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Do you support this amendment? **Yes** **No**

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- vi) maintain and enhance national infrastructure.**

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Do you support this amendment? Yes No

3. Public Service Excellence

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i) ensure that Canadians have an efficient, effective, professional, and non-partisan public service;

ii) support the quest for excellence in the public service, and encourage the public service in its efforts to renew and revitalize, and to develop leaders; and

iii) champion and protect the highest values and ethics in the public service.

Do you support this amendment? Yes No

4 Sound Financial Management

- i) A Conservative Government will strengthen the internal audit and comptrollership functions of government, ensuring that program delivery matches the intent of the program, spending is measured against objectives and cost overruns are brought immediately to the attention of Parliament.
- ii) A Conservative Government will create the independent office of the Comptroller General reporting to Parliament with a mandate to ensure that the highest standards and practices of expenditure management are enforced in all federal departments, Crown corporations, agencies and foundations.
- iii) A Conservative Government will restore the audit role of the Treasury Board.
- iv) A Conservative Government will allow the Auditor General to table reports with the Clerk of the House of Commons when Parliament is not sitting, and have them made public through the Speaker. Currently, the Auditor General can only report when Parliament is sitting.
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Proposed by: Ottawa West-Nepean and Fredericton

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5. Government Duplication and Waste

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Proposed by: Wild Rose

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Do you support this amendment? **Yes** **No**

7. Free Votes

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10. Electoral Reform

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Proposed by: Brandon Souris and Toronto Centre

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Please rank the following options by putting numbers in the following boxes (1 as your first choice, 2 as your second choice, 3 as your third choice):

- The resolution proposed by Caucus Committee: Accountability, Government and Ethics**
- The resolution proposed by Charleswood – St. James – Assiniboia**
- Neither**

13 Property Rights

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- ii) A Conservative Government will enact legislation to ensure that full, just and timely compensation will be paid to all persons who are deprived of personal or private property as a result of any federal government initiative, policy, process, regulation or legislation.

Proposed by: Macleod, Edmonton Centre and Glengarry Prescott Russell

- i) A Conservative Government will seek the agreement of the provinces to amend the Constitution ~~to~~ include the right, as well as guarantee that no person shall be deprived **fully or partially** of their just right **to their interest in any property**, without the due process of law that will provide full, just, and timely compensation.
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Do you support this amendment? Yes No

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Proposed by: Thunder Bay - Rainy River and Thunder Bay - Superior North

iii) The Conservative Party of Canada will bring a resolution to Parliament to re-affirm the property rights of Canadians.

Do you support this amendment? Yes No

14. Federalism

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The Conservative Party believe that the federal government should not initiate programs in areas of provincial jurisdiction without seeking the support of provinces and without allowing the provinces to opt out of such programs while receiving the financial benefit they would have received if they had chosen to participate in the program.

Do you support this amendment? ___ Yes ___ No

16. Fiscal Imbalance

A Conservative Government will fix, in collaboration with the provinces, the problem of fiscal imbalance by increasing the amounts allocated to provincial transfers, by reducing taxes, or by transferring tax points to the provinces.

Proposed by: Kelowna-Lake Country

16. Preventing Fiscal ~~Imbalance~~ Imbalances

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Do you support this amendment? Yes No

19. Tax Relief

- i) A Conservative Government will provide immediate and long-term broad based tax relief, starting with reducing personal income tax rates and substantially raising both the Basic Personal Exemption and the Spousal Exemption under the Income Tax Act. Reducing personal income taxes will hike the take home pay and raise the living standard of all Canadians.
- ii) A Conservative Government will reduce business taxes. Reducing business taxes would encourage both foreign and domestic businesses to invest in Canada, meaning more and better jobs for Canadian workers. Lower business taxes mean greater returns for pension plan members and those who own RRSPs, mutual funds and common shares.
- iii) A Conservative Government will reduce capital gains taxes. Lower capital gains taxes encourage saving and investment which means more capital for Canadian businesses, more jobs for Canadian workers and bigger returns for Canadian investors.
- iv) A Conservative Government will reduce payroll taxes. Payroll taxes that exceed the amount necessary to properly fund Employment Insurance are a tax on job creation. Lower payroll taxes encourage hiring and business expansion.
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Proposed by: National Policy Committee

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Proposed by: Edmonton Centre

20 **Supporting Families** ~~Family Tax Fairness~~

The Conservative Party recognizes the need to support families and children. The Conservative Party believes that Canada's decreasing birthrate needs to be addressed by reducing the barriers facing those wishing to start and grow their families, thus ensuring the well being and long-term sustainability of our communities.

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Proposed by: Fleetwood Port Kells

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Do you support this amendment? ___ Yes ___ No

21. Spending Controls

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Proposed by: Caucus Committee

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ii) A Conservative Government will introduce a system of program evaluation to ensure that all major government spending programs are independently evaluated on a regular basis. This will ensure that programs are meeting government priorities and delivering value for money.

Do you support this amendment? Yes No

26. Economic Principles

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The Conservative Party believes that a dollar in the hand of a Canadian citizen is better than a dollar in the hand of a government bureaucrat. Canadians should be enjoying a higher standard of living, a more competitive economy and greater productivity, similar to our major trading partners. A Conservative Government will ensure that Canada's competitive position in the world is not impeded by a lack of ethics in government.

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The Conservative Party believes that lower taxes and reduced government interference in the economy will result in more purchasing power in the hands of the people of Canada, which leads to a more competitive economy, greater productivity, more quality job opportunities, and a higher standard of living.

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Do you support this amendment? Yes No

28. Science, Research and Development

- i) A Conservative Government will establish a single authority or single window to review big science projects according to published guidelines. These types of projects are often tied up in the bureaucracy because, under the current system, they are forced to seek funding from a myriad of departments and agencies. A single-window approach would be more transparent for the research community and more accountable to Canadian taxpayers.
- ii) A Conservative Government will appoint an independent Chief Scientist who will advise and report to Parliament on scientific matters, and help coordinate science policy issues within government, and internationally. This office will be modeled on the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology in the United Kingdom. The Chief Scientist will be mandated by Parliament to provide independent and balanced analysis of public policy issues related to science and technology. This information will be provided openly to Parliamentarians and Canadians to enable informed decisions.
- iii) A Conservative Government will uphold funding of innovation, technology and research through the granting councils. The Conservative Party supports a competitive peer review process and enhanced transparency and accountability to determine who shall receive grants through these councils. A Conservative Government would continue to fund the indirect costs of research with particular attention to small universities.
- iv) The Conservative Party recognizes the importance of private sector investment in research and development of commercial applications. We recognize that the Scientific Research and Experimental Development (SR&ED) tax credit has been successful in spurring private investment in R&D. We will work with stakeholders in all fields of research and various industry sectors to expand this tax credit. A Conservative Government will also eliminate the capital tax and reduce the capital gains tax because the effectiveness of the SR&ED tax credit relies upon the general level of tax on capital and investment.

