



# FEDERAL ELECTION 2021

						
<b>EUTHANASIA, PALLIATIVE CARE, AND ELDER CARE</b>	Supported Bill C-7 at 3rd reading, but two MPs opposed the final version after Senate amendments. Generally supports the amendments <sup>1</sup> made in Bill C-7 and wants everyone to have the choice of euthanasia. <sup>2</sup> Supports greater investment in palliative care, <sup>3</sup> and advocates for a national standard and oversight of elder care, as well as more community and home-based care. <sup>4</sup>	Supported Bill C-7 at 3rd reading but unanimously opposed Bill C-7 following Senate amendments. <sup>5</sup> Supports the expansion of euthanasia for patients with chronic conditions that are not terminal. <sup>6</sup> Promises to take profit out of long-term care and to develop national care standards and increased investments. <sup>7</sup> No recent stated position on palliative care. In the past, have stated that access to palliative care is a right. <sup>8</sup>	Introduced and passed Bill C-7 which expands access to euthanasia. All but 2 Liberal MPs supported the Bill at 3rd reading, and a third MP opposed it following Senate amendments. <sup>9</sup> Latest Federal budget includes investments in both euthanasia implementation and improved palliative care. Also allocating more investments toward improved long-term care standards and home care for seniors. <sup>10</sup>	15 Conservative MPs supported Bill C-7 at 3rd reading, while 103 opposed. Unanimously opposed Bill C-7 after Senate amendments. <sup>11</sup> Conservative party policy states that it will not support legislation that would legalize euthanasia. <sup>12</sup> Leader Erin O'Toole has promised that a Conservative government would not revisit the issue. <sup>13</sup> Various MPs advocate for better palliative care instead of expanded euthanasia. Last election, promised to invest in a Framework for Palliative Care. <sup>14</sup>	Opposes euthanasia and assisted suicide and promises to restore protection from euthanasia. Advocates for pain control and palliative care to help patients who are suffering, rather than ending their life. <sup>15</sup>	No stated position. Leader Maxime Bernier voted against Bill C-14 which legalized euthanasia in 2016. <sup>16</sup>
<b>ABORTION</b>	Promises to oppose any action which would limit access to safe and legal abortion. <sup>17</sup>	Calls for action on reproductive health care and improving access to abortion and contraceptives. Opposes the ability for Provinces to impede abortion in any way. <sup>18</sup>	Committed to protecting access to abortion and making access to abortion and contraceptives more affordable. <sup>19</sup> Supports withholding healthcare funding from Provinces which limit abortion access. <sup>20</sup>	Allows free votes on issues of life but promises that a Conservative government will not introduce legislation to regulate abortion. Condemns sex-selective abortion and opposes funding abortion through foreign aid. <sup>21</sup>	Supports protecting human life from conception. Advocates for Criminal Code amendments to protect pre-born life. Government would remove funding from abortion and provide funding to organizations that support women during crisis pregnancies. <sup>22</sup>	No official position. Would allow debate and free votes by MPs. <sup>23</sup>
<b>HATE SPEECH</b>	No stated position on hate speech. 1 Green MP voted for Bill C-10 at 3rd reading, and 2 abstained. <sup>24</sup>	Calls for measures to tackle online hate, including regulations on social media platforms and penalties if they do not remove hateful content. <sup>25</sup> Supports legislative reform to combat hate and far right groups in Canada. <sup>26</sup> Propose creating hate crime units in communities throughout Canada, and establishing national standards to identify hate incidents. <sup>27</sup> Unanimously supported Bill C-10 at 3rd reading. <sup>28</sup>	Introduced Bill C-36 which would amend the Criminal Code and the Canadian Human Rights Act to combat hate speech. Also introduced Bill C-10 which would regulate certain online content. Promises to target online hate speech, as well as finding civil remedies for offline hate. <sup>29</sup> Unanimously supported Bill C-10. <sup>30</sup>	Unanimously opposed Bill C-10 and have promised to repeal it. <sup>31</sup> Conservative MPs have stated that Bill C-36 improperly restricts freedom of speech. <sup>32</sup> Supports freedom of speech and expression, and would seek to protect free speech on University campuses. <sup>33</sup>	Promises to defend against Human Rights Commission attacks on free speech and supported the repeal of Section 13 of the Human Rights Act. <sup>34</sup> Strongly opposed to Bill C-10 and C-36. <sup>35</sup>	Opposed to Bill C-10 and C-36. Promises to restrict definition of hate speech to expression that explicitly advocates the use of force against identifiable groups. Will repeal any legislation that curtails free speech on the internet. Promises to withhold federal funding from post-secondary institutions that violate freedom of expression of students or faculty. <sup>36</sup>
<b>CONVERSION THERAPY</b>	Promised to ban conversion therapy in the previous election; <sup>37</sup> one Green MP voted in favour of Bill C-6 and the remaining two Green MPs did not vote on the bill's final reading <sup>38</sup>	Party grassroots prioritized a policy banning conversion therapy at their 2021 convention; <sup>39</sup> party is committed to banning conversion therapy; <sup>40</sup> the entire NDP caucus (save one absent member) voted in favour of Bill C-6 <sup>41</sup>	Actively attempted to ban conversion therapy in C-8 and then C-6 since the last election; the entire Liberal caucus (minus three absent members) supported Bill C-6 at its final reading <sup>42</sup>	No official position on conversion therapy; party leader Erin O'Toole opposes conversion therapy but had reservations about Bill C-6; <sup>43</sup> 62 Conservative MPs opposed Bill C-6 and 51 MPs, including O'Toole, supported the bill at final reading <sup>44</sup>	Opposes abusive conversion therapy and supports biblical body-affirming counselling; <sup>45</sup> strongly opposed Bill C-6 <sup>46</sup>	No official stance in party platform, but leader Maxime Bernier is opposed to Bill C-6. <sup>47</sup> Promises to repeal Bill C-16, which added gender identity and gender expression as prohibited grounds of discrimination to the <i>Canadian Human Rights Act</i> . <sup>48</sup>
<b>PROSTITUTION</b>	Promised to reform sex work laws in Canada to focus on harm reduction <sup>49</sup>	Party grassroots prioritized a policy to make the decriminalization of prostitution a central element of its election campaign and to table as soon as possible a bill to decriminalize prostitution <sup>50</sup>	Party grassroots prioritized a policy to decriminalize prostitution at their 2018 convention <sup>51</sup> but the Liberal government has not indicated that prostitution is on their political agenda since then	Rejects the concept of legalizing the purchase of sex; supports a plan to target the purchasers of sexual services and third parties who profit from the purchase of sex; <sup>52</sup> introduced Canada's current legislation regulating prostitution in 2014 <sup>53</sup>	Strongly opposes the legalization or decriminalization of prostitution; supports Canada's current prostitution law <sup>54</sup>	No stated position on prostitution.
<b>PORNOGRAPHY</b>	Supports increasing resources to the RCMP so that they can combat the online sexual exploitation of children through child pornography <sup>55</sup>	Supports efforts to protect women from sexual violence and online exploitation such as greater regulation of online pornography sites <sup>56</sup>	Led the Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy, and Ethics' investigation into online pornography sites; <sup>57</sup> otherwise no stated position on pornography	Opposed to the possession of child pornography; <sup>58</sup> some individual MPs have actively supported greater regulation on the distribution of online pornography <sup>59</sup>	Supports the stringent regulation of pornography platform if not the complete prohibition on the distribution of pornography <sup>60</sup>	No stated position on pornography.

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