



Abortion Rights
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Check Your Riding for Candidates' Stance on Abortion (2019 federal election)

We have identified the likely stance on abortion for all the main candidates in your riding. Use this resource to check your riding and determine whether your candidates are likely anti-choice or pro-choice. (Tables on page 2/3 also list candidates with indeterminate or unknown stances.)

Find your candidates

Please use this Wiki list to find your riding and candidates. It is regularly updated (English only):

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_candidates_by_riding_for_the_43rd_Canadian_federal_election

- You can also check our spreadsheet of [Selected 2019 Candidates with Stance on Abortion and Voting History](#) with details on all Conservative candidates, and a few from other parties who may not be pro-choice. However, over half the Conservative candidates have an Unknown stance (no info) or Indeterminate stance (mixed/uncertain info).

Key assumptions

1. *Assume that all Conservative and Peoples' Party candidates are anti-choice, unless specifically known to be pro-choice (check Table 1 on next page).*
 - The Conservative Party of Canada policy document has several anti-choice resolutions, including:
<https://cpcassets.conservative.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/03154936/00477c06063465c.pdf>
 - Abortion explicitly excluded from Canada's maternal and child health program in countries where Canadian aid is delivered
 - Patient abandonment allowed by healthcare workers, by refusing to refer
 - People's Party of Canada candidates are permitted to bring forward private member's bills on abortion
<https://www.lacombeglobe.com/news/local-news/federal-candidates-present-bill-to-limit-abortions>
2. *Assume that all Liberal, NDP, Green, and Bloc Québécois candidates are pro-choice, unless specifically known to be anti-choice (check Table 2 on next page).*
 - Liberal candidates/incumbents are required to abide by a Liberal policy to vote pro-choice, and against any anti-choice bill or motion. They are allowed to hold personal views against abortion:
www.cbc.ca/news/politics/anti-abortion-candidates-need-not-apply-in-2015-justin-trudeau-says-1.2634877
 - Jagmeet Singh reaffirms NDP party support for abortion rights: www.cbc.ca/news/politics/cullen-ndp-abortion-summer-grant-1.4503547
 - Elizabeth May confirms that all Green candidates are vetted, and MPs must vote to uphold abortion rights if the issue comes up in the House: <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-elizabeth-may-clarifies-position-on-abortion-says-green-party-screens/>

Links to election resources

- Elections Canada: www.elections.ca/homeGE.aspx
- Party lists of candidates:
 - Bloc Québécois: www.blocquebecois.org/candidats/
 - Conservative Party of Canada: www.conservative.ca/team/2019-candidates/
 - Green Party of Canada: www.greenparty.ca/en/candidates
 - Liberal Party of Canada: www.liberal.ca/team-trudeau-2019-candidates/
 - New Democratic Party of Canada: www.ndp.ca/candidates
 - People's Party of Canada: www.peoplespartyofcanada.ca/our_candidates

1. Pro-choice incumbent Conservatives (who are running again)

Name	Riding	Province
Michelle Rempel	Calgary Nosehill	AB
Leona Alleslev	Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill	ON
Lisa Raitt	Milton	ON
Peter Kent	Thornhill	ON
Scot Davidson	York-Simcoe	ON
Sylvie Boucher	Beauport-Côte-de-Beaupré-Île d'Orléans-Charlevoix	QC
Alupa Clarke	Beauport-Limoilou	QC
Joël Godin	Portneuf-Jacques-Cartier	QC

2. Anti-choice incumbent Liberals (who are running again)

Name	Party	Riding	Prov.	Stance	comments
Kevin Lamoureux	Lib	Winnipeg North	MB	Anti	Has voted to support antichoice bills but cannot repeat this under Liberal policy.
Filomena Tassi	Lib	Hamilton West-Ancaster-Dundas	ON	Anti	Has not voted in favour of antichoice bills and cannot do so under Liberal policy.
John McKay	Lib	Scarborough-Guildwood	ON	Anti	Has voted to support antichoice bills but cannot repeat this under Liberal policy.
Lawrence MacAulay	Lib	Cardigan	PE	Anti	Has voted to support antichoice bills but cannot repeat this under Liberal policy.
Francis Scarpaleggia	Lib	Lac-Saint-Louis	QC	Anti	Has voted to support antichoice bills but cannot repeat this under Liberal policy.

3. Incumbents who are personally “pro-life” but claim to vote pro-choice

Name	Party	Riding	Prov.	Stance	comments
Dan Albas	Con	Central Okanagan-Similkameen-Nicola	BC	Indeterminate	Dan Albas said he would not re-open the abortion debate in Parliament regardless of his personal views. He voted against M-312 and M-408, but questioned the Canada Summer Jobs attestation requirement. Did not vote on C-225
Cathy McLeod	Con	Kamloops—Thompson—Cariboo	BC	Indeterminate	In May 2019, Cathy McLeod said: “I think the issue has been settled in terms of the Canadian public and it is a decision, a very private decision and a very difficult decision, between the mother, her partner and the doctor.” (www.kamloopsthisweek.com/opinion/foulds-the-abortion-debate-that-never-seems-to-end-1.23829365) This may indicate a growing shift in her views, or just ambivalence on the issue (fully pro-choice people do not use the word “mother” or say abortion is a “difficult” decision.)
Jane Philpott	Ind	Markham—Stouffville	ON	Indeterminate	Claims to personally oppose abortion but will vote prochoice. https://nationalpost.com/news/politics/jane-philpott-stands-by-commitment-she-made-as-a-liberal-not-to-oppose-abortion
Sean Casey	Lib	Charlottetown	PE	Indeterminate	Personally “pro-life” but respects Liberal policy not to re-open abortion debate, and would not use his official position to promote his personal views.

4. Conservative incumbents and former MPs running again with unknown or indeterminate stance

Name (*incumbent)	Riding	Prov.	Stance	Comments
Bob Benzen*	Calgary Heritage	AB	Unknown	Was on ARCC’s unknown list in 2016
Ziad Aboultaif*	Edmonton Manning	AB	Unknown	Did not vote on C-225
Kelly McCauley*	Edmonton West	AB	Unknown	Did not vote on C-225
Andrew Saxton	North Vancouver	BC	Unknown	Voted no to M-312
Kerry-Lynne Findlay*	South Surrey—White Rock	BC	Unknown	Voted no to M-312
Wai Young*	Vancouver South	BC	Unknown	Voted no to M-312
Joyce Bateman*	Winnipeg South Centre	MB	Unknown	Voted no to M-312
Leona Aglukkaq	Nunavut	NU	Unknown	Voted no to M-312
John Brassard*	Barrie-Innisfil	ON	Unknown	Did not vote on C-225
Michael Chong*	Wellington-Halton Hills	ON	Indeterminate	Voted no to C-225; gave CSJ money to anti-choice group
Pierre Paul-Hus*	Charlesbourg—Haute-Saint-Charles	QC	Indeterminate	Voted for C-225 but wants to move on from abortion debate.
Richard Martel*	Chicoutimi-Le Fjord	QC	Unknown	Was on ARCC’s unknown list in 2016
G�rard Deltell*	Louis-Saint-Laurent	QC	Unknown	In favour of “conscience rights” for healthcare professionals and hospitals. Did not vote on C-225.