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Proposed by: Mont-Royal

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Do you support this amendment? Yes No

30. Infrastructure

A Conservative Government will reduce federal gasoline taxes conditional on an agreement with the provinces and territories that they will use this tax room to fund infrastructure in provincial, territorial and municipal jurisdictions.

Proposed by: Wild Rose

The Conservative Party believes that the federal Government should allocate a portion of federal retail gasoline taxes to the provinces and territories to fund infrastructure. A

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34. Intellectual Property – Patent Legislation

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Proposed by: Ottawa Centre

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The Conservative Party believes that the federal government should be sensitive to the needs of inventors and other patent holders and should seek to minimize transaction costs and avoid delays that diminish their contribution to Canadian competitiveness.

Do you support this amendment? Yes No

35. Copyright Legislation

- i) The Conservative Party believes that the objectives of copyright legislation should be:
 - a) to create opportunities for Canadian creators to enjoy the fruits of their labour to the greatest possible extent;
 - b) to ensure that the rights of Canadian creators are adequately protected by law;
 - c) that these rights are balanced with the opportunity for the public to use copyrighted works for teaching, researching and lifelong learning;
 - d) to continue to allow an individual to make copies of sound recordings of musical works for that person's personal and individual use; and
 - e) that enforcement is applied fairly and in accordance with international standards.
- ii) The Conservative Party believes that reasonable access to copyright works is a critical necessity for learning and teaching for Canadian students and teachers, and that access to copyrighted materials enriches life long learning and is an essential component of an innovative economy.
- iii) A Conservative Government will give consideration to educational public policy goals within the copyright framework. A Conservative Government will work with industry to increase awareness and develop a public education campaign to better inform users and creators on the copyright laws in Canada.
- iv) A Conservative Government will eliminate the levy on blank recording materials.

Proposed by: Central Nova

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37. Long-Term Energy Framework

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Proposed by: Crowfoot

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Proposed by: Caucus Committee

New Section:

v) A Conservative Government will strive to maximize the benefits of our cross border trade by reducing or removing impediments to the efficient flow of goods, services and people at border crossing points. A Conservative Government will and also pursue agreement on standards for secure identification of cross-border travellers that is both affordable and convenient.

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40. Inter-provincial Trade

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Proposed by: Edmonton Leduc

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Do you support this amendment? **Yes** **No**

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Proposed by: Saint-Bruno – Saint-Hubert

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- iv) A Conservative Government will work in partnership with the provinces and territories to achieve an integrated transportation system.
- v) A Conservative Government will work in partnership with the provinces to achieve a truly 'National Highway System'. A first-class Trans-Canada highway should be the centrepiece.
- vi) A Conservative Government will reduce or eliminate federal government fees, levies, taxes and rents, hidden and otherwise, associated with Canada's national transportation system.
- vii) A Conservative Government will re-evaluate the corporate governance and ensure accountability at Canada's airport authorities.
- viii) A Conservative Government will ensure access to future transportation infrastructure for people with disabilities is a fundamental priority for all future public or private transportation installations.
- ix) To reduce automobile-rail accidents at level crossings, a Conservative Government will encourage railroad owners to take more responsibility for ensuring consistency in level crossing markings and equipping rail cars with side reflectors.
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Proposed by: Ottawa Centre

xiv) A Conservative Government will reflect the dynamic nature of urban Canada, ensuring that urban priorities and challenges are also national priorities. The Conservative Party is committed to ensuring that environmental stewardship, sustainable transportation and infrastructure, healthy communities and public safety are core party values and that these priorities are central to federal government policy.

Do you support this amendment? ____ Yes ____ No

41. Transportation

- i) A Conservative Government would consider expanding 'Open Skies' to promote competition and consumer choice.
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- iv) A Conservative Government will work in partnership with the provinces and territories to achieve an integrated transportation system.
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Proposed by: Caucus Committee

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security of Canada's transportation system, including ports and marine facilities.

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Proposed by: Calgary SouthWest

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- v) A Conservative Government will work in partnership with the provinces **and utilize revenues from the federal fuel excise tax as a source of funding** to achieve a truly 'National Highway System.' ~~A first-class Trans-Canada highway should be the centerpiece.~~

Do you support this amendment? Yes No

43. Clean Air

A Conservative Government will legislate caps on smog causing pollutants like nitrogen oxide (NOx), sulphur dioxide (SO2), and volatile organic compounds (VOC's). We will negotiate power plant and smokestack emissions limits with the United States and the northern border states. Within Canada we will also investigate a cap-and-trade system that will allow firms to generate credits by reducing smog-causing pollutants.

Proposed by: St Paul's (ON)

43. Clean Air **and Climate Change**

A Conservative Government will legislate caps on smog causing pollutants like nitrogen oxide (NOx), sulphur dioxide (SO2), and volatile organic compounds (VOC's) **and will introduce measures to reduce greenhouse gases.** We will negotiate power plant and smokestack emissions limits with the United States and the northern border states. Within Canada we will also investigate a cap-and-trade system that will allow firms to generate credits by reducing smog-causing pollutants **and greenhouse gases.**

Do you support this amendment? **Yes** **No**

44. Alternative Energy and Transitional Fuels

The Conservative Party believes in promotion of alternative energy (such as wind, solar, geothermal) and transitional fuels (such as biodiesel, ethanol, natural gas) to help develop hydrogen as a fuel. The expense of assuring the security of traditional fuel sources and concerns over pollution makes the use of these energy sources necessary.

