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<p>HUMAN DIGNITY</p> <p>Abortion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “You shall not kill” is the 5th Commandment. • Belief in the sanctity of human life and inherent dignity of the human person is the foundation of Catholic Social Teaching. • First in the list of human rights acknowledged by the Church is: “the right to life from conception to its natural end, which is the condition for the exercise of all other rights, and in particular, implies the illicitness of every form of procured abortion and euthanasia.” - 155, <i>Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church</i> • The Catholic Church teaches that voluntary termination of life — at any stage — necessarily denies individuals the opportunity to use their gifts, whatever their circumstances, to fulfill themselves by advancing their search for God. Catholic teaching opposes the voluntary termination of life at any point between conception and natural death. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian Heritage Party pledges to defend innocent human life from conception until natural death. • Christian Heritage Party opposes abortion under any circumstances. • Christian Heritage Party says that rights of pre-born must be protected in Canada’s laws through appropriate amendments to Criminal Code and Charter of Rights and Freedoms. • Christian Heritage Party maintains abortion is not a Charter-protected right. • Christian Heritage Party opposes euthanasia under any circumstances. • Christian Heritage Party pledges to restore protection from assisted suicide and euthanasia. • Christian Heritage Party supports better access to palliative care. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservative constitution says: “A belief in the value and dignity of all human life” is part of the party constitution. • Party policy says that a Conservative government will not support any legislation to regulate abortion. • Conservative Party supports legislation that would require babies who survive abortion be given life-saving medical care. • Permits pro-life candidates in the Conservative Party. • Will allow a free vote on private members’ bills including those on abortion. • Conservative Party will not support legislation to legalize euthanasia or assisted suicide. • Conservative Party opposes the extension of euthanasia and assisted suicide to minors, to people who are not competent and people who live with psychological suffering. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Party supports abortion on demand, with no restrictions. • All Green Party MPs “must endorse the Green Party’s values,” including support for abortion. • Green Party supports euthanasia / medically-assisted death. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liberal Party supports abortion on demand, with no restrictions. • Has supported and expanded funding for abortion and abortion advocacy in other countries. • All Liberal candidates must support abortion. • The Liberal government legalized euthanasia for adults with a “grievous and irremediable” / not necessarily terminal “medical condition” in June 2016, after a Supreme Court Decision on the issue. • The Liberal government legislation requires a formal review in June 2021, including consideration for expanding euthanasia/ medically-assisted death in three areas: to “mature minors,” in the case of advance requests, and for mental health disorders. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NDP supports abortion on demand with no restrictions. • All NDP candidates must support abortion. • Would withhold federal healthcare funding for provinces with barriers to abortion. • NDP supports euthanasia / medically-assisted death. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People’s Party does not have official position on abortion. • People’s Party permits pro-life candidates to run. • People’s Party does not have official position on euthanasia / medically-assisted death.
