy and international competitiveness
- Pledges that Quebec will continue to pursue climate action, even when it is difficult, emphasizing that this is an advantage for Quebec businesses and a condition for access to international markets

Clean Energy and Resource Management



- **Highlight Quebec's strength in clean energy,** particularly hydroelectricity, and its rich natural resources, positioning these as key assets in building a greener and more prosperous future for the province
- Commit to defending Quebec's sovereignty over its natural resources, including critical and strategic minerals, and oppose federal strategies that would bypass Quebec's control or prioritize development elsewhere (e.g., battery manufacturing in Ontario using polluting energy sources)

Green Economy and Innovation

- Call for investments in the local transformation (second and third processing) of Quebec's resources, such as wood and aluminum, with a focus on low-carbon and carbon-neutral processes
- Support the development of Quebec's battery sector, from extraction to recycling, ensuring that the entire value chain remains within the province and is powered by clean energy
- Advocates for the promotion of Quebec's carbon-neutral aluminum, invented through local processes, to receive preferential treatment in public contracts and federal subsidies

Environmental Criteria in Public Policy

- **Propose the inclusion of environmental criteria**, particularly carbon emissions impact, in public procurement and calls for tenders
- Oppose trade agreements that would allow corporations to challenge environmental laws or undermine Quebec's environmental standards

Carbon Border Adjustment

• Demand a carbon adjustment at the border to ensure Quebec businesses are not disadvantaged if other jurisdictions, such as the United States under a Trump administration, abandon pollution reduction efforts

Green Finance

• Call for the development and mobilization of green finance to support climate-friendly infrastructure and projects, ensuring that financial flows are aligned with environmental objectives

Greens

<u>Platform</u>

The Greens released their <u>official platform</u> on Apr 17, 2025, which includes the following commitments:



Clean Energy

- Swiftly transition Canada to a fully renewable electricity system by eliminating coal, oil, and gas-fired power generation.
- Invest in solar, wind, hydro, and geothermal energy, supported by modernized transmission, smart grids, and energy storage systems. These investments will fully decarbonize Canada's electricity supply, enable clean industry and transportation, and position Canada as a global leader in renewable energy exports
- Implement a National Electrical Grid Strategy to connect and modernize regional grids, improve interprovincial energy sharing, and ensure renewable electricity can flow efficiently across the country.
- Support northern and remote communities in transitioning off diesel by expanding access to community-owned renewable microgrids, tailored to local needs and priorities.
- **Ban new nuclear development** and direct federal investment exclusively to proven, cost-effective renewable energy solutions.
- Launch a nationwide energy efficiency retrofit program to lower emissions from buildings, homes, and industrial facilities.
- Provide direct grants and zero-interest loans for renewable energy installations in homes, businesses, and communities.
- Mandate net-zero building standards by 2030 by updating the National Building Code.
- Set a national target to reduce overall energy demand across all sectors by 50% by 2050 through efficiency measures, electrification, and sustainable urban planning
- **Modernize Canada's grid,** creating interconnected regional electricity grids, ensuring 100% renewable electricity nationwide by 2035 through hydro, wind, solar, and energy storage. (see Energy Transition)
- **Swiftly transition Canada to 100% renewable electricity** by investing heavily in solar, wind, hydro, and geothermal technologies.
- Expand public R&D funding for next-generation technologies, including green hydrogen, long-duration battery storage, and carbon capture for hard-to-abate industries.
- Re-establish and gradually increase Canada's revenue-neutral carbon pricing system ensuring fairness for low-income Canadians and rural communities.
- **Strengthen carbon border adjustments** to protect Canadian industries from unfair competition with high-emission imports.



• Launch a Low-Cost Heat Pump Program providing rebates to support the adoption of electric heat pumps. Prioritize low-income households, rural communities, and regions with extreme weather.