Proposed by: National Policy Committee

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Proposed by: Kings-Hants

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Do you support this amendment? Yes No

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Proposed by: Crowfoot

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Do you support this amendment? Yes No

46. Offshore Oil and Gas Development

A Conservative Government will promote exploration and environmental assessment of offshore natural resources on both the Pacific and Atlantic coasts, in cooperation with the provinces, affected First Nations, private industry and other relevant scientific and environmental groups. We will ensure that companies follow best practices and the precautionary principle to mitigate environmental risk, allow for arms-length regulatory processes to ensure safe and environmentally responsible practices prior to development of these natural resources, and consider the potential of these natural resources before designating new Marine Protected Areas.

Proposed by: South Surrey

46. The Conservative government will, **with a strong concern for the environment**, promote exploration ~~and environmental assessment~~ of offshore natural resources along all our coastal waters ~~on both the Pacific and Atlantic coasts~~. **This will be carried out** in cooperation with the provinces, affected First Nations, private industry and other relevant scientific and environmental groups. We will ensure that companies follow best practices and the precautionary principle to mitigate environmental risk, allow for arms-length regulatory processes to ensure safe and environmentally responsible practices prior to development of these natural resources, and consider the potential of these natural resources before designating new Marine Protected Areas.

Do you support this amendment? Yes No

47. Water - Great Lakes

A Conservative Government will work with the United States to provide a clear federal plan of action to address critical threats to the sustainability of our shared resource, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin. Our government will provide adequate funding to fulfill its commitment to this region, which is home to 16 million Canadians and is a crucial source of clean air, drinking water, food, shelter, health, employment and recreation, as well as Canada's highest concentration of industry. We will establish long-term outcomes; translate them into real plans for the basin; apply a consistent basin-wide approach for issues that span the entire basin; clarify responsibilities of federal and provincial governments; and recognize constitutional authority of the provinces.

Proposed by: Parry Sound – Muskoka

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Do you support this amendment? **Yes** **No**

48. Illegal Oil Dumping

- i) A Conservative Government will expand oil-dumping detection; prohibit ships from entering sensitive sea areas; legislate ship operators to account for their ships' waste; and offer incentives to dump waste at our port facilities, not in our waters.
- ii) A Conservative Government will massively increase fines for illegal oil dumping, a practice that kills hundreds of thousands of sea birds every year along Canada's coastlines. This problem is encouraged by current Canadian laws that make profitable the practice of dumping oil in the ocean instead of disposing of it legally at a port. Ship operators caught illegally dumping oil will face criminal charges and be prevented from plying Canadian waters.

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Do you support this amendment? Yes No

50. Aquatic Invasive Species

A Conservative Government, in cooperation with local, provincial and international governments, will make mandatory the existing voluntary guidelines for ballast water management practices and enforce compliance for all ships carrying ballast water. We will ensure all ships plying Canadian waters built after a set date have proper ballast water treatment technology and implement economic incentives, which will see ship owners and operators rewarded for improved ballast water treatment practices. Such measures will address the introduction and spread of aquatic alien invasive species that severely impairs biological integrity and threatens the economies of water-dependent communities in Canada. They will also alleviate the costs for treatment, containment and control of these invasive species, which are massive and generally borne by local communities, rather than the industries that contribute to the problem.

Proposed by: Berthier – Maskinongé

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Do you support this amendment? Yes No

51. Health Care

- i) The Conservative Party believes all Canadians should have reasonable access to timely, quality health care services, regardless of their ability to pay.
- ii) The provinces and territories should have maximum flexibility to ensure the delivery of medically necessary health services within a universal, public health care system. The Conservative Party supports adding a sixth principle to the Canada Health Act to provide stable and transparent federal funding. We will work with the provinces in a co-operative and constructive manner.
- iii) Flexibility for the provinces and territories in the implementation of health services should include a balance of public and private delivery options. This approach would ensure that health services remain publicly funded, while services are provided through the most appropriate public or private provider based on quality and cost.
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Proposed by: Peace River

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Proposed by: Vancouver South

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Do you support this amendment? **Yes** **No**

54. Health Sciences Research, Development and Innovation

- i) The Conservative Party recognizes the importance of health sciences research in enhancing the health of Canadians and as a dynamic economic sector in its own right. A Conservative Government will foster an environment that encourages health sciences research and development of new health care technologies in part through the provision of an adequate level of federal funding.
- ii) A Conservative Government will be open to innovations which would reduce waiting lists, improve the quality of care, and ensure better coordination and information sharing in the delivery of health. A Conservative Government will not be afraid to implement new advances so that all Canadians can benefit from a modern effective health system tailored to meet their needs.

Proposed by: Edmonton Leduc

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Proposed by: Calgary Nose Hill

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Do you support this amendment? **Yes** **No**

64. Support for Parents

A Conservative Government will consider, in collaboration with the provinces and territories, establishing the policies required to give parents who choose to stay home to take care of their preschool children the recognition and financial support they need to carry out this important task.

Proposed by: Wild Rose

A Conservative Government will consider, in collaboration with the provinces and territories, establishing ~~the tax~~ policies required to give parents who choose to stay home to take care of their children the recognition and ~~financial~~ support they need to carry out this important task.

Do you support this amendment? **Yes** **No**

65. Shared Parenting

A Conservative Government will make the necessary changes to the Divorce Act to ensure that in the event of a marital breakdown, the Divorce Act will allow both parents and all grandparents to maintain a meaningful relationship with their children and grandchildren, unless it is clearly demonstrated not to be in the best interests of the children.

Proposed by: Fleetwood Port Kells

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Do you support this amendment? Yes No

67. Women

The Conservative Party supports gender equality through all policy and legislative considerations.

- i) The Canadian workforce has evolved to include more women than ever before. The Conservative Party believes all Canadians have the right to freedom from discrimination in the workplace and equality of opportunity.
- ii) Individuals should be only judged on skills, qualifications and merits. Women must be entitled to equal pay for work of equal value.
- iii) The Conservative Party recognizes the value of the caregiver. We will examine measures within the tax system to help offset economic costs without discrimination.

Proposed by: Caucus Committee

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Do you support this amendment? **Yes** **No**

68. Seniors

The Conservative Party recognizes that those over the age of 65 are becoming a dominant segment of our population. We also recognize that in ten years, the baby boomers will have reached retirement age, representing a significant portion of the population. We are committed to ensuring that seniors continue to have quality of life, accessible health care and the ability to stay in their homes longer.