<p>COMMUNITY and the COMMON GOOD</p> <p>Development of the Family</p> <p>Support for the Elderly</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Catholic Church holds that the priority of the family over society and over the State must be affirmed. - 209-214 <i>Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church</i> • The Catholic tradition proclaims that social relationships are sacred, because they are the means by which we help one another to seek and find God. • How we organize our society in economics and politics, in law and policy directly affects our dignity as humans and our capacity to grow in community. • The Catholic Church teaches that the role of government and other institutions is to protect human life and dignity, and to promote that which is truly in the common interest. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian Heritage Party affirms that married two-parent family is the most important foundation of society. • Christian Heritage Party pledges to review same sex marriage legislation. • Christian Heritage Party will provide \$1000 per month to any family where one parent remains at home (does not work for wages outside the home) to care for their children (under 18) or to be the caregiver for an aged parent or disabled family member. • Christian Heritage Party promises “Lower, Simpler, Flatter Taxes” and allowing full income-splitting for all married couples (one man-one woman). • Christian Heritage Party is proposing a consumption tax rather than an income tax; promises to end deficits; and pledges to overhaul the Canadian Pension Plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservative Party has committed to a universal tax cut for all. • Conservative Party commits to eliminating the carbon tax, removing GST from home heating bills, and making parental benefits tax free. • Conservative Party promises a combination of measures to ease financial difficulties for seniors, by expanding tax deductions for seniors, and a credit for transit expenses, and lowering overall personal income taxes. • Conservative Party calls for policies to enable more seniors to remain in their homes, tax incentives for caregivers to look after the elderly, and tougher penalties for elder abuse. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Party has committed to a Guaranteed Liveable Income. • Pledges to make the family law system related to marital breakdown less adversarial, emphasizing the best interests of children. • Green Party is committed to a high-quality federally-funded child care program accessible to any family that wants to place children into early childhood education. • Promises consumer protection initiatives to support families, including limiting credit card interest rates, limiting ATM fees, and increase competition re: cellular and internet services. • Green Party pledges to improve seniors’ quality of life through guaranteed income, Pharmacare, public transportation, housing initiatives, as well as creating more long-term care beds. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Liberal government has provided financial support for families through tax reform such as the Canada Child Tax Benefit, and increased social infrastructure for child-care, and longer parental leaves. • Committed to increasing Old Age Security by 10 per cent, and the CPP survivor’s benefits by 25 per cent. • Liberal government increased the Guaranteed Income Supplement for single low-income seniors, and made the Compassionate Care Benefit more flexible for those caring for seriously ill family members. • Liberal government restored the age of eligibility for OAS and GIS from 67 to 65 years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NDP is promising policies to oppose stagnation of wages, rising housing costs, and the rising cost of prescriptions. • Calling for national, public, and universal childcare programs, and for construction of 500,000 affordable housing units over 10 years. • NDP plans to introduce a national pharmacare program. • NDP promising to work to amend the Canada Health Act to include national standards for home care and long-term care, and to create a national dementia strategy. • NDP promising to develop an elder abuse prevention plan; to make the Canada Caregiver Tax Credit refundable; to fight senior’s isolation by making transit more affordable and convenient; to create more community recreation spaces; and support inter-generational housing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People’s Party plans to get rid of the deficit, and to cut personal income tax once the deficit has been eliminated, and to gradually abolish the personal capital gains tax. • People’s Party will enshrine in legislation a Military Covenant between the government and those who serve in the Armed Forces and will begin a line-by-line review of the New Veterans Charter. • People’s Party will reinstate the fair disability pension as previously provided for by the Pension Act.

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<p>STEWARDSHIP of CREATION</p> <p>Climate Change & Sustainability</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Catholic Church teaches that as children of God, we are stewards of God's creation — and must consider how our actions protect, or harm this glorious gift God has given us. • “Each of the various creatures, willed in its own being, reflects in its own way a ray of God's infinite wisdom and goodness. Man must therefore respect the particular goodness of every creature, to avoid any disordered use of things which would be in contempt of the Creator and would bring disastrous consequences for human beings and their environment.” - 339, <i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i> • Humanity's relationship with creation and the creatures of the earth “requires the exercise of responsibility, it is not a freedom of arbitrary and selfish exploitation.” - 115, <i>Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church</i> • “Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue: it is not an optional or secondary aspect of our Christian experience.” -217, <i>Laudato Si</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian Heritage Party Canada recognizes that pollution is a serious problem and that immediate steps must be taken to address: air pollution from particulate emissions, etc.; water pollution from untreated sewage discharges, ballast and waste dumping at sea; and pollution of both water and soil from overuse of chemicals, including fertilizers. • Christian Heritage Party does not accept global warming or climate change. • Christian Heritage Party pledges instead to use resources to clean up air, water, and soil pollution, leaving future generations with greater health and opportunity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservative Party agrees to the Paris agreement emissions reduction targets • Conservative Party commits to setting emission standards for major emitters, to provide incentives for development of green technology, and to providing targeted accelerated capital cost allowances to industries. • Conservative Party supports using Canadian energy products to replace dirtier foreign energy sources. • Conservative Party pledges to create a tax credit for homeowners to help pay for energy-saving renovations, to ban the export of plastics waste; and to work with provinces and municipalities to eliminate raw sewage dumps into marine or freshwater ecosystems. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Party commits to pass into law a Climate Change Act requiring a 60 per cent cut in climate-changing emissions below 2005 levels by 2030, reaching net zero in 2050. • Green Party pledges to maintain a broad-based, revenue neutral carbon fee on all sources of carbon dioxide pollution. • Pledges that revenues from the carbon fee would be returned to Canadians as a dividend. • Green Party will set legal emissions limits for industries that decline over time, with penalties for exceeding those limits. • Green Party maintains fossil fuels should stay in the ground and calls for retooling society to run on non-polluting, renewable energy sources, with no new pipelines, or coal, oil, or gas drilling or mining, including offshore wells. • Green Party plans to ban the sale of internal combustion engine passenger vehicles by 2030. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liberal Party stands by disputed claims that it has kept Canada on track to meet 2030 emissions reduction targets, and has promised to hit net zero emissions by 2050, with a 5-year check points along the way. • Liberal Party plans to maintain carbon taxes, using tax advantages to encourage green technology innovation, and planting 2 billion trees over the next decade. • Liberal government approved the Trans Mountain Pipeline and purchased an ownership stake to help ensure the project is completed. • Liberal government has cancelled the Northern Gateway pipeline and increased the amount of Canada's protected marine/ coastal areas. • Liberal Party promises to reduce corporate taxes for companies that develop technologies or manufacture products that have zero emissions. • Plans to move forward with a ban on single-use plastics. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NDP promises to declare a climate emergency, and to implement greenhouse gas reduction targets to stabilize global temperature rise. • NDP will create an independent Climate Accountability Office to audit progress. • NDP pledges to continue carbon pricing, with rebates for qualifying households. • NDP will emphasize clean procurement by federal government, with clean buildings and electric vehicles. • NDP promises to invest in habitat restoration. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People's Party pledges to make Canada's air, water and soil cleaner, including bringing clean drinking water to Indigenous communities. • People's Party would withdraw from the Paris Accord and abandon greenhouse gas emission reduction targets, and stop sending funds to developing countries to help reduce their emissions. • People's Party would abolish the Liberal government's carbon tax and leave it to provincial governments to adopt programs to reduce emissions as they choose. * People's Party promises to abolish subsidies for green technology and let private players develop profitable and efficient alternatives, and will invest in adaptation strategies if problems arise as a result of any natural climate change. • People's Party would allow the oil and gas industry to grow, and would approve pipeline projects.
<p>RIGHTS and RESPONSIBILITIES</p> <p>Conscience rights</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Catholic Church emphasizes the value of the right to religious freedom. • With euthanasia and medically-assisted death and abortion permissible, it is critical that healthcare providers whose deepest moral convictions tell them that such procedures are wrong, not be forced to participate. Catholic teaching says workers should be safeguarded from suffering any affront to conscience or personal dignity. • It is a grave duty of conscience not to cooperate, not even formally, in practices contrary to the Law of God. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian Heritage Party supports freedom of conscience for medical professionals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservative Party supports conscience rights for doctors, nurses, and others to refuse to participate or refer their patients for abortion, assisted suicide and euthanasia. • Supports right of faith-based organizations to refuse the use of their facilities for procedures contrary to their beliefs. • Conservative Party has affirmed its view that it is wrong to require applicants for government-funded programs to sign values attestations to be eligible for funding. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Party has no official policy statement on conscience rights. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liberal Party opposes conscience rights for healthcare workers. • Asked employers applying for the federal Summer Jobs funding program to sign a pro-abortion attestation. • Liberal Party uses its nomination vetting process to bar pro-life party members from standing for parliament. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NDP has no known published official position on conscience rights. • In May 2019 the NDP opposed a private member's bill to enshrine conscience rights for physicians and healthcare professionals into law. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People's Party supports freedom of conscience for medical personnel and health care professionals. • People's Party holds that Canadians should enjoy maximum freedom of conscience and expression as guaranteed in Section 2 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. • People's Party would restrict the definition of hate speech in the Criminal Code to expression which explicitly advocates the use of force against identifiable groups or persons.

