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## VOTING GUIDELINES

1. Every Canadian citizen should be mindful of his/her duty to promote the common good by exercising his/her right to vote. We must vote in a way that we hope will make our country better for all Canadians, using an informed conscience.
2. The most basic of all our rights is the right to life, the right from which all other rights flow. Vote for a pro-life candidate, which can be discerned by checking the pro-life voting record of an incumbent or by asking a candidate how he/she would vote on pro-life legislation.
3. If no strongly pro-life candidate exists, use the chart provided to determine which party/candidate is the least hostile to the right to life and to the family and to the common good of society.
4. A ballot marked "No Suitable Candidate" is rejected by Elections Canada no differently than a ballot rejected for being left blank or defaced. There is no way of knowing what the voter's intent was in failing to mark the ballot properly for one candidate.
5. Most important of all **don't forget to vote!**



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# 2015 FEDERAL ELECTION



- **ABORTION**
- **PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE**
- **CHILD CARE**
- **FAMILY TAXATION**
- **MARIJUANA**
- **SAFETY - LAW AND ORDER**
- **UNIONS**

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 and the destiny of a nation.

\* 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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<b>ISSUES</b>	<b>CONSERVATIVE</b>	<b>LIBERAL</b>	<b>NDP</b>
<b>ABORTION</b>	<p>Will not initiate legislation on abortion but will allow caucus members to do so and to vote according to their consciences.</p> <p>Excludes abortion funding from foreign aid programs, including the Maternal, Newborn and Child Health program.</p>	<p>Refuses to allow any pro-life candidates to run for the Liberal Party.</p> <p>All MPs required to vote for abortion and against legal protection for the unborn.</p>	<p>Supports fully funded universal, accessible abortion.</p> <p>Supports the inclusion of abortion funding in foreign aid programs including Maternal, Newborn and Child Health.</p>
<b>PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE</b>	<p>Opposed to assisted-suicide.</p> <p>Established a commission to conduct public consultations on the Supreme Court of Canada decision legalizing assisted suicide.</p> <p>Seeking an extension of time from the Supreme Court in order to review questions surrounding the issue.</p>	<p>Supports assisted-suicide.</p> <p>Sought a Parliamentary committee to examine the issue and establish regulations and guidelines to decriminalize physician-assisted suicide and allow terminally ill Canadians to plan their own death.</p>	<p>Supports assisted-suicide.</p> <p>Demands the federal government abide by the Supreme Court of Canada decision on physician-assisted suicide.</p> <p>Opposed to the use of the Notwithstanding Clause to prevent the implementation of the Supreme Court of Canada decision.</p>
<b>CHILD CARE</b>	<p>Provides universal child care payments directly to parents. Opposed to a national daycare plan.</p>	<p>Access to affordable high quality child care in every region of the country. Eliminate shortage of childcare spaces and the high cost of childcare.</p>	<p>Provide a national child care plan costing \$5 billion annually with parents to pay \$15 a day.</p>
<b>FAMILY TAXATION</b>	<p>Income-splitting for families with minor children to a maximum benefit of \$2,000 per family.</p> <p>Expanded family allowance (Universal Child Care Benefit), to \$160 per month for children under 6 years, and a new benefit of \$60 per month for each child 6 years through 17.</p> <p>Expanded Tax-Free Savings Account annual contribution limit to \$10,000 from \$5,500.</p>	<p>Cancel the Conservatives' income-splitting tax measure and their increase in the Tax-Free Savings Account contribution limit.</p> <p>Reduce income taxes for middle-class, defined as those with incomes between \$44,700 and \$89,400 a year.</p> <p>Create the Canada Child Benefit, combining the Conservatives' family allowance program and other federal assistance plans to increase overall family benefits for families earning less than \$150,000.</p>	<p>Cancel income-splitting, and use funds to create a \$15-a-day national daycare plan.</p> <p>Cancel the Conservatives' increase in the Tax-Free Savings Account annual contribution limit.</p> <p>Cancel Conservative plan to raise the age of eligibility for Old Age Security benefits from 65 years to 67 years (effective 2023 to 2029)</p>
<b>MARIJUANA</b>	<p>Supports legislation opposing marijuana use.</p>	<p>Supports decriminalizing marijuana allowing it to be readily available, but with some (undisclosed) restrictions.</p>	<p>Supports decriminalizing marijuana allowing it to be readily available, but with some (undisclosed) restrictions.</p>
<b>SAFETY-LAW AND ORDER</b>	<p>Increased mandatory minimum penalties and increased maximum penalties for sexual offences against children.</p> <p>Consecutive rather than concurrent sentences for such offenders.</p> <p>Eliminated conditional sentences (house arrest) for serious offenders.</p>	<p>Opposed to increased penalties against child sex abuse offenders.</p>	<p>Opposed to increased penalties against child sex abuse offenders.</p>
<b>UNIONS</b>	<p>Passed legislation to require unions to disclose their financial operations including disclosure of the salaries of union leaders and political donations paid from compulsory union dues.</p>	<p>Unions should not be required to publicly disclose financial information.</p>	<p>Unions should not be required to publicly disclose financial information.</p>