- i) Four million Canadians are now over the age of 65, a number that is growing rapidly as Canadians are living longer. Many Canadians wish to continue working but are penalized by the loss of retirement benefits. A Conservative Government would end the discriminatory practice of mandatory retirement and give Canadians the choice of retirement or continuing to work without the loss of federal retirement benefits.
- ii) Canadians over the age of 65 who cannot collect Employment Insurance yet are required to pay premiums when working. A Conservative Government would end this unfair practice and ensure that those over the age of 65 would not pay Employment Insurance premiums.
- iii) Policies must be developed in order to enable a greater number of Canadian seniors in need of care to remain in their own homes, rather than in more expensive institutional accommodations where their independence suffers and costs are higher to the taxpayer. A Conservative Government would create tax incentives for non-professional caregivers to look after elderly parents or other elderly or disabled relatives in the home.
- iv) A Conservative Government would take tough measures to prevent elder abuse, and to implement more severe punishment for those who commit this crime.
- v) A Conservative Government would appoint a Minister Responsible for Seniors to ensure that the unique needs of seniors are being properly addressed across government departments.
- vi) A Conservative Government will appoint a Seniors Council comprised of seniors and representatives of seniors' organizations to advise the Minister Responsible for Seniors on issues of national importance.
- vii) A Conservative Government would work with provincial counterparts to identify seniors entitled to either federal or provincial benefits. A Conservative Government would review the retroactivity policy of entitlement to federal benefits.

Proposed by: Burlington

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Do you support this amendment? **Yes** **No**

72 Aboriginal Affairs Principles

The fundamental obligation of the federal government is to improve the living conditions of Aboriginal Canadians, including the Inuit, in terms of economic opportunity, health, education, and community safety.

The Conservative Party believes that the following principles should govern the administration of existing federal Aboriginal programs. These principles should also govern future legislative reform to the Indian Act and related legislation. They should also inform government decision making in the of rights disputes – whether based upon existing treaties, court decisions or Section 35 of the Constitution Act:

- i) **The Need for a Legislated Framework for Federal Aboriginal Expenditures:** The Parliament of Canada must develop legislation which governs the delivery of federal governmental programs to Aboriginal Canadians. Both Aboriginal and non- Aboriginal Canadians deserve to know the legislative basis upon which the Government of Canada is expending funds on Aboriginal health, education, social welfare and infrastructure. Legislation should be developed which governs such programs and which prescribes the standards of service which the federal government has undertaken to provide to aboriginal Canadians.
- ii) **Self Government – Legal and Democratic Authority:** The Indian Act (and related legislation) should be replaced by a modern legislative framework which provides for the devolution of full legal and democratic responsibility to First Nations, including the Inuit, for their own affairs within the overall constitutional framework of our federal state. Such legislative reform should be pursued following full consultation with First Nations, with the objective of achieving a full and complete devolution of democratic authority that is consistent with the devolution of other decision making responsibility within our federal system. First Nations like other Canadians, are entitled to enjoy democratic control over their own affairs within a legislative context that ensures certainty, stability, respect for the rule of law and which balances collective and individual responsibility. First Nation communities must have the flexibility to determine for themselves, whether and how free market principles, such as individual property ownership should apply to reserve lands. Self government should be accomplished in a manner which takes into account the cultural and linguistic diversity of Canada's First Nations. Within the context of the Canadian Constitution, we should be prepared to make flexible accommodations for the protection of language and culture within self- government agreements.
- iii) **Transparency:** Both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Canadians are entitled to complete transparency and accountability in the expenditure of all public funds on aboriginal programs, services and inter-governmental transfers. Aboriginals, like other Canadians, must have ready access to police and judicial intervention to constrain and check any exercise of governmental authority (whether aboriginal or non-aboriginal) which is illegal, corrupt or an abuse of power.
- iv) **Respecting the Canadian Constitutional Framework:** We are a nation governed by the Constitution Act, under which the rights of all citizens are protected and advanced by the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Our future together as a country must be built upon the universal application of that framework. All Aboriginal rights recognized under Section 35 of the Constitution must be conferred within the four square corners of the Constitution Act and the Charter, with full protection for equality rights, such as women's rights, for both Aboriginal and non- Aboriginal Canadians. Future Aboriginal legislation, policies and programs must balance the collective rights of Aboriginal Canadians under Section 35 of the Constitution with the individual equality rights enshrined in the Charter – which protect all Canadians – whether Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal. Aboriginal Canadians are entitled to the full benefits of Canadian citizenship and the full protection of the Charter - in areas such as economic opportunity, the delivery of health services, community safety, women's rights, respect for the rule of law, and the education and protection of children. Canada must develop in a manner that ensures constitutional equality and workability.
- v) **A Framework for the Settlement of Comprehensive Claims and Self Government Agreements:** Settlement of all outstanding "comprehensive claims" must be pursued on the basis of a clear framework which balances the rights of Aboriginal claimants with those of Canada – in particular, negotiated settlements must balance the economic and social needs of Aboriginal Canadians with Canada's need for certainty and finality of terms. Self government agreements must reflect Canada's need for both efficacy and practicality in institutional structure, and "constitutional harmony" so as not to impede the overall governance of Canada.
- vi) **The of Existing Specific Claims and Lawsuits against the Federal Crown:** The federal government should, as a priority, adopt measures to resolve the existing backlog of "specific" claims so as to provide justice for Aboriginal claimants, together with certainty for Government, industry and non-Aboriginal Canadians. Institutional reform in the specific claim area should be pursued in a manner which resolves claims in a timely manner. The jurisdiction of the Federal Court should be expanded and the arbitrary ambit of the Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) Minister

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Proposed by: South Surrey

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The Auditor General should be empowered to review the spending of Aboriginal governments and Aboriginal organizations which receive public funds.