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<p>OPTION for the POOR and VULNERABLE</p> <p>Poverty Reduction</p> <p>Support for the Marginalized and Vulnerable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The poor, the marginalized and those whose living conditions interfere with their proper growth should be the focus of particular concern. - 182, <i>Compendium of Catholic Social Teaching</i> Catholics are called to remember Jesus' own words: What we do to the least among us, we do to Him. (cf. Mt 25:31-46) For many people, a living wage and dignified housing are beyond reach. The Church teaches that the opportunity for a dignified life and housing are fundamental human rights. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christian Heritage Party states Canadians must always be ready to care for the "deserving poor"—those in poverty through no fault of their own — while all those capable of working should be encouraged to do so. Christian Heritage Party plans to increase employment with a nationwide infrastructure stimulus package. Christian Heritage Party plans to improve housing affordability by reducing foreign purchases of homes, businesses and farmland, by strengthening the family unit and reducing divorce and to make stay-at-home parenting more affordable. Promises to pay off the national debt to reduce cost to taxpayers. The Christian Heritage Party's justice platform focuses on restitution for property crimes and public safety from violent crime. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservative Party has committed to maintaining the Canada Child Benefit. Promises to remove the GST form home heating and energy bills, and to reduce regulatory barriers to new home construction, with the aim of increasing home construction at lower prices. Conservative Party has made a "Health and Social Program Guarantee", a promise to increase financial transfers from the federal government to the provinces to help pay for health and social services. Conservative Party urges all levels of government to work to improve research, awareness and treatment of those affected by mental illness, and to assist in provision of shelters for the homeless, and to understanding causes and solutions to homelessness. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green Party calls for a Guaranteed Livable Income to pull families and children out of poverty. * Maintains it is the right of every Canadian to have affordable, safe and secure housing. Green Party supports the re-establishment of housing co-ops, supports increasing social housing payments to other levels of government. Holds that universal housing will alleviate poverty, and proposes tax credits and initiatives to ensure affordable housing is available. Promotes a comprehensive approach to mental health care. Green Party plans to reduce drug addictions by legalization of heroin and other opioids for clinical treatment and prevention, by increasing the number of detox facilities and injection clinics. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liberal Party is proposing tax cuts for middle and lower income Canadians. Liberal government has backed away from a guaranteed minimum income model of addressing poverty and housing affordability. Liberal government introduced and increased the Canada Child Benefit. Liberal government commits to building affordable housing with Canada's first-ever National Housing Strategy. Liberal government notes that there are more than 1 million new jobs since 2015. Promises to invest in more employment for young people. Liberals plan to amend the Canada Health Act to ensure mental health services in every province and territory. In June 2018, the Liberal government legalized recreational use of marijuana. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The NDP proposes to work with provinces to launch a basic income pilot project. NDP calls for establishment of a legal right to housing, with plans to create 500,000 affordable housing units over 10 years. NDP promises to foster development of social, community, and affordable housing providers and co-ops. The NDP is calling for expansion of mental health care coverage under the Canada Health Act. NDP plans to declare an emergency with respect to opioid abuse. NDP seeks decriminalization and de-stigmatization of drug addiction. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People's Party pledges to eliminate the deficit in two years through "spending cuts and fiscal prudence." People's Party plans to cut personal income taxes once the deficit has been eliminated. People's Party plans to revamp the supply management system to make dairy, egg and poultry more affordable for Canadians, while allowing farmers and producers to market their products internationally. People's Party would strive to reduce housing shortage by reducing demand through cuts to immigration.