Phasing Out Fossil Fuels

- Cancel all new pipelines and oil exploration projects.
- End federal fossil fuel leases and retire existing licenses.
- Ban new offshore oil and gas development and phase out existing operations.
- Ban fracking due to environmental and seismic risks.
- Phase out bitumen production for fuel through a managed decline strategy.
- Explore options for public ownership or nationalization of fossil fuel assets in cases where foreign-controlled companies withdraw from environmental obligations or threaten Canada's energy and climate security.
- Make fossil fuel companies fully liable for abandoned wells and tailings
 ponds. Where viable, repurpose orphaned wells for geothermal energy, and
 restore all remaining sites through soil remediation, rewilding, and
 Indigenous-led land recovery.
- End all fossil fuel subsidies immediately.
- **Divest federal public investment funds from fossil fuels** and require Crown corporations to do the same.
- Mandate Canadian banks and pension funds to phase out fossil fuel investments and transition financing toward clean energy.
- **Prioritize Canadian workers and supply chains in the energy transition** by investing in domestic manufacturing of solar panels, wind turbines, and energy storage technologies.
- Use public procurement policies and trade agreements to strengthen domestic clean energy industries and reduce reliance on imported technology.
- Introduce carbon border adjustments to protect Canadian industries from high-emissions imports and ensure fair competition. Use these tools to encourage global emissions reductions and incentivize climate action in international trade

Emissions Reductions and Regulation

 Establish a Cross-Party Climate Cabinet and mandate annual climate progress reports to Parliament to ensure accountability, ensuring that climate policy decisions remain stable regardless of changes in government.
 This body will include MPs from all federal parties, key Indigenous leaders, and



climate experts, ensuring long-term, science-based decision-making on emissions reductions, energy transition, and climate resilience.

- Use part four of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act to implement legally binding emissions reduction targets aligned with the Paris
 Agreement. Achieve zero emissions by 2050 with clear interim goals every five years. Establish sector-specific carbon budgets for all major industries. Require independent audits and annual reporting to ensure compliance
- Immediately halt new fossil fuel infrastructure and eliminate fossil fuel subsidies. Phase out all fossil fuel production and exports by 2045.
- **Introduce a Polluter Pays Act**, ensuring that corporations responsible for environmental damage bear the full cost of cleanup and climate adaptation.

Protection of Biodiversity

- Commit to annual funding for biodiversity conservation, ensuring that 30% of Canada's land and waters are protected by 2030 and expanding to 50% by 2050 through protected areas, habitat restoration, and conservation agreements with provinces and Indigenous nations.
 - Prioritize Indigenous-led conservation efforts, ecological connectivity, and protection of carbon-rich ecosystems like peatlands, wetlands, and boreal forests.
- Restore the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA) to its
 pre-2012 standards, ensuring robust, science-based environmental reviews for
 industrial and resource extraction projects. Require cumulative impact
 assessments to account for climate, biodiversity, and Indigenous land use
 considerations in all federal project approvals.
- Commit to annual funding for Indigenous-led conservation efforts, ensuring long-term support for Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas (IPCAs) and Land Guardian programs.
- Expand Indigenous co-management of national parks and conservation lands, integrating traditional ecological knowledge into Canada's biodiversity strategy.
- Invest in ecosystem restoration and rewilding efforts, reversing biodiversity loss through wetland rehabilitation, afforestation, and species recovery projects. Prioritize nature-based climate solutions that enhance carbon sequestration, flood mitigation, and wildlife habitat restoration.
- Allocate funding to establish wildlife corridors, protect key migration routes and link national parks, conservation lands, and Indigenous-managed territories. Ban industrial development in key wildlife corridors, ensuring habitat continuity for species at risk and migratory wildlife.



- Commit to funding endangered species recovery plans, ensuring strict federal oversight and enforcement of habitat protection measures. Prioritize woodland caribou, freshwater fish and migratory birds, collaborating with provinces and Indigenous nations to restore critical habitats.
- Increase annual funding for Parks Canada, ensuring stronger ecological protection, trail maintenance, and Indigenous-led stewardship of national parks and heritage sites.
- **Invest in urban biodiversity initiatives,** expanding tree canopy coverage, pollinator-friendly landscapes, and naturalized green spaces in cities. Require biodiversity action plans for all major cities, integrating urban ecosystems into climate resilience planning.
- Co-develop and introduce a strengthened First Nations Clean Water Act to affirm First Nations jurisdiction over source water, drinking water, wastewater, and related infrastructure, ensuring alignment with the minimum standards of UNDRIP — and permanently end boil-water advisories through long-term, Indigenous-led solutions.
- Expand marine protected areas (MPAs) to cover 30% of Canada's waters by 2030, and invest in coastal ecosystem conservation, sustainable fisheries and marine biodiversity restoration.
- Invest in a National Waterway and Carbon Sink Restoration Program, restoring rivers, wetlands, and buffer zones to improve water quality, mitigate floods, and sequester carbon.
- **Fund marine ecosystem restoration**, focusing on seagrass, kelp forests and ocean-based carbon sequestration initiatives to combat ocean acidification and habitat degradation.
- Ban new offshore oil and gas development and phase out existing operations, protecting coastal ecosystems and marine biodiversity from pollution and industrial expansion.
- **Strengthen emissions reduction policies** for shipping, oil spills, and coastal industries, ensuring long-term protection for Canada's oceans.
- Sign onto the Global Plastics Treaty and implement a National Plastics Pollution Strategy, ensuring that Canada eliminates non-essential singleuse plastics, expands reusable alternatives, and strengthens recycling infrastructure.
- Mandate producer responsibility for plastic waste, requiring corporations to finance plastic collection, reuse systems, and postconsumer recycling efforts.
- **Expand Canada's microbead ban** to include household and industrial cleaning products, preventing microplastic pollution in waterways and ecosystems.



