

## **BACKGROUNDER**

*Today, Andrew Scheer, Leader of Canada's Conservatives, announced a new measure that will improve the day-to-day lives of seniors and contribute to their happiness and their dignity. This is part of the Conservative plan to put more money in the pockets of all Canadians to reduce the cost of living.*

### **THE ISSUE**

- In 2015, Justin Trudeau promised to help the middle-class. Instead, he raised taxes on 80% of middle-class Canadians. He has made life more expensive for everyone, especially for our seniors.
- For most seniors, every dollar counts. Many seniors have no way to increase their earnings and their situation is even more precarious as seniors typically live on a fixed income.
- Our seniors are at the mercy of the Trudeau government whose poor judgement has increased the cost of living.
- At any point in time, in every region, in challenging economic times, it's seniors who face challenges.

### **THE PLAN**

- A Conservative government will increase the Age Credit by \$1,000 per year, per senior. For a couple, it will be up to \$300 more in their pockets.
- With this measure, an individual aged 65 and over earning up to \$37,790 would receive up to \$150 more per year.
- Since the Age Credit is income-tested, it will benefit low to middle income seniors.
- Mr. Scheer said that as Prime Minister, the well-being of those who built our country will be a priority.
- The Age Credit gradually phases out as income increases. Seniors earning more than \$37,790 will also receive the Age Credit, with the

amount declining as incomes rise, until it is phased out at an income of \$87,750.

- The Age Credit is in addition to other commitments to address Canadians' concerns such as:
  - a single tax return (Quebec only);
  - taking the GST off home heating bills;
  - making maternity benefits tax-free;
  - introducing the Green Public Transit Tax Credit;
  - introducing the Children's Fitness Tax Credit;
  - introducing the Children's Arts and Learning Tax Credit;
  - creating the Universal Tax Cut, which includes pension earnings.

## **THE CHOICE**

- In 2015 Trudeau ran on change. Now he is forced to run on his record.
- Do you want four more years of higher taxes for you and your family, and bigger handouts for well-connected corporations?
- Do you want four more years of you working harder, but can't seem to get ahead while the Liberals allow lobbyists and insiders to rewrite the rules for their own benefit?
- Do you want four more years of steadily increasing carbon taxes consuming more and more of your family budget, and putting a better life for you, your children and your aging parents increasingly out of reach?
- After Justin Trudeau proved he was not as advertised last time, are you prepared to trust his slick sales pitch once again?
- This October, Canadians will have a choice.
- A new Conservative government will live within its means. Andrew Scheer has a plan to put more money in your pocket so you can get ahead.