

### 100 Day Action Plan:

In 2015, Justin Trudeau said he would be accountable and ethical. Instead, he has used the power of his office to reward his supporters and punish his critics.

Justin Trudeau was the first Prime Minister in Canadian history to be found guilty of breaking ethics laws, and he did it not once but twice. But he faced no penalties or consequences as a result.

He has stonewalled the Ethics Commissioner, shut-down parliamentary committees search for answers into Liberal corruption scandals, and he is now doing everything in his power to block the RCMP from investigating his office.

Justin Trudeau is not as advertised.

He and his ministers have shown that there is one set of rules for them and another set for the rest of us. Canadians deserve better.

### THE ISSUE

- Currently Canada's *Conflict of Interest Act* "does not provide for any sanctions for breaches found following an examination by the conflict of interest and ethics commissioner."
- The maximum fine for breaching the *Conflict of Interest Act* is \$500, and only applies when public office holders fail to meet reporting requirements.
- When Bill Morneau failed to disclose his villa in France to the Ethics Commissioner, he was only forced to pay a fine of \$200.
- When Justin Trudeau was found guilty of violating the *Conflict of Interest Act* for accepting a free vacation to the Aga Khan's private island, there was no penalty at all.

### THE PLAN

Canadians deserve answers. They deserve accountability and transparency. A new Conservative government will restore accountability and transparency in government:

- **Strengthen the *Conflict of Interest Act*** - To discourage corrupt behaviour and restore ethics and accountability in government, we will introduce real penalties of up to \$20,000 for violations of the *Conflict of Interest Act*. The penalties will be proportional to the severity of the violation and the seniority of the offender. This includes the sections of the Act that deal with conflict of interest, preferential treatment, insider information, influence, accepting gifts and other violations. It also includes section 9 of the Act, which Justin Trudeau was found guilty of violating through the SNC-Lavalin scandal:  
*No public office holder shall use his or her position as a public office holder to seek to influence a decision of another person so as to further the public office holder's private interests or those of the public office holder's relatives or friends or to improperly further another person's private interests.*
- **Judicial inquiry** - To provide Canadians with the answers they deserve and get to the bottom of the SNC-Lavalin corruption scandal, we will launch a judicial inquiry into the SNC-Lavalin corruption scandal.

## Backgrounder – Ethics Penalties

- **Introduce the *No More Cover-Ups Act*** - To prevent corrupt politicians from escaping police investigation by hiding behind Cabinet confidence, we will allow the RCMP to make an application to the Supreme Court of Canada to access information protected by Cabinet confidence.
- **Increase oversight powers of the Ethics Commissioner and Lobbying Commissioner** – To ensure accountability, we will empower the Ethics Commissioner and the Lobbying Commissioner to request additional information about the content of meetings in situations where there are an inordinate number of registered communications between government officials and lobbyists.
- **Strengthen lobbying restrictions** - To ensure fairness in our justice system, we will prohibit those charged with a criminal offence from lobbying for changes to laws that they would benefit from in their own criminal proceeding.
- **Strengthen the *Conflict of Interest Act*** – To restore accountability and transparency, we will close the loophole in the *Conflict of Interest Act* that allows the indirect holding of shares by Cabinet ministers. In 2017, it was revealed that Bill Morneau owned shares of Morneau Shepell through a numbered company.
- **Introduce legislative reforms for whistleblowers** - To protect whistleblowers from retaliation, we will introduce legislative reforms to reverse the burden of proof from the whistleblower onto the employer in cases of reprisals, take steps to provide legal and procedural advice to any public servant that is seeking to make a protected disclosure of wrongdoing or file a reprisal complaint, and expand current protections to include those working on government contracts from the private sector.

## THE CHOICE

On October 21, Canadians have a choice between Justin Trudeau who abuses his power, bends the law for his friends, attempts to silence his critics and destroys their reputations, and his Liberal-NDP coalition that will cost you thousands of dollars more, all while the NDP turns a blind eye on Justin Trudeau's unethical behaviour.

Or a new Conservative government led by Andrew Scheer who will uphold the rule of law, respect our democratic institutions, and will live within its means and put more money in your pockets so you can get ahead.