

## **Strong Leadership on the World Stage**

Justin Trudeau's scandals have made international headlines and made Canada a laughing stock on the world stage.

But Trudeau's failure on the world stage goes far beyond his inexcusable private behavior.

From praising oppressive dictatorships in China and Cuba, to his disastrous India visit. From putting Canadian jobs at risk with his one-sided concessions to Donald Trump in the USMCA, to his complete failure to meet Canada's emissions reduction targets, Justin Trudeau has proven he is not as advertised.

It's time for a new government that will show strong leadership on the world stage, strengthen our alliances, and stand up for human rights.

Only Andrew Scheer and Canada's Conservatives are prepared to spend less money on foreign aid to wealthier countries and foreign dictatorships so that it can instead be used to protect the health of mothers and children, or provide new relief to Canadians so you can get ahead.

### **THE ISSUE**

- Under Justin Trudeau's government, \$2.2 billion of Canada's foreign aid is going to high- and middle-income countries (as defined by having by having a Human Development Index over 0.6)
- In 2018, the Trudeau government provided bilateral aid to foreign dictatorships that are hostile to Canadian values, such as Iran, North Korea, and Russia.
- The Trudeau government also continues to provide \$110 million in funding to the openly antisemitic United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), a corrupt organization with direct ties to the radical terrorist organization Hamas.
- The Trudeau government's one-sided concessions to the Trump administration in USMCA negotiations have left thousands of steel, aluminum, auto, and agriculture jobs at risk.
- Justin Trudeau's Carbon Tax scheme is successfully increasing the cost of living on Canadians but has utterly failed in meeting Canada's emissions reduction targets.
- Under Justin Trudeau, Canada's military procurement program became so partisan that Trudeau's government officials sought to destroy the life and reputation of Vice-Admiral Mark Norman.

### **THE PLAN**

An Andrew Scheer-led Conservative government will:

1. Cutting 25% of foreign aid spending - The reduction will come from middle- and upper-income countries as well as hostile regimes. We will use the savings to pay for policies

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that help Canadians get ahead at home and also redirect \$700 million to strengthen foreign aid in the countries that need it most. We will continue to work in partnership with leading Canadian aid organizations including volunteer-focused groups who provide much-needed assistance to developing countries. Savings will contribute to the following policies:

- Scrapping the Trudeau Carbon Tax, lowering the cost of everyday essentials like gas, groceries, and home heating.
  - Introducing the Universal Tax Cut, saving an average couple \$850.
  - Taking the GST off home heating costs, saving your family \$107 every year.
  - Introducing the Green Public Transit Tax Credit, saving a family of four who take transit up to \$1,000.
  - Making maternity benefits tax-free, putting up to \$4,000 back in the pockets of new parents.
  - Introducing the Children's Fitness Tax Credit, allowing parents to claim up to \$1,000 for sports activities.
  - Introducing the Children's Arts and Learning Tax Credit, letting parents claim up to \$500 for arts and learning programs.
  - Expanding the Age Credit, benefiting the lowest income Canadians the most and giving a senior couple up to \$300.
  - Boosting government-matching to RESPs by 50%, helping parents get more for their kids' education.
  - Introduce the Green Home Renovation Tax Credit, putting up to \$3,800 back in the pockets of families who make green-home improvements.
2. We would also redirect \$700 million in foreign aid support to the world's poorest countries, with a special focus on support for children in conflict zones. Under the Conservative plan, the government will work with leading Canadian aid organizations including volunteer-focused groups who provide much-needed assistance to developing countries. We will also continue to consider aid proposals which support non-development objectives such as minority rights and peaceful coexistence taking place in any country
  3. Withdraw Canada from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank.
  4. Prioritize the health, education, and safety of children in Canada's international development policy and place a special emphasis on protecting children in conflict zones.
  5. Renew ties with Canada's democratic alliances (NATO, NORAD, Five Eyes) while at the same time strengthen relations with like-minded countries like Japan, India, and Israel.
  6. Ensure that Canada is at the forefront of advocating for the CANZUK alliance.
  7. Recognize that Jerusalem is the capital of Israel and move the Canadian embassy to Jerusalem.
  8. Provide military defensive aid to Ukraine's military and restore access to Canada's RADARSAT-2 data to Ukraine.

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9. Advocate at the United Nations for Canadian leadership in a peacekeeping mission to secure Ukraine's borders and expand Operation UNIFIER, Canada's military training mission in Ukraine.
10. Reopen the Office of Religious Freedom.
11. Amend the Investment Canada Act to ensure that the takeover of any Canadian company by any foreign state-owned enterprise automatically triggers a national security review.
12. Use Magnitsky sanctions against human rights offenders in foreign regimes.
13. List Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) as a terrorist entity under Canadian law.
14. Enter discussions with the United States to join the Ballistic Missile Defence (BMD) program.
15. Engage the House of Commons Committee on National Defence on matters of military procurement to foster a multipartisan consensus.
16. Select a new fighter jet to replace our CF-18s and have the new fleet enter service in 2025.
17. Negotiate a contract with Davie Shipyards to build a second interim supply ship and maintain contracts for Davie Shipyards for ice breakers and federal ferries.
18. Begin the process of replacing Canada's Victoria class submarines.

## THE CHOICE

- Justin Trudeau has embarrassed Canada on the world stage. Worse still, his weak leadership has put Canadian jobs at risk, and he continues to send hundreds of millions of Canadian tax dollars to wealthier countries and foreign dictatorships.
- An Andrew Scheer-led Conservative government will focus Canadian foreign aid on countries in greatest need while keeping more of our tax dollars at home so you can get ahead.
- It's time for strong leadership on the world stage. It's time for you to get ahead.