<p>Human Trafficking</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Catholic Church teaches that modern day slavery in which women, children and men are bought and sold, is a violation of the God-given dignity of the human person. The Catechism of the Catholic Church condemns any act leading to the enslavement of humans as a sin against a person's dignity and their God-given human rights. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christian Heritage Party opposes legalizing prostitution. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservative Party opposes legalizing prostitution, and supports penalties for purchasing sex or profiting by third parties. Supports adopting proactive approach to reduce human smuggling and increased sentences for human trafficking. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green Party would remove criminal sanctions and develop regulations for legal prostitution between consenting adults. Green Party calls for an increase penalties in the Criminal Code for those convicted of human smuggling / trafficking. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liberal Party supports repealing laws pertaining to prostitution. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NDP supports de-criminalizing prostitution. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People's Party does not have an official policy on prostitution.
<p>Education</p>	<p>Catholic Social Teaching holds that it is wrong for a person or group to be excluded unfairly or to be unable to participate in society.</p> <p>Faced with the rapid advancement of technological and economic progress, and with the equally rapid transformation of the processes of production and consumption, the Magisterium senses the need to propose a great deal of educational and cultural formation. 406, 376 - <i>Compendium of Catholic Social Teaching</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christian Heritage Party has no known published policy related to education. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservative Party supports elimination of barriers to post-secondary education, and will end taxation of scholarships and bursaries. Conservative Party supports accessible loans for post-secondary students in need, and simplification of loan process, and proposes additional interest relief on federal student loans. Supports better secondary, post-secondary, and job-related education to improve Canada's human capital. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green Party holds that universal access for every qualified individual to affordable post-secondary education and training is a basic right. Green Party will work toward abolishing tuition; plans to increase federal student grants and make other adjustments to student loans/grants including extending the interest relief period to two years; and will work with provinces to support lifelong learning programs aimed at older Canadians. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liberal Party will prioritize investment in early childhood education (2015 platform). Liberal Party proposes increasing maximum Canada Grants for post-secondary students, and to increase income thresholds for eligibility. Liberal Party will maintain tuition tax credit; and excuse student loan payments until income reaches \$25k/year. Liberal Party plans to introduce Teacher and Early Childhood Educator School Supply tax benefit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NDP seeks accessible, publicly-funded education for everyone, and pledges to work with provinces and territories to cap and reduce post-secondary tuition fees and make post-secondary education part of the public education system to remove the barrier of cost. NDP supports eliminating interest on student loans, and increasing access to student grants. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People's Party has no known published policy related to education.

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<p>SOLIDARITY Indigenous Peoples and Reconciliation</p> <p>Refugees and Newcomers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catholic Social Teaching says that solidarity “is found in a commitment to the good of one’s neighbour.” - 193, <i>Compendium of Catholic Social Teaching</i> Catholic teaching includes a profound belief that the good of one is the good of all, that the other is as important as the self, and injustice done to another is an injustice that affects everyone. The Canadian Catholic Church supports the work of the Truth and Reconciliation commission. We are called to support thriving Indigenous communities in Canada, rooted in their unique cultures and traditions. We are called to welcome immigrants and refugees with generosity and good will, as if they were Jesus Christ himself. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christian Heritage Party says the Indian Act is outdated and must be replaced with legislation based on recognition of prior occupancy by First Peoples; restitution as appropriate; and reconciliation leading to full participation in Canadian society for all Canadians. Christian Heritage Party states that Canada’s first responsibility is to citizen safety, and immigration is a privilege, not a right. Christian Heritage Party calls for secure borders, stating refugees must not enter the country without permission. Christian Heritage Party holds that all refugees and future citizens must be thoroughly vetted and must declare loyalty to Canada. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservative Party recognizes importance of building long-term partnerships with Indigenous Peoples as part of needed reforms of federalism, and pledges to replace the Indian Act with legislation based on autonomy, taxation, capacity, transparency, accountability, and property rights. Conservative Party encourages responsible immigration policies, stressing fairness, emphasizing economic immigration, and ending illegal immigration. Conservative Party pledges to revisit Safe Third Country rules, to ensure families are able to immigrate together, and to protect refugees facing persecution. They will also promote private refugee sponsorship. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green Party commits to enshrining the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) in Canadian law, and to implementing the Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. Green Party rejects the Indian Act as racist and oppressive, and commits to dismantling it in full partnership with Indigenous People taking the lead role in the process. Green Party promises to work with professional associations to create a robust system for evaluating education and training of immigrants to Canadian standards. Pledges to lead a discussion about “environmental refugees.” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liberal Party is committed to ensuring Canada laws respect the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) — from 2015 platform (not yet fulfilled).. Liberal government launched a public inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. Liberal government provided new funding to help Indigenous communities promote and preserve language and culture. Liberal government welcomed more than 40,000 refugees from the conflict in Syria, through both direct government sponsorship and private sponsorship, and invested in increased refugee processing and settlement services. Provided \$100 million of the UN High Commission for refugees. The Liberal government has recently slowed the rate of immigration / refugee sponsorship. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NDP promises to fully implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the TRC Calls to Action, and to respect treaties. NDP will support Indigenous jurisdiction over child welfare systems and will fully fund services on reserves. NDP will establish a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation; promises to provide safe and affordable housing in every Indigenous community, on and off reserve, and to ensure clean water for all Indigenous communities. NDP promises to reduce the immigration backlog and work with Canadians to resettle refugees in their communities, ensuring newcomers are given the support they require to build new lives and new homes in Canada. NDP promises to suspend the Safe Third Country Agreement with the United States. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People’s Party will explore options to replace the Indian Act with a new legal framework that guarantees equal rights and responsibilities to Indigenous People as Canadians, and promotes the self-reliance of communities. People’s Party promises to respect treaties and will approve natural resources and infrastructure projects, after adequate consultations with affected Indigenous groups, and in partnership with them to ensure they can benefit from economic opportunities. People’s Party pledges to substantially lower the number of immigrants and refugees Canada accepts every year. People’s Party will take every measure necessary to stop the flow of illegal migrants at the US-Canadian border. People’s Party pledges to rely on private sponsorships rather than government sponsorship. People’s Party will give priority to refugees from persecuted groups, and will withdraw from United Nations commitments.
<p>PROMOTION of PEACE International Development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catholic teaching promotes peace as a positive, action-oriented concept. “Peace is not just the absence of war,” said St. John Paul II. “It involves mutual respect and confidence between peoples and nations. It involves collaboration and binding agreements.” Catholic Social Teaching holds that peace and justice are linked. Peace is the fruit of justice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christian Heritage Party has no known published position on International Development. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservative Party has committed to continuing the international development priorities of the former Harper government, including programs like the Maternal and Child Health initiative. Conservative Party calls for aligning Canada’s international development programs with values such as protecting the rights of religious minorities and ensuring the equality of women and girls. Conservative Party says that abortion should be explicitly excluded from international aid. Conservative Party supports more transparency related to development assistance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green Party commits to re-establishing the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) as a stand-alone agency, with a mandate to provide overseas development where most needed. Green Party will strive to increase Canada’s overseas development assistance budget to reach former Prime Minister Lester Pearson’s goal of 0.7 per cent of GDP. Green Party plans to increase Canada’s contribution to the Green Climate Fund and Global Environmental Facility to \$4 billion a year by 2030, reviewing the meeting of these targets, both at home and abroad. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liberal government refocused foreign development assistance to help the poorest and most vulnerable. Liberal government aid focuses on maternal, newborn and child health. Liberal party promises to cover the full range of reproductive services, including abortions, as part of maternal, newborn and child health initiatives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NDP commits to contributing 0.7 per cent of Gross National Income to foreign aid. NDP pledges to meet the United Nations 2030 development goals for poverty reduction, decent work and rights of Indigenous peoples. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People’s Party plans to liberalize trade with as many countries as possible, while ensuring Canadian security and protecting the Canadian economy from the threat of potentially hostile foreign investors. People’s Party plans to phase out development aid, and focus Canadian international assistance exclusively on emergency humanitarian action in cases such as health crises, major conflicts and natural disasters.

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