

2024 BRITISH COLUMBIA ELECTION GUIDE

	Greens OF BRITISH COLUMBIA	BCNDP	CONSERVATIVE PARTY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA	BRITISH COLUMBIA
Abortion	Promises to protect and extend access to abortion ⁱ	Promises to defend and improve access to abortion and would allow midwives to prescribe the abortion pilliii	Promises not to restrict access to abortion ⁱⁱⁱ	Promises to defund abortion ^v
Assisted Reproduction	No stated position or promises	Established program to fund one IVF cycle per patient ^{vi}	Promises to fund first and second cycle of IVF treatments and expand IVF capacity ^{ix}	No stated position or promises
Euthanasia & Palliative Care	No stated position or promises	Created new euthanasia facilities around Catholic Providence Health Facilities ^{viii} Supported delaying the expansion of euthanasia to people with mental illness ^{ix}	Promises not to fund euthanasia for people with mental illness* Recognizes that robust palliative care is a key end-of-life choice and should be appropriately recognized, funded, and availablexi	Promises to defund euthanasia ^{xiii} Promises to defend seniors and disabled citizens from euthanasia ^{xiii} Promises to increase access to palliative care, particularly in rural hospitals ^{xiv}
Family	No stated position or promises	No stated position or promises	Believes that parents are the most important and significant factor in a child's upbringing, and should make decisions for the child's medical care, education, religious beliefs and moral upbringing ^{xv}	Believes that the family is essential to well-being and that parents have the right to raise their children according to their own conscience and beliefs ^{xvi} Believes that marriage should be restricted to the union of one man and one woman ^{xvii}
Independent Education	No stated position or promises	No stated position or promises	Supports parental choice in education and promises to fund independent schools, public schools and homeschools equally ^{xx} Promises to remove barriers and enhance support for homeschooling ^{xxi} Increase funding to independent distributed learning schools ^{xxii}	Promises to recognize and restore parental rights ^{xix} Promises to fund independent schools, public schools and homeschools equally ^{xx}

SOGI	Promises to continue supporting and expanding $SOGI^{xxvi}$	Supports SOGI in schools and claims that it brought SOGI to all 60 of BC's public school districts ^{xxi}	Promises to give independent schools more flexibility in curriculum and work with local governments to expedite approval for new independent schools**xiii Promises to remove SOGI from schools**xiii	Promises to remove SOGI from schools ^{xxiv}
Medical Transitioning	Supports expanding medical transitioning for minors**xv	Expanded access for "top surgeries" and made "bottom surgeries" available in BCxxvi	Promises to limit medical transitioning for minors	Promises to defund gender reassignment surgeries ^{xxvii}
Conversion Therapy	Introduced a provincial conversion therapy bill in 2019 and 2021 and promises to ban conversion therapy ^{xxviii}	Supported federal ban on conversion therapy but has not supported provincial conversion therapy bans ^{xxix}	No stated position or promises	No stated position or promises
Pornography	No stated position or promises	Passed the <i>Intimate Images</i> Protection Act to crack down on the non-consensual sharing of intimate images ^{xxx}	No stated position or promises	No stated position or promises
Prostitution	No stated position or promises	No stated position or promises	No stated position or promises	No stated position or promises
Free Speech and Hate Speech	No stated position or promises	Voted in favour of banning pro-life groups from delivering sexual health education in public schools at their 2023 convention** Established new bubble zones around schools and hospitals** Reestablished the Human Rights Commission in BC** Promises to introduce new, tough hate crime legislation**	Recognizes freedom of speech is a hallmark of a free society and that compelled speech in any form is a violation of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms**xxxiv* Promises to require universities to preserve free speech**liii Supports reforming BC Human Rights Tribunal to protect freedom of speech**liiii Supports federal hate speech provisions in the Criminal Code**liv	Promises to repeal BC's bubble zone law around abortion clinics ^{xxxvi} Promises to eliminate the BC Human Rights Tribunal ^{xxxvii}
Freedom of Conscience in Health Care	No stated position or promises	Withdrew funding and dispossessed Delta hospice when they refused to provide euthanasia ^{xxxviii}	Recognizes the conscience rights of health care service providers and believes providers should have the right to opt out of providing euthanasia xxxix	Believes in conscience legislation for all healthcare workers ^{xl}
Restorative Justice	Supports restorative and rehabilitative justice over punitive measures ^{xli}	No stated position or promises	No stated position or promises	Promises to introduce restitution for property crimes ^{xlii}

FOOTNOTES

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