- Mandate microfibre filters in all new washing machines sold in Canada by 2026, ensuring manufacturers adopt proven filtration technology to prevent microplastic pollution.
- Expand Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) programs, requiring corporations to finance collection, recycling, and disposal of packaging, electronics, and hazardous waste.
- Mandate producer responsibility for toxic electronic waste (TEW), ensuring that corporations finance collection, safe disposal, and recycling.
- Establish a National E-Waste Recycling and Cleanup Fund, financed through manufacturer waste fees to support large-scale recycling programs and environmental remediation of toxic e-waste sites.
- Ban polluting e-waste smelters and require closed-loop recycling systems for electronic waste, preventing the release of toxic heavy metals into air and water.
- Ban the export of Canada's solid waste by 2030, ensuring that hazardous and plastic waste is processed domestically under strict environmental standards.
- Invest in domestic waste management infrastructure, expanding plastic, hazardous, and organic waste processing capacity. Establish a permanent high-level Office of Environmental Justice within Environment Canada, implementing Canada's national strategy on environmental racism and justice.

Climate Change Resilience

- Mandate Canada Infrastructure Bank (CIB) to allocate at least 50% of its investments to climate resilience projects, including flood defenses and wildfire mitigation. Establish low-interest financing and grants for municipalities and Indigenous governments to implement climateproofing measures in public infrastructure projects.
- **Scale up Canada's green workforce** by leveraging the National Green Jobs Training and Apprenticeship Program, ensuring displaced workers transition into renewable energy and clean infrastructure careers.
- Establish a National Civil Defence Corps (NCDC) to help strengthen Canada's climate disaster preparedness. This civilian corps would have a key role in responding to climate-related threats, like wildfires, and assisting communities with disaster recovery. (See Emergency Preparedness)
- Launch a Youth Climate Corps, employing tens of thousands of young Canadians in ecosystem restoration and conservation projects, wildfire prevention and other ecology-based climate resilience strategies.



- Prioritize Indigenous leadership and local conservation efforts, ensuring that projects align with traditional ecological knowledge and community needs.
- Provide fair wages and career development pathways so participants can pursue long-term opportunities in the environmental sector
- **Establish a National Adaptation Strategy,** ensuring that climate adaptation gaps not covered by the NCDC, YCC, National Green Jobs Training and Apprenticeship Program or the Canada Infrastructure Bank (CIB) are fully addressed.
 - Focus funding on community-driven adaptation initiatives, particularly for Indigenous, rural, and remote communities, to enhance local resilience.
 - Provide targeted emergency preparedness funding for climateresilient evacuation routes, cooling centers, wildfire shelters, and disaster response systems.
 - Launch regional climate risk planning and resilience grants, equipping municipalities with the resources needed to develop long-term adaptation strategies tailored to local climate threats
- **Expand agricultural climate resilience** by integrating the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Program and Environmental Farm Plans into national climate adaptation efforts.
- Ensure drought adaptation, water conservation, and sustainable soil management are fully supported through Canada's climate strategy

Democracy, Government Accountability, Transparency & Regulation

Conservatives

Platform

The Conservatives released their <u>platform</u> on Apr 22, 2025. In their platform, the Conservatives commit to the following:

Free Speech

• Introducing a Freedom of Speech Act to repeal censorship laws and restore Canadian news on Meta and other social media platforms



- Boosting the Local Journalism Initiative by \$25 million for local news.
- Ensuring all domestic government advertising dollars are spent on Canadian platforms only.
- **Defund the CBC and reform Crown corporations** while maintaining Radio-Canada services, with the priority of ensuring English-language public media is Canadian-owned, not-for-profit, and supported by listeners, donations, sponsorships, ad revenue, and licensing revenue.
- **Protect places of worship and stop antisemitic riots** with tougher sentences for religious property mischief and penalties for masked rioters.

