

# STAND UP FOR CANADA



*Canada is a great nation, with a proud history and a hopeful future.*

Our country has so much to offer and so much potential, but our government is off track. The Liberal government is complacent, tired and corrupt.

Canadians are looking for new hope and new direction, and we are ready to stand up to the Liberals.

The Conservative Party is standing up for:

- Leadership to restore honesty and integrity in government
- Tax relief and better jobs
- Choice in childcare
- Better health care with shorter waiting times
- Safer streets and a stronger country

We have policy solutions to stand up for cities and communities, new Canadians, seniors, farmers and rural Canadians, and for fair funding for the provinces.

Over the next few months we want to speak to Canadians about our vision and the policies we believe can build a better country.

I ask you to join with me and Conservative candidates to stand up for change and stand up for Canada.

Sincerely,

Hon. Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P.  
Leader of the Opposition  
Leader of the Conservative Party  
of Canada



***Canada needs Change***

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## STAND UP for Honesty and Integrity in Government

The Conservative Party will provide the leadership to stand up for honesty and integrity in government. We will put in place stringent safeguards that will prevent corruption and make government more transparent, democratic, and accountable.

The Conservative Party will stand up for:

- Protecting whistleblowers. We will bring in whistleblower protection legislation to ensure that those who expose corruption and wrongdoing are protected from reprisal.
- Strengthening the Auditor General. We will ensure that the Auditor General has full access to all the government's books, including all agencies, Crown corporations, and foundations, and allowing the Auditor General to report on government waste or abuse at any time.
- Keeping control over your money. We will strengthen internal audits within government departments and give more powers to the Comptroller General to check wasteful spending before it starts.
- Protecting the right to know. We will expand the Access to Information Act to cover all agencies, Crown corporations, and foundations, and ensure that the public interest can override any government secrecy exemptions.
- Independent watchdogs with teeth. We will give parliament, not the Prime Minister, the power to appoint all Officers of Parliament like the Ethics Commissioner, the Auditor General, the Information Commissioner, the Privacy Commissioner, and the Chief Electoral Officer.



## STAND UP for Tax Relief and Better Jobs

After twelve years of a Liberal government, the amount of money left in your pocket has actually decreased, because the Liberals keep raising your taxes.

The Conservative Party will stand up for:

- Tax Relief for Canadians. We will increase the Basic Personal Exemption and Spousal Exemption, to reduce tax payable by all Canadians, especially those in the lower and middle income brackets.
- Helping Businesses Create Jobs. We will reduce taxes on Canadian business which hurt our competitiveness. We will restore the business tax cuts announced in the 2005 Budget but removed by the Liberals as part of their deal with the NDP.
- Lowering Taxes on Jobs. We will reduce payroll taxes, starting with lowering Employment Insurance premiums to the level necessary to pay for EI benefits.



## STAND UP for Choice in Childcare

The Liberal government has promised to spend \$5 billion dollars to build a national system of institutional childcare. The Liberal plan supports only one choice - 9am to 5pm institutional childcare - that leaves thousands of parents behind, such as shift workers, low income parents, parents who live in rural areas and stay-at-home parents.

The Conservative Party will stand up for:

- Choice in childcare. We will support the choices of all parents, regardless of where they live, what their income is, and whether they choose to work or stay home with their children.
- Supporting all parents equally. Our plan is universal and equitable to all families. We will give money directly to all parents so they can make their own childcare choices.

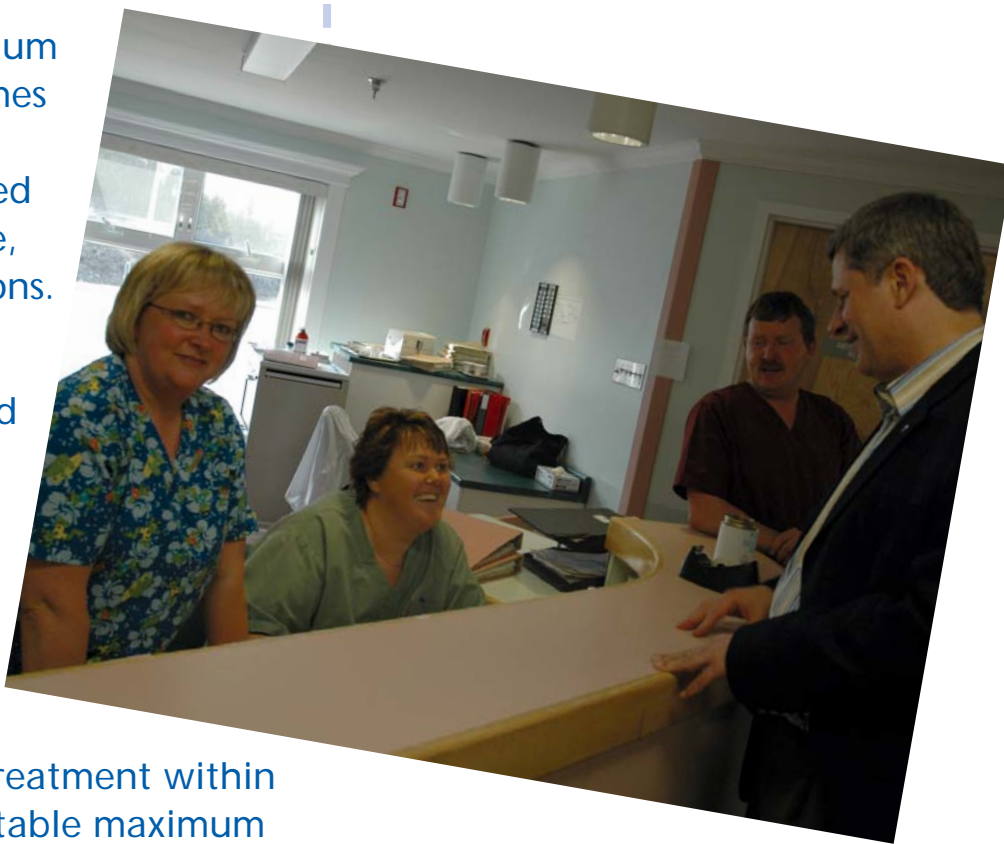


## STAND UP for Shorter Waiting Times

The recent decision of the Supreme Court of Canada has revealed that Canada's health care system remains in a fragile state after years of Paul Martin's cuts. Canada once had a health care system that was the envy of the world and demonstrated our international reputation for caring for one another. Today, Canadians are now waiting too long for essential medical services, with no assurance that the system will improve.

The Conservative Party will stand up for:

- Improving the universal public health care system to prevent the drift towards a two-tier health care system.
- Establishing maximum acceptable wait times through an arm's length process based on clinical evidence, not political decisions.
- Insisting that all jurisdictions be held accountable for meeting wait time reduction targets.
- Examining a care guarantee that would ensure that patients received treatment within the clinically acceptable maximum waiting times.



## STAND UP for Safer Streets and a Stronger Country

Conservatives believe that all Canadians should be able to feel safe and secure in their communities from coast to coast.

The Conservative Party will stand up for:

- Ensuring that all sex offenders and dangerous offenders are registered and provide DNA samples.
- Protecting kids by eliminating all defences for the possession of child pornography and increasing the age of consent to sexual activity from 14 to 16.
- Reforming criminal sentencing through mandatory minimum sentences for repeat and dangerous offenders, requiring that sentences be served consecutively and eliminating automatic statutory release.
- Adopting a national strategy to combat organized crime.
- Enhancing our border security.
- Making Canadian sovereignty and domestic security a major focus for the renewal of our armed forces, increasing the size of the regular forces and reserves and retaining a military presence in all regions of Canada.

## STAND UP for Vital Cities and Communities

By cutting funding to the provinces, the Liberal government forced them to reduce support to municipalities for essential needs like roads and sewers. This is one of the root causes of the massive infrastructure deficit our cities and communities are facing.

Stephen Harper and Conservative MPs have long supported the idea of using gas tax revenues to fund infrastructure, while Paul Martin consistently opposed the idea when he was Finance Minister.

The Conservative Party will stand up for:

- Transferring at least 5 cents per litre in gas tax revenues (\$2 billion per year) to provinces and municipalities for infrastructure.
- Maintenance of existing strategic and border infrastructure funds.
- Working with municipalities, provinces, and non-governmental organizations to deal with housing and homelessness.
- Using tax credits to spur private investment in the creation of low income housing.

## STAND UP for Rural Canada

Canada's resource based industries, such as farming, fisheries and forestry, have been the victims of international trade disputes, natural disasters and epidemics that the Liberal government has been far too slow to respond to.

The Conservative Party understands the value of Canada's rural communities and the importance of ensuring they remain vibrant and financially secure.

The Conservative Party will stand up for:

- Effective agricultural support programs that work and deliver money to farmers.
- Preserving and enhancing the infrastructure of our rural communities.
- Consultation with the resource sector and rural communities in the development of new policies.



## STAND UP for Seniors

The Conservative Party believes seniors should enjoy an affordable retirement and a high quality of life. Our seniors should also have accessible health and home care and always feel safe in their communities. We understand this is the very least we can do for our senior citizens.

The Conservative Party will stand up for:

- Ending the discriminatory practice of mandatory retirement to give Canadians the choice of retirement or continuing to work without the loss of federal retirement benefits.
- Implementing tough measures to prevent elder abuse, and implementing severe punishment for this crime.
- Increasing tax breaks for caregivers to allow them to help elderly relatives and dependents remain in their family homes.



## STAND UP for New Canadians

Every year, thousands of skilled doctors, teachers, engineers and specialists are prevented from achieving their full potential by practicing the trades and professions they were trained for.

The Conservative Party will stand up for:

- Allowing immigrants to contribute their best. We will not let special interests permit some to jump the queue and prevent others from contributing their valuable skills.
- Allowing new Canadians trained in fields like health care to have their professional credentials recognized and used in Canada.

## STAND UP for a United Canada

Paul Martin and the Liberal sponsorship scandal have destroyed the face of federalism in Quebec. Paul Martin's continuous disregard for the West and refusal to follow through on his promises to reform the Senate have only fueled the flames of Western alienation. Paul Martin is undermining national unity and federalism. The Liberals have pitted province against province, Canadian against Canadian.

The Conservative Party will stand up for:

- A united Canada, which means strong provinces within a strong Canada. We will work with the provinces and the Council of the Federation to ensure that federal-provincial relations are stable and serve the interests of all Canadians.
- Collaborating with provinces and municipalities to ensure that the important priorities of Canadians are met, such as health care, education and social services.
- Equality of all provinces.
- The unique needs of Quebec and other provinces, within a strong Canada.
- Leadership with a national, federalist vision. We will stand up WITH Canadians from coast to coast.

## YES! I want to STAND UP for Canada...

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Please take the time to fill in this card and tell us what you think of our plan to Stand Up for:

	Right track	Wrong track	No interest
Honesty and integrity in government			
Tax relief and better jobs			
Choice in Childcare			
Shorter waiting times			
Safer streets and a stronger country			
Cities and communities			
Rural Canada			
New Canadians			
Seniors			
United Canada			

What else would you like to see the Conservative Party Stand Up for?

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