Do you support this amendment? Yes No

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- ii) **Self Government – Legal and Democratic Authority:** The Indian Act (and related legislation) should be replaced by a modern legislative framework which provides for the devolution of full legal and democratic responsibility to First Nations, including the Inuit, for their own affairs within the overall constitutional framework of our federal state. Such legislative reform should be pursued following full consultation with First Nations, with the objective of achieving a full and complete devolution of democratic authority that is consistent with the devolution of other decision making responsibility within our federal system. First Nations like other Canadians, are entitled to enjoy democratic control over their own affairs within a legislative context that ensures certainty, stability, respect for the rule of law and which balances collective and individual responsibility. First Nation communities must have the flexibility to determine for themselves, whether and how free market principles, such as individual property ownership should apply to reserve lands. Self government should be accomplished in a manner which takes into account the cultural and linguistic diversity of Canada's First Nations. Within the context of the Canadian Constitution, we should be prepared to make flexible accommodations for the protection of language and culture within self- government agreements.
- iii) **Transparency:** Both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Canadians are entitled to complete transparency and accountability in the expenditure of all public funds on aboriginal programs, services and inter-governmental transfers. Aboriginals, like other Canadians, must have ready access to police and judicial intervention to constrain and check any exercise of governmental authority (whether aboriginal or non-aboriginal) which is illegal, corrupt or an abuse of power.
- iv) **Respecting the Canadian Constitutional Framework:** We are a nation governed by the Constitution Act, under which the rights of all citizens are protected and advanced by the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Our future together as a country must be built upon the universal application of that framework. All Aboriginal rights recognized under Section 35 of the Constitution must be conferred within the four square corners of the Constitution Act and the Charter, with full protection for equality rights, such as women's rights, for both Aboriginal and non- Aboriginal Canadians. Future Aboriginal legislation, policies and programs must balance the collective rights of Aboriginal Canadians under Section 35 of the Constitution with the individual equality rights enshrined in the Charter – which protect all Canadians – whether Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal. Aboriginal Canadians are entitled to the full benefits of Canadian citizenship and the full protection of the Charter - in areas such as economic opportunity, the delivery of health services, community safety, women's rights, respect for the rule of law, and the education and protection of children. Canada must develop in a manner that ensures constitutional equality and workability.
- v) **A Framework for the Settlement of Comprehensive Claims and Self Government Agreements:** Settlement of all outstanding "comprehensive claims" must be pursued on the basis of a clear framework which balances the rights of Aboriginal claimants with those of Canada – in particular, negotiated settlements must balance the economic and social needs of Aboriginal Canadians with Canada's need for certainty and finality of terms. Self government agreements must reflect Canada's need for both efficacy and practicality in institutional structure, and "constitutional harmony" so as not to impede the overall governance of Canada.
- vi) **The of Existing Specific Claims and Lawsuits against the Federal Crown:** The federal government should, as a priority, adopt measures to resolve the existing backlog of "specific" claims so as to provide justice for Aboriginal claimants, together with certainty for Government, industry and non-Aboriginal Canadians. Institutional reform in the specific claim area should be pursued in a manner which resolves claims in a timely manner. The jurisdiction of the Federal Court should be expanded and the arbitrary ambit of the Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) Minister

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Proposed by: Ottawa West-Nepean

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Do you support this amendment? Yes No

76. Justice Principles

A Conservative Government will reorient the approach to criminal justice and the policing system to give greater emphasis to the protection of society through the prevention of crime and emphasize the needs and rights of victims.

Proposed by: Brant

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Do you support this amendment? **Yes** **No**

77. Dangerous Offenders

- i) A Conservative Government believes that government has an obligation to strengthen Canadians' confidence in our legal system's ability to judge dangerous offenders appropriately so that dangerous offenders will not be released until they are no longer a threat to society.
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Proposed by: Edmonton Strathcona

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Do you support this amendment? **Yes** **No**

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A Conservative Government will:

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Proposed by: Calgary West

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A Conservative Government will:

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- vi) no longer require judges to treat imprisonment as a last resort.**

Do you support this amendment? **Yes** **No**

81. Firearms

A Conservative Government will repeal Canada's costly gun registry legislation and work with the provinces and territories on cost-effective gun control programs designed to keep guns out of the hands of criminals while respecting the rights of law-abiding Canadians to own and use firearms responsibly. Measures will include: mandatory minimum sentences for the criminal use of firearms; strict monitoring of high-risk individuals; crackdown on the smuggling; safe storage provisions; firearms safety training; a certification screening system for all those wishing to acquire firearms legally; and putting more law enforcement on our streets.

Proposed by: South Surrey

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 - c) propose an amendment to the Criminal Code to reverse the burden of proof, so that members of a criminal organization (and not the Crown) will have to prove at the time of seizure that the goods were not acquired through criminal acts committed for organized crime. Specific criteria will govern this measure to respect the principle of the presumption of innocence of the accused.

Proposed by: Saint-Lambert

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Proposed by: Jeanne-LeBer

iii) The Conservative Party believes that the federal government in collaboration with the provinces, should develop prevention strategies in the fight against street gangs.

Do you support this amendment? Yes No

84. Family Violence

The Conservative Party believes that the consequences of family violence are harmful to all of society. The Conservative Party will ensure that sentences for crimes of family violence reflect our belief in the serious nature of violent criminal activity, its effect on individuals, on families and on communities. The protection of children in family violence situations is paramount.

Proposed by: Saint-Laurent/Cartierville

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The Conservative Party believes that the federal government should amend the criminal code to treat any romantic partner the same as a spouse or common-law partner for the purpose of sentencing in a case of domestic violence.

Do you support this amendment? Yes No

85 Child Protection

A Conservative Government will act to protect children by eliminating all defences that are used to justify the possession of child pornography.

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Proposed by: Notre-Dame-de-Grâce - Lachine

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The Conservative Party believes that the federal government should fight the cyber-stalking of children by allocating more resources for Internet monitoring, by increasing the penalty for cyber stalkers, and by taking measures to raise awareness among all Canadians (particularly young Canadians) about the importance of protecting your privacy online.

Do you support this amendment? Yes No

86 Missing Persons Registry

A Conservative Government will enact a national missing persons registry to assist in the location and identification of persons reported missing. The registry would operate in conjunction with the Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC) and DNA databanks currently in place. We would streamline and improve the existing computer systems, including DNA databanks, CPIC and the sex offender registry.

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ii) The Conservative Party believes that the federal government should fight human trafficking by providing the RCMP with the personnel and resources needed to effectively combat this problem, and by instituting tougher sentences for all those involved in this form of human exploitation.

Do you support this amendment? Yes No

91. Bilingualism

The Conservative Party believes that Canada's official languages constitute a unique and significant social and economic advantage that benefit all Canadians.

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95. Rural Principles

Rural Canada plays an intrinsic role in Canada's economic and social fabric, contributing approximately 15% of Canada's GDP and 40% of our exports. The Conservative Party is committed to assuring rural Canadians that the sectors such as agriculture and agri-food, fisheries, mining, and forestry that support their communities will be a priority with the federal government.

