

Questions for Candidates

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On Abortion and Reproductive Justice



Abortion Rights
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Please ask any of the following questions in any venue possible – such as all candidates meetings, or when candidates knock on your door. You can also visit, phone, or email the candidates, or post questions on their social media pages.

1. Access to abortion is often a problem for people who live in rural areas or the north. What will you do to improve abortion access outside major cities?
2. Some abortion clinics in Ontario and New Brunswick are not fully funded for abortion care. If elected, will you ensure your government upholds the *Canada Health Act* by requiring all provinces