

Canadians will go to the polls on October 19 to elect a government that represents our values. By putting pencil to paper, you'll join people across Canada to vote for the candidate and the political party you think will best lead our country.

In the last federal election more than 9.4 million eligible voters didn't cast a ballot.

The age group with the lowest voter turnout was youth aged 18-24 – nearly two out of every three young people did not vote.

Politics affect all of us. The government you choose will make decisions that will affect your student loans and debt, your job opportunities, your taxes, and more.

Have your say. It's time for change – and it starts with you.

Take the pledge to vote at canadians.org/iwillvote

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	Conservatives	NDP	Liberals	Greens
Youth employment	Made cuts to federal youth employment programs and closed student job centres.	Will tackle high unemployment and the growth of precarious jobs for young people, institute a \$15 an hour federal minimum wage, and provide labour protections for interns.	Will release information during election campaign.	Will create a nationwide employment and education initiative for youth ages 18-25 that would invest \$5 billion to employ 160,000 youth over four years. Supports \$15 minimum wage.
Education	Did not restore cuts to post-secondary education from previous governments. Allowed tuition fees to rise and average student debt to soar to \$27,000.	Believes in reducing tuition fees and relieving student debt through needs-based grants.	Plans to increase the percentage of Canadians with post-secondary education to 70 per cent from the current rate of just over 50 per cent. May make student loans repayable according to income earned after graduation.	Will increase federal student grants by 25 per cent (at a cost of \$173 million). Will work to eliminate student debt as a national goal.
Climate change	Pulled out of Kyoto, approved Northern Gateway and Line 9 pipelines, supports expansion of Keystone XL and Kinder Morgan pipelines. Severely cut environmental regulations.	Will cancel Enbridge Northern Gateway pipeline and opposes Keystone XL. Critical of Line 9. Supports some pipelines if there are more reviews and consultation.	Will cancel Enbridge Northern Gateway pipeline. Supports Keystone XL pipeline. Wants an environmental assessment of Energy East pipeline that includes climate change.	Opposes all current pipeline projects. Critical of environmental regulatory changes.
Indigenous rights	Rejected the call for an inquiry into missing and murdered Indigenous women. No commitment to implement truth and reconciliation recommendations.	Will call for an inquiry into missing and murdered Indigenous women in first 100 days of being elected. Will implement truth and reconciliation recommendations.	Supports an inquiry into missing and murdered Indigenous women. Will implement truth and reconciliation recommendations.	Supports an inquiry into missing and murdered Indigenous women. Says we need to act on truth and reconciliation recommendations.
Health care	Plans to cut \$36 billion from health care funding. Encouraged private clinics by not enforcing the Canada Health Act. Cut funding to refugee health care.	Supports medicare. Will restore funding to refugee health care.	Supports medicare. Will restore funding to refugee health care.	Supports medicare. Will restore funding to refugee health care. Will improve system through health prevention, home and community care and tax shifting.
Bill C-51	Introduced the bill.	Opposes the bill.	Supports the bill, but wants greater oversight.	Opposes the bill.
Democracy	Passed the "Fair" Elections Act which disenfranchises tens of thousands of voters.	Voted against the "Fair" Elections Act and would repeal it. Supports proportional representation and would introduce it if elected.	Voted against the "Fair" Elections Act and would repeal it. Supports democratic reform. Would have a parliamentary committee study it and introduce legislation to change electoral system.	Voted against the "Fair" Elections Act and would repeal it. Supports proportional representation.
Legalizing marijuana	Does not support legalization. Increased sentences for possession and instituted mandatory jail sentences for growing.	Supports decriminalization. May study the issue and legalize use.	Supports legalization.	Supports legalization.

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