



TALKING TO CANDIDATES

Don't let candidates avoid the real issues. Join the debate. Make your voice heard at an all-candidates meeting in your area, or talk to candidates when they appear on your doorstep. Ask questions and press the candidates to make real promises.

This document is designed to help you ask the tough questions. We encourage you to record what candidates are saying on the campaign trail. Help us hold politicians to their promises.

Canada-U.S. Relations

- In March 2005, Prime Minister Paul Martin signed with Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America, forging deeper ties with the United States and Mexico. This agreement has threatened Canada's independence over our health care system, energy and water resources, peace, security and food and drug testing policies. Paul Martin signed this agreement without public debate or agreement from Parliament. If elected, will you support a Parliamentary review of this issue and a process that includes public consultation?

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- Would you agree to a moratorium on all negotiations and actions that lead to closer ties with the United States at the expense of Canada's independence?

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Trade

- The softwood lumber dispute, and provisions of Chapter 11 that allow foreign companies to sue the government of Canada to challenge public interest laws, have shown that NAFTA is a bad deal for Canada. What would you do to ensure Canadian interests are properly protected under trade agreements?

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- How will you work to develop a better trade policy for Canada?

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Health Care

- Canada's public health care system is under the threat of privatization. What will you do to stop health care privatization?

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- Will you stop funding private health care by withholding funding to provinces that give money to for-profit health care providers?

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Water

- Water has been called “the oil of the 21st century.” Canada is facing growing pressure from the United States to export or divert water resources. Do you think Canada’s water should be protected? If so, how?

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- The Devils Lake and Great Lakes Annex water diversions show that Canada has little recourse on Canada – U.S. water disputes. What will you do to strengthen Canada’s position on these issues? Will you support the creation of a National Water Policy?

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Energy

- How will you support a “made in Canada” energy strategy that promotes sustainable resources and allows Canadians to pay a fair price for energy?

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- Canadians have been faced with extraordinarily high energy costs because of the amount of energy we send to the United States. What will you do to ensure Canada maintains an adequate supply of energy?

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Peace and Security

- Canadians supported the decision to say “no” to ballistic missile defence. Will you honour this decision?

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- Canada has all but abandoned its commitment to UN peacekeeping missions. Will you support committing military resources and funding to these international missions?

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- Canada has adopted U.S.-style "Homeland Security" measures, including harmonized refugee and immigration policies and anti-terrorism legislation that denies people the right to a fair trial. Will you support scrapping legislation that infringes on human rights?

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