Misinformation

- Protect Canadians online with new laws for AI deepfakes of intimate images, modernized laws against online harassment, and stronger child protection online.
- **Respecting union rights**—no return to anti-union bills like C-377 or C-525, and no right-to-work laws.

Government Transparency

- **End shadow lobbying** by requiring government advisors (either direct or indirect) who stand to gain financially from their advice, to register as a lobbyist
- Ban politicians from making decisions that benefit themselves or their families disproportionately, and require Ethics Commissioner approval and full public disclosure of all personal interests.
- Increase fines for ethics violations to \$10,000.
- **Enforce tax transparency** by requiring anyone running for public office to disclose where they paid taxes for the last seven years.
- **Launch an "oligopoly review**" of key federally-regulated sectors to increase competition and lower costs for Canadians
- Require cabinet ministers to divest fully from tax havens and disclose assets to the Conflict of Interest Commissioner, with penalties for non-compliance. No more so-called blind trusts that only blind the public.
- Require party leaders to disclose their assets within 30 days of becoming leader and require Prime Ministers to divest their assets within 30 days of assuming office.
- Within 60 days of forming government, the Conservatives plan to launch a
 Tax Reform Task Force made up of farmers, builders, entrepreneurs,
 economists and workers to close loopholes, and eliminate red tape.



- **Cut red tape by 25%** and bring in a two-for-one rule (ie two regulations eliminated for every new one, for every \$1 of new administrative burden, \$2 is removed)
- Reduce regulations by 25% within two years

National Security

- Evaluate and improve Canada's national threat assessment procedures.
- **Increase CSIS and RCMP focus** on national and transnational crimes including espionage, foreign interference, and money laundering.

Democracy

• Close Canada Elections Act loopholes to stop third parties from hiding funding sources that can allow for foreign financing of third parties engaging in regulated electoral activities

Liberals

Platform

The Liberals released their <u>official platform</u> on Apr 19, 2025, which includes the following commitments:

- **Be vigilant against foreign interference** in Canadian democracy and protect the security and sovereignty of Canada.
- Enshrine and protect CBC/Radio Canada by introducing legislation to establish statutory funding.
- Fully equipping CBC/Radio-Canada to combat disinformation
- Make it a criminal offence to distribute non-consensual sexual deepfakes.
- **Restore Canada's diplomatic presence abroad** through a new, full foreign policy, with the goal to deploy more Canadian diplomats and officials abroad, to expand trade networks, and to restore Canadian leadership.
- Issue a complementary national security review.
- **Build alliances to protect Canada's sovereignty** including work to build a security and economic partnership with Nordic partners to promote Arctic security, Canadian sovereignty, and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.
- Stand up for the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, protecting the values it was founded on, and ensuring the protection of the most vulnerable Canadians.
- Enable Canadians to take more action to affirm their rights by expanding the Court Challenges Program.



New Democrats

Platform

The NDP released their <u>official platform</u> on Apr 19, 2025, which includes the following commitments:

- **Establish an independent citizens assembly** to advise on how best to put in place a Mixed-Member proportional system in time for the next federal election to ensure that the next Parliament truly reflects the choices of voters.
- Change the voting age to allow 16 and 17-year olds to vote
- Make voting more accessible to people living in Inuit, First Nations or
 Métis communities by ensuring that Indigenous languages are on election
 ballots in Indigenous territories, with the boal to both boost participation in
 democracy as well as contributing towards the revitalization of Indigenous
 languages.
- The New Democrats will expand voting opportunities by guaranteeing a three-day voting period, in addition to advance voting polls, and strengthening Election Canada's Vote on Campus programming to ensure elections are accessible to university and college students.
- Expand supports for the CBC and for local journalism to address misinformation, disinformation, and US threats.
- Expand and deepen trade relations with countries other than the US, boosting international aid funding to 0.7 per cent of Gross National Income, ensuring Canada's sanctions are applied consistently to all major human rights violators, and supporting international justice institutions like the International Criminal Court and the International Court of Justice.
- Meet Canada's commitment of increasing defence spending to two per cent of Canada's Gross Domestic Product by no later than 2032

Bloc Quebecois

Platform

The Bloc Quebecois released their <u>official platform</u> on Mar 29, 2025, which includes the following commitments:

- Prohibit the wearing of religious symbols by federal government employees in positions of authority working in Quebec, in accordance with the framework established by Bill 21.
- Firmly oppose the federal challenge to Quebec's Bill 21, which is being carried out with Quebecers' money.