Proposed by: Malpeque and Parry Sound – Muskoka

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Do you support this amendment? **Yes** **No**

96. Agriculture Principles

The Conservative Party views the agriculture industry to be a key strategic economic sector of Canada. We recognize that various regions of Canada and sectors of the industry hold competitive advantages in agricultural production. National agriculture policy will reflect our belief that one size does not fit all. Agriculture policy must be developed only in consultation with the agricultural producers. Our farmers today are business operators, and to dictate policy which might have an adverse effect on this business community would have negative consequences and go against Conservative Party principles. Balancing financial responsibility with support programs that actually work is a major priority of this party.

i) Food. Food is one of the basic necessities of life, and a Conservative Government places high priority on assuring that Canada's food supply is safe, secure, and sustainable. We seek to be among the world's best when it comes to the safety of our food supply.

ii) Export and Diversification. To ensure that Canada has a secure supply of food, a Conservative Government will encourage self-sufficiency in national food production, including increased diversification in the types of foods and agricultural products produced. We will seek to enhance export opportunities for all agricultural products with special emphasis on markets for processed and finished commodities. Through diversifying, the value added process and manufacturing will create new jobs within the respective communities and Canada.

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Proposed by: Elgin Middlesex London

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Do you support this amendment? ____ Yes ____ No

97. Canadian Wheat Board

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Proposed by : Battlefords Lloydminster

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Do you support this amendment? Yes No

98 Supply Management

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Proposed by: Caucus Committee

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The Conservative Party supports a welcoming and well-managed immigration system for Canada based on:

- i) a fair and transparent process that earns the respect and confidence of Canadians as well as of the international community;
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Proposed by: Prince Albert

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Proposed by: St Paul's

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Proposed by: London North Centre

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101. Settlement Support

The Conservative Party wants to ensure that immigrants have the best possible opportunity to contribute to Canada's economic and social well-being. Support from settlement organizations and the broader community plays an important role. A Conservative Government will:

- i) work cooperatively with the provinces and municipalities on policy relating to settlement support for immigrants;
- ii) address the need for adequate and equitable resources to provide language instruction, encourage community mentoring, build job search skills and offer other settlement services to meet the needs of immigrants, including children;
- iii) work to streamline the funding process to deliver enhanced funding stability and allow long-term planning by service providers; and
- iv) examine the feasibility of having federal funds for settlement services follow the movement of newcomers from one region to another.

Proposed by: Thunder Bay - Rainy River & Thunder Bay - Superior North

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103. Applications Process

The Conservative Party believes that there must be fundamental change to the applications process to minimize stress and uncertainty for applicants and their families.

A Conservative Government will:

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- ii) reorganize the applications process so that applicants are given accurate information about what to expect, are readily able to obtain information on the status of their files, and are given service in a considerate and professional manner;
- iii) reverse the Liberal policy of separating married couples while the application of the non-status partner is being processed;
- iv) extend automatic Canadian citizenship to children adopted from abroad by Canadian parents once the adoption is final;
- v) provide options such as the posting of a bond to allow higher acceptance rates for family visits while protecting the integrity of the system from queue jumping; and
- vi) reduce the need for Temporary Resident Permits (TRPs) issued by the Minister by making the applications process more fair and efficient, and make the use of TRVs by the Minister both transparent and accountable through a process of independent review.

vii): ensure that applications will be assessed by a panel of officials rather than by a single individual.

Do you support this amendment? Yes No

104. Recognition of International Credentials

The Conservative Party believes in providing new immigrants with the best possible opportunity to use their education and experience here in Canada. We see this as a matter of fairness to newcomers and their families and a means of ensuring that Canada receives the full benefit of immigration.

A Conservative Government will:

- i) work with the provinces to develop, in consultation with Canadian professional and trade associations, a process to evaluate standards in countries of origin in order to establish a workable system for assessing and recognizing credentials and experience;
- ii) work with the provinces to develop, in consultation with Canadian professional and trade associations, criteria for obtaining equivalent Canadian professional status and transition programs for integration of immigrants into the Canadian workplace;
- iii) require the credentials process to be disclosed to applicants by immigration staff overseas and on the Citizenship and Immigration Canada website;
- iv) encourage international students graduating from accredited Canadian colleges and universities to remain and work in Canada; and
- v) develop a better system to identify Canada's labour market needs and make the points system more flexible to ensure these needs can be met.

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ii) work with the provinces and territories to

a) ensure that equivalency exams are fair and that they accurately reflect the level of understanding expected of individuals educated in Canada and

b) to develop, in consultation with Canadian professional and trade associations, criteria for obtaining equivalent Canadian professional status and transition programs for integration of immigrants into the Canadian workplace;

Do you support this amendment? Yes No

106. Foreign Aid – Official Development Assistance

- i) The Conservative Party believes in the inherent benefits of development assistance to Canadians and the world. Development assistance must be anchored by expression of Canadian values and pursued within the context of Canada's strategic interests as defined by an integrated foreign policy.
- ii) The Conservative Party is committed to strengthening Canada's record in foreign aid. A Conservative Government will introduce legislation that will empower Parliament to define a legal framework for Canada's Official Development Assistance (ODA) envelope of spending. This legislation will include a clear mandate for development assistance; mechanisms for policy coherence, monitoring, accountability and reporting to Parliament; and enhanced public transparency.
- iii) The Conservative Party supports increasing the effectiveness of humanitarian aid efforts by the Canadian government. In order to accomplish this, the Conservative Party will establish clear criteria for recipient countries.
- iv) The Conservative Party will provide the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) with the authority to monitor and report on the expenditure and implementation of all official development assistance dollars to ensure it meets the objectives of poverty reduction, respect for human rights and good governance. CIDA will be responsible for publishing an annual report to the public to maintain public support for increases in ODA, enhance transparency, and increase accountability.
- v) The Conservative Party will ensure that the ODA envelope of spending will increase in a steady and predictable manner, beginning with a significant one-time increase in the ODA budget. Benchmarks will be established in order to allow Canadians to hold the government accountable.

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vi) CIDA must advise Canadian industry when and where it is committing aid dollars. This will ensure that Canadian businesses have the opportunity to bid on the tenders.

Do you support this amendment? Yes No

111. Security

- i) The Conservative Party believes that Canada has a direct interest in a more stable and secure world. Our government must be positioned to deal with complex international security issues in order to protect our citizens and contribute to the broader responsibility.
- ii) A Conservative Government will ensure better cooperation among Canada's intelligence and security agencies to more effectively protect Canadians against internal and external security and economic threats in a changing and unstable global environment. Canada must not be a safe haven for international terrorist operatives.
- iii) A Conservative Government will establish a Canadian national intelligence agency to coordinate existing intelligence from all sources to provide the Prime Minister, senior ministers and officials with national intelligence information and assessments. The creation of a new Canadian national intelligence agency will be drawn from the Privy Council Office's international assessment and security and intelligence secretariats.
- iv) A committee of senior government and official opposition Members of Parliament (sworn to secrecy as required) will be established to scrutinize and oversee the activities of the national intelligence agency, utilizing confidential and in-camera sessions as required. The head of the national intelligence agency should be confirmed by Parliament and should appear before the committee as required.
- v) In a post September 11th world, a Conservative Government will enhance the foreign intelligence gathering and analytical capacity of the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service (CSIS), Department of National Defence, and Communications Security Establishment (CSE).
- vi) A Conservative Government will work with our North American partners to coordinate efforts on security for our collective personal safety and economic prosperity.
- vii) The responsibilities for a revitalized Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) should be part of the Ministry of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness. As part of increasing marine security, we will reinstitute the Ports Police as a unit of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), and increase surveillance on the coasts and the Great Lakes.
- viii) A Conservative Government will ensure that agencies such as CSIS, RCMP, Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) and Coast Guard are properly resourced both in manpower and equipment.

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- vi) A Conservative Government will work with our North American partners to coordinate efforts on security for our collective personal safety and economic prosperity **with particular emphasis on preservation of our Northern waters.**

Do you support this amendment? ____ Yes ____ No

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4. Sound Financial Management

... iii) A ~~Conservative Government will restore~~ **The Conservative Party believes in** the audit role of the Treasury Board.

iv) A ~~Conservative Government will allow~~ **The Conservative Party believes that** the Auditor General **should be able** to table reports with the Clerk of the House of Commons...

6. Officers of Parliament

A ~~Conservative Government will ensure~~ **The Conservative Party believes** that senior officers such as the Auditor General, Chief Electoral Officer, Comptroller General, Ethics Commissioner, Information Commissioner, and Privacy Commissioner ~~will~~ **should** be appointed by Parliament and report to it.

8. Supreme Court Judge Appointments

A ~~Conservative Government will ensure~~ **The Conservative Party believes** that nominees to the Supreme Court of Canada ~~will~~ **should** be ratified by a free vote in Parliament...

9. Senate Reform

i) A ~~Conservative Government will~~ **The Conservative Party supports** the election of senators...

10. Electoral Reform

i) A ~~Conservative Government will consider~~ **The Conservative Party is open to the possibility of** changes to electoral systems...

12. Parliament and the Courts

... ii) A ~~Conservative Government will~~ **The Conservative Party supports the establishment of** a Judicial Review Committee of Parliament ...

14. Federalism

The Conservative Party believes Government ~~will ensure~~ that the use of the federal spending power in ...

15. Reform of the Federation

- i) ~~A Conservative Government~~ **The Conservative Party** will consider reforming Canadian federalism, taking into account: ...
- ii) ... ~~A Conservative Government will~~ **The Conservative Party** supports the work of the Council of the Federation

17. Balanced Budget Legislation

~~A Conservative Government will enact~~ **The Conservative Party believes the government should enact** balanced budget legislation...

18. Debt Repayment

... ii) ~~A Conservative Government will introduce~~ **The Conservative Party supports the introduction of** a debt repayment plan with the main part of budget surplus being allocated to ...

20. Family Tax Fairness

- i) ~~A Conservative Government will~~ **The Conservative Party will support** ~~create~~ tax fairness for families by eliminating inequities between single and dual income ...
- ii) A ~~The Conservative~~ **Party supports the** ~~Government will amend the Income Tax Act to~~ **elimination of** all tax disadvantages ~~to~~ **for** families ...

25. Independent Chief Actuary

... To improve the public's confidence that the promises made by governments are affordable over the long-term, ~~a Conservative Government would~~ **the Conservative Party supports** ~~making~~ the Chief Actuary of Canada an independent officer of Parliament.

27. Industrial Development

- ... iii) ~~A Conservative Government would~~ **The Conservative Party supports amending** the Investment Canada Act to expand the review process ...
- iv) ~~A Conservative Government will~~ **The Conservative Party supports the privatization of** crown corporations that compete directly with comparable services ...

28. Science, Research and Development

- i) ~~A Conservative Government will~~ **The Conservative Party supports the establishment** a single authority or single window to review big science projects ...
- ii) ~~A Conservative Government will~~ **The Conservative Party supports the appointment** of an independent Chief Scientist ...

... iv) ... ~~A Conservative Government will~~ **The Conservative Party supports the** will also elimination **ion of** the capital tax and **the reduction of** the capital gains tax because ...

30. Infrastructure

~~A Conservative Government will~~ **The Conservative Party supports reducing** federal gasoline taxes conditional ...

35. Copyright Legislation

... iii) ~~A Conservative Government~~ **The Conservative Party will** give consideration to educational public policy goals within the copyright framework. ~~A Conservative Government~~ **and** will work with industry to increase awareness...

iv) ~~A Conservative Government will~~ **The Conservative Party supports the elimination** the levy on blank recording materials.

39. International Trade

... i) ~~A Conservative Government will~~ **The Conservative Party believes in continuing to** bring more security to existing trade related jobs. ...

41. Transportation

i) ~~A Conservative Government~~ **The Conservative Party** would consider expanding 'Open Skies' to promote competition and consumer choice.

ii) ~~A Conservative Government~~ **The Conservative Party supports** a modern, efficient transportation system is integral to the well-being of Canada's economy...

... vi) ~~A Conservative Government will~~ **The Conservative Party supports the** reduction **ion of** federal government fees, levies, taxes and rents, ...

vii) ~~A Conservative Government will re-evaluate the corporate governance and ensure~~ **The Conservative Party supports strong** accountability **mechanism for corporate governance** at Canada's airport authorities.

viii) ~~A Conservative Government will~~ **The Conservative Party supports ensuring** access to future transportation infrastructure for people with disabilities is **should be** a fundamental priority ...

... x) ~~A Conservative Government will~~ **The Conservative Party believes that the government** **should** assume responsibility for legitimate Customs and Immigration costs for all points of entry ...

42. Environmental Principles

i) ... A ~~The~~ Conservative Government ~~Party~~ believes ~~that~~ responsible exploration, development ...

45. Contaminated Sites

... A ~~Conservative Government will~~ **The Conservative Party supports removing** roadblocks that discourage the private sector from cleaning and developing contaminated land...

48. Illegal Oil Dumping

... ii) A ~~Conservative Government will~~ **The Conservative Party supports** massively increased fines for illegal oil dumping ...

49. Aquifer Mapping

A ~~Conservative Government will~~ **The Conservative Party supports** the development of a long-term plan in cooperation with the provinces and territories to create an inventory....

50. Aquatic Invasive Species

A ~~The~~ Conservative ~~Party~~ believes ~~that the~~ government **should**, in cooperation with local, provincial and international governments, ~~will~~ make....

52. Medicare Audit

A ~~Conservative Government will conduct~~ **The Conservative Party will support** a social audit, under the existing office of the Chief Actuary ...

54. Health Sciences Research, Development and Innovation

... ii) A ~~The~~ Conservative ~~Party is~~ ~~Government will~~ be open to innovations which ~~would~~ reduce waiting lists ...

60. Post-Secondary Education

... i) A ~~Conservative Government will~~ **The Conservative Party supports** removing post-secondary education funding from the Canada Social Transfer and create an independent Canada Education Transfer. ...

61. Student Loans

... ii) A ~~Conservative Government will~~ **The Conservative Party supports** providing greater flexibility to students paying back federal student loans ...

62. Employment Insurance

~~A Conservative Government~~ **The Conservative Party supports** the establishment of an independent employment insurance system...

65. Shared Parenting

~~A Conservative Government will make the necessary changes to the Divorce Act to ensure~~ **The Conservative Party believes** that in the event of a marital breakdown, the Divorce Act ~~will~~ **should** allow both parents and all grandparents ...

68. Seniors

... i) ... ~~A Conservative Government would end~~ **The Conservative Party opposes** the discriminatory practice of mandatory retirement and ~~believes give~~ Canadians **should be given** the choice of ~~retirement~~ **retiring** or continuing to work ...

ii) ... ~~A Conservative Government would end this unfair practice and ensure~~ **The Conservative Party believes** that those over the age of 65 ~~would~~ **should** not pay Employment Insurance premiums.

iii) ... ~~A Conservative Government would create~~ **The Conservative Party supports** tax incentives for non-professional caregivers to look after elderly parents ...

69. Retirement Savings

i) ~~A Conservative Government~~ **The Conservative Party** values retirement security as a vital element of independence. We confirm our commitment to the Canada Pension Plan (CPP) and Old Age Security (OAS). ...

73. Land Title

... ii) ~~A Conservative Government~~ **The Conservative Party supports the development**, in conjunction with First Nations, ~~of~~ **would create** a First Nations Land Ownership Act ...

79. Sentencing

The Conservative Party supports ~~A Conservative Government will:~~

i) ~~institute~~ mandatory minimum sentences for violent and repeat offenders;

ii) **requiring** that sentences for multiple convictions be served consecutively;

iii) **eliminating** statutory (automatic) release;

iv) ~~Reform the National Parole Board including increased input from~~ **ensuring that** the community and victims **have input on** ~~in~~ National Parole Board decisions; and

v) **requiring** applicants for parole to demonstrate to the National Parole Board ...

82. Organized Crime

i) ~~A Conservative Government would~~ **The Conservative Party** recognizes that organized crime is growing throughout Canada...

83. Young Offenders

i) ~~A Conservative Government will~~ **The Conservative Party supports introducing** measures to hold young lawbreakers accountable to their victims and the larger community. ...

86. Missing Persons Registry

~~A Conservative Government will enact~~ **The Conservative Party supports the creation of** a national missing persons registry to ...

96. Agriculture Principles

... ii) Export and Diversification. To ensure that Canada has a secure supply of food, a ~~Conservative Government will encourage~~ **the Conservative Party supports** self-sufficiency in national food production, ...

99. Fisheries

... iii) ~~A Conservative Government would~~ **The Conservative Party supports investing** significantly in ~~increasing~~ our scientific knowledge base and **in making** firm and fair decisions based on facts,

101. Settlement Support

... ~~A Conservative Government will~~ **The Conservative Party believes in:**

- i) **working** cooperatively with the provinces and municipalities on policy relating to settlement support...
- ii) **addressing** the need for adequate and equitable resources to provide language instruction...
- iii) **working** to streamline the funding process to deliver enhanced funding stability...
- iv) **examining** the feasibility of having federal funds for settlement services...

102. Refugee Determination

... ~~A Conservative Government will~~ **The Conservative Party believes in:**

- i) **streamlining** the process of validating refugee claims;
- ii) where the Immigration and Refugee Board finds claimants do not qualify as genuine refugees, **ensuring** such individuals are escorted from Canada...;

- iii) giving greater priority to refugees identified pursuant to the United Nations Convention ...
- iv) implementing a fully merit-based process for Immigration and Refugee Board appointments; and
- v) developing a refugee appeals process that is fair and timely.

103. Applications Process

... ~~A Conservative Government will~~ **The Conservative Party believes in:**

- i) ensuring that Citizenship and Immigration Canada is properly staffed, trained and resourced ...;
- ii) reorganizing the applications process ...;
- iii) reverse the Liberal policy of **not** separating married couples while the application of the non-status partner is being processed;
- iv) extending automatic Canadian citizenship to children adopted from abroad by Canadian parents once the adoption is final;
- v) providing options such as the posting of a bond to ...
- vi) reducing the need for Temporary Resident Permits ...

105. Foreign Affairs Principles

... iii) ~~A Conservative Government will coordinate~~ **The Conservative Party believes that** Canada's international relations, trade and foreign aid policies ~~to~~ **should** advance the country's economic interests ...

111. Security

... iii) ~~A Conservative Government will~~ **The Conservative Party supports establishing** a Canadian national intelligence agency

iv) ~~A Conservative Government will~~ **The Conservative Party supports establishing** a committee of senior government and official opposition Members of Parliament ...

Do you support the Omnibus Editing Resolution from the National Policy Committee?

Yes No