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There will be other issues that concern you. Find out your candidate's position on them before casting your ballot.

What you can do during the election:

1. Pass this pamphlet along to family members, friends and neighbours and members of your community organizations, and your church. This is vitally important.

The pamphlet is non-partisan as it does not support any political party – but merely sets out some of the policies of the three major parties that affect family life.

Consequently, it can be used freely by organizations and churches which have charitable tax status.

2. Support the candidate in your riding whose views most closely represent yours by:
  - Volunteering to work in the office of the candidate.
  - Driving supporters of your candidate to the polls – both in the advance polls and on election day. Transporting voters to the polls is of crucial importance in a close election.
  - **MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, don't forget to vote!**

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## **Building a Strong Nation**



- Child Care
- Euthanasia
- Prostitution
- Family Taxation
- Non-medical use of drugs
- Special Interest Funding
- Safety – Law and Order
- Immigration & Refugees

These issues can either assist or destroy our family life because they deeply affect us on a daily basis, and especially affect the security of our families.

*Because of space limitations, we were able to include only the policies of the three major parties that currently hold seats in the House of Commons.*

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ISSUES

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| <p><b>Safety - Law and Order</b></p>   | <p>Supports mandatory sentences. Does not support conditional sentences (sentences served at home). Supports further legislation against the abuse of children. Supports stronger sanctions and restrictions against criminals.</p>  | <p>Rejects most mandatory sentencing and prefers judicial discretion in sentencing. Supports sentences served at home. Supports emphasis on rehabilitation of criminals rather than incarceration.</p>   | <p>Rejects most mandatory sentencing, preferring judicial discretion in sentencing. Supports conditional sentences. Supports emphasis on rehabilitation of criminals rather than incarceration</p>        |
| <p><b>Non-medical Use of Drugs</b></p> | <p>Opposes decriminalization of marijuana. Provided funding for drug prevention and treatment beds. Opposes drug injection sites. Takes tough approach to illicit drug use, marijuana grow-ops, and drug traffickers.</p>  | <p>Supports drug injection sites and proposes further such sites be established across Canada. Takes a lenient approach to drug enforcement.</p>   | <p>Supports drug injection sites and the decriminalization of marijuana.</p>  |
| <p><b>Euthanasia</b></p>               | <p>Opposes physician-assisted suicide. Will allow a free vote on the issue.</p>  | <p>Supports euthanasia with specific guidelines.</p>   | <p>Supports physician-assisted suicide.</p>   |
| <p><b>Family Taxation</b></p>          | <p>Allowed pension splitting, and recommends up to \$50,000 of income to be split by a couple for tax purposes with children under 18 years of age. Supports tax credit for children for sport and art activities.</p>   | <p>Objects to spousal income splitting for tax purposes. Recommends benefits costing \$8 billion from raising corporate taxes, for \$1,000 per year for four years tax free for students attending University or College, family care tax benefits, increased pension supplements and green renovation tax credit.</p> | <p>Opposes income splitting for spouses. Proposes a cap on credit card rates to 5% above prime rate. Proposes the elimination of federal sales tax on home heating and increased pension supplements.</p> |
| <p><b>Child Care</b></p>               | <p>Directly pays to families \$1,200 annually for each child under 6 years of age. Opposes a national child care program.</p>  | <p>Supports a government funded national child care program up to \$1 billion annually. No funds available for private child care or to parents raising children at home.</p>  | <p>Supports national universal child care program to operate under national guidelines. No funds available for private child care or to parents raising children at home.</p>                             |
| <p><b>Prostitution</b></p>             | <p>Supports present prostitution laws, which prohibit communicating for the purpose of prostitution, operating a bawdy house, and living off the avails of prostitution.</p>   | <p>Supports decriminalizing prostitution to allow privately-operated brothels.</p>   | <p>Supports decriminalization of prostitution to allow privately operated brothels.</p>   |
| <p><b>Special Interest Funding</b></p> | <p>Disbanded Court Challenges Program and the Law Commission. Cut funding to left-wing groups who received funding for many years. Cuts amount to over 1.5 billion dollars.</p>  | <p>Supports special interest funding, e.g., feminist and other left wing organizations. Supports the restoration of the Court Challenges Program up to \$5 million annually.</p>   | <p>Supports special interest funding, the Court Challenges Program.</p>   |
| <p><b>Immigration and Refugees</b></p> | <p>Supports tightening of refugee system to prevent economic refugees abusing the system by jumping the queues. Supports tightening the family unification policy which increases demands on welfare, health, education and pensions without financial contributions. Committed to preventing human smuggling.</p> | <p>Supports relaxed immigration and refugee policies and increased family reunification policies. Objects to human smuggling legislation.</p>  | <p>Supports relaxed immigration and refugee policies and increased family reunification. Objects to human smuggling legislation.</p>  |