- Introduce a bill to abolish the religious exception in the Criminal Code that allows hate speech under the guise of faith.
- Introduce a bill to exclude Quebec from Canadian multiculturalism so that Quebec can choose its own model for integrating newcomers.
- Require that citizens be sworn in with their faces uncovered and will require that the oath be read in French in Quebec, rather than in either of Canada's official languages.
- Remove any reference to the British monarchy from the citizenship oath and add a commitment to respect certain fundamental values, including equality between men and women, the rights of sexual minorities, and the secular nature of the state.
- Regulate prayer in federal public places, including airports.
- Campaign for the abolition of the position of Canadian Special Representative for the Fight Against Islamophobia.
- Amend the job description of the position of Canadian Special Envoy for the
 Preservation of Holocaust Remembrance and the Fight Against Antisemitism,
 in order to preserve the mandates stemming from international
 commitments, while removing the position's role of advising the Prime
 Minister and ministers.
- Create an ombudsman against discrimination in all its forms within federal jurisdiction
- Introduce a bill to ensure that the symbolic position of Governor General is paid the symbolic sum of \$1.
- Work to abolish the Senate
- Eliminate the oath elected officials took to Charles III, a foreign monarch and head of the Anglican Church.

Media

• **Propose a review of the regulations governing traditional media**, which are struggling with unfair competition from multinationals that do not comply with any local regulations.

<u>Regulation of Government Institutions</u>

- **Fight against the federal spending power,** the source of the fiscal imbalance that is starving public services.
- End the federal government's reliance on subcontractors like McKinsey, a habit that cost taxpayers \$18 billion last year alone.
- Adopt the recommendation of the Hogue Commission on Foreign
 Interference and demand the return of public funding to political parties.



- Propose cleaning up federal institutions, notably by **expanding the powers of** the Ethics and Conflict of Interest Commissioner, reforming the Access to Information Act, and tightening the lobbyists registry.
- Aim for greater participation of minorities in public institutions, but propose abolishing equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) criteria in the federal government because they create exclusion and are unsuited to the realities of Quebec and its regions.
- Reform the Privacy Act in the Age of New Technologies, which will ensure that privacy is considered a fundamental right.
- Propose evaluating applications for individuals and projects based on skills and potential, while supporting the use of anonymous calls for applications whenever possible.
- Propose modernizing the federal government's outdated computer systems, which have been the cause of costly fiascos.
- Propose that any future public inquiry commission be led by a commissioner chosen by Parliament.
- **Require a single tax return** administered by Quebec to save taxpayers and businesses time and money, while reducing administrative duplication.
- Introduce legislation to protect whistleblowers and will act to curb fraud rather than hunt down whistleblowers.
- Demand that all funds allocated through Export Development Canada (EDC) be subject to greater political accountability.

Greens

Platform

The Greens released their <u>official platform</u> on Apr 17, 2025, which includes the following commitments:

Electoral Reform

- **Modernize Canada's electoral system** and protect Canadian democracy by implementing Proportional Representation.
- Convene a Citizens' Assembly on Democratic Renewal to study proportional representation systems, lowering the voting age to 16, online voting, and mandatory voting.
- Ensure the Citizens' Assembly is independent, diverse, and consensus driven.
- Require political parties to report on candidate recruitment from underrepresented groups.



Foreign Interference

- Restore the per-vote subsidy for political party funding and reduce donation limits to curb foreign influence in elections, strengthen financial transparency, and reduce reliance on private donors who may act as conduits for foreign interests.
- Strengthen protections against foreign funding and influence in Canadian elections, including expanding third-party political financing rules.
- Establish a Foreign Influence Transparency Registry, requiring individuals and entities lobbying on behalf of foreign governments to disclose their activities.
- Expand the mandate of Elections Canada and the Commissioner of Canada Elections to proactively investigate suspected foreign interference.
- Require political parties and candidates to report any known instances of attempted foreign influence or coercion.
- Introduce public reporting on foreign interference threats in elections, balancing transparency with national security concerns.

Campaign Integrity and Oversight

- Require all political parties to submit campaign platform cost estimates to the Parliamentary Budget Officer.
- Mandate Elections Canada to create a truth-in-advertising framework for election campaigns.
- **Empower the Commissioner of Canada Election**s to regulate and sanction false political advertising.
- Mandate full transparency in publicly released polls, requiring disclosure of sample size, weighting methods, funding sources, question wording, and margin of error to prevent misinformation.
- Hold media and polling firms accountable for responsible poll reporting, ensuring all published polls are independently verified and presented with clear methodological context.

Emerging Threats

- Establish an all-party standing committee to examine the risks and opportunities of emerging technologies, including AI and digital platforms, in elections.
- Oppose the pre-emptive use of the notwithstanding clause and support legislative measures to restrict its application, ensuring it remains a tool of last resort in exceptional circumstances.



Ethics and Lobbying Reform

- Strengthen the Conflict of Interest Act by broadening the definition of conflicts to include personal, political, and family interests, with meaningful financial penalties for violations.
- Impose mandatory conflict of interest screening and disclosure for all federal regulatory board appointments.
- Close the revolving door between politics and lobbying by enforcing a five-year cooling-off period for former politicians and senior public officials.
- Enhance transparency by requiring lobbyists to publicly disclose, in real-time, all interactions with elected officials and public servants.
- Expand whistleblower protections with robust safeguards against retaliation and secure channels for confidential disclosures.
- Strengthen the independence and investigative powers of parliamentary officers, including the Auditor General and Ethics Commissioner.
- Replace the secretive Board of Internal Economy with an independent oversight committee to transparently review MPs' salaries, expenses, and budgets.
- **Prohibit federal funding for industry-backed NGOs** that advocate private interests under the guise of public benefit.
- Mandate open government practices, ensuring proactive disclosure of government documents and timely responses to access to information requests.

Access to Information and Government Transparency

- Extend the Access to Information Act to the Prime Minister's Office, ministers' offices, and Parliament.
- Scrap all Access to Information (ATI) fees except for filing fees.
- Enforce deadlines for timely ATI request processing and empower the Information Commissioner to order the release of information.
- Override government secrecy exemptions in the public interest.
- Allow the Information Commissioner to review cabinet confidentiality claims.

Privacy and Data Protection

- **Expand Privacy Commissioner powers** to protect personal data and enforce privacy laws.
- Require CSIS and CSE to obtain warrants before surveillance on Canadians.



- Ban routine surveillance of protestors and NGOs and prohibit data sharing with agencies like the National Energy Board.
- Require internet service providers (ISPs) to release user data only with a legal warrant, except in emergencies.
- Make political parties subject to the Privacy Act.
- Mandate data breach reporting for all government agencies, companies, banks, and political parties

Written Commitments

In a direct response to E4D's <u>request for information</u>, the Green Party indicated it would honour the following commitments:

Science Capacity in Government

- Creating a Parliamentary Science Officer to provide independent advice to MPs.
- **Establishing a Parliamentary Committee on Science** to ensure evidence is central in lawmaking.
- **Supporting scientific integrity policies** in all departments to protect research independence.
- **Significantly increasing funding** to Canada's major research councils.
- Launching a public science portal to make government research more open and accessible.
- Including scientists in new advisory bodies, such as a Cross-Party Climate Cabinet.
- The Greens believe science must guide decision-making at every level.

<u>Transparency and Scientific Integrity</u>

- **Protect public science** and ensure it is transparent.
- Implement scientific integrity policies across all federal departments.
- **Ensure government scientists can speak openly** about their work without interference.
- Create a public portal to share scientific evidence behind government decisions.
- **Require open access** to all publicly funded research.
- **Protect the independence of researchers** and ensure their work is accessible to the public.

Evidence-informed Policymaking

• Work with scientists when shaping policy.



- Restore the precautionary principle.
- Use science to guide climate, health, and environmental decisions.
- **Increase funding** for public research and open data.
- Create a public portal for government science.
- Protect scientists' independence through integrity rules.
- Establish a Parliamentary Science Committee.
- Fund Statistics Canada to improve data collection.

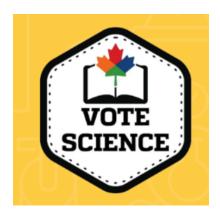
Democratic Resilience and Misinformation

- Protect democracy and support public trust in science
- Hold social media platforms accountable for harmful content.
- Require transparency from digital platforms and foreign actors.
- Invest in media literacy and public science communication.
- Make all government-funded research open access.
- Create a national cyber defence team.
- Share information about foreign interference with the public.
- Science must be open and trusted
- Protect Canada's democracy with clear rules and strong institutions

Next Steps

That's our conclusion to this analysis of the party platforms for the 2025 federal election.

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