







# FEDERAL ELECTION 2019: WHERE THE PARTIES STAND

						
RELIGIOUS FREEDOM	Opposed the Canada Summer Jobs attestation  No stated position on conscience protection for physicians	Supports the Canada Summer Jobs attestation  No stated position on conscience protection for physicians  Explicitly opposes Islamophobia and anti-Semitism	Introduced the reproductive rights attestation for the Canada Summer Jobs Grant  No stated position on conscience protection for physicians  Committed to developing policies to reduce Islamophobia	Opposes the Canada Summer Jobs attestation  Supports conscience rights for health professionals who refuse to participate in abortion or euthanasia  Supports the right of faith-based organizations to refuse the use of their facilities to individuals or groups who do not share their beliefs	Opposes the Canada Summer Jobs attestation  Supports conscience rights for physicians  Committed to protecting all Canadians from being forced into acts that violate their conscience	Supports Canadians' exercise of their freedom of conscience to its fullest extent as it is intended under the Charter and opposes discrimination because of their moral convictions
ABORTION	Opposes any legislation that would restrict access to a safe, legal abortion.	Supports using the Canada Health Act to ensure that provinces make medical and surgical abortion available in all parts of the country without barriers	Supports access to abortion at all stages of pregnancy and requires all party candidates to be pro-choice	Refuses to introduce legislation to regulate abortion, condemns sex-selective abortion, and opposes providing foreign aid to fund abortion overseas	Supports amending the Criminal Code to protect all innocent human life from conception to natural death by legally recognizing their personhood	No position on abortion within Canada but opposes providing foreign aid to fund abortions overseas
EUTHANASIA AND PALLIATIVE CARE	Proposes to increase funding to palliative care hospices and supports euthanasia in limited circumstances involving adults with full mental capacity to consent who find their situation unbearable.	No recent stated position on euthanasia or palliative care	Introduced Canada's current euthanasia law and supports legislation to implement national programs in home and palliative care	Opposes any legislation to legalize euthanasia or extend euthanasia to minors, to people who are not competent or to people who live with psychological suffering and supports a National Palliative Care Strategy	Opposes euthanasia in all circumstances, including for terminal illnesses, incurable illnesses and chronic conditions  Supports giving higher priority to palliative care	No stated position on euthanasia or palliative care
FREE SPEECH AND HATE SPEECH	No stated position on free speech or hate speech	Supports the creation of hate crime units within local police forces in all major cities and a national working group to counter online hate; opposes all forms of hate, including anti-Black racism, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, gender-based violence, homophobia, and transphobia	Considers reintroducing hate speech into the Human Rights Act	Recognizes freedom of speech as a hallmark of a free society and that individual freedoms of thought, belief, opinion, and expression supersede all compelled speech and proposes to withhold funds from universities that fail to protect free speech on campus	Promises to defend all Canadians against Human Rights Commission attacks on free speech and promises to always protect the freedom to speak the truth	Supports restricting the definition of hate speech only to speech which promotes violence, supports repealing any legislation curtailing free speech on the internet, and proposes withholding federal funding from any post-secondary institution shown to be violating the freedom of expression of its students or faculty
PROSTITUTION	Supports decriminalizing prostitution and supports greater legal, social and health supports for sex workers	No recent position on prostitution	Supports decriminalizing consensual sex work and the purchase of paid sex work for those over 18 and supports improving sex workers' access to sexual health clinics, access to counseling, and relationship with local authorities	Opposes legalized prostitution and supports legislation which targets the purchasers of sex and human trafficking markets through criminalizing the purchase of sex as well as the acts of any third party attempting to profit from the purchase of sex	Strongly opposes legalizing or decriminalizing prostitution as prostitution demeans women, breaks down families, and undermines the sense of responsibility men should feel towards vulnerable women	No stated position on prostitution
SEXUALITY AND IDENTITY	Considers same-sex marriage issue "settled," supports public education to end discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, and supports inclusive policies to respect pronoun choices	Supports improving access to gender confirming surgery, supports adding sexual orientation, gender identity and expression to the Employment Equity Act, and supports banning conversion therapy for minors	Introduced legislation to add gender identity expression to the Human Rights Code, supports appointing a Minister of LGBTQ2+ Equity, and is considering a ban on conversion therapy	No policy statement on sexuality or gender identity; supports the right of parents to raise their own children responsibly according to their own conscience and beliefs; opposes involuntary conversion therapy	Defines marriage as "The voluntary union of one man and one woman," supports a Royal Commission to examine same-sex marriage, and opposes the inclusion of gender identity into the Human Rights Act	Supports removing gender identity from the Human Rights Act but would not influence how schools teach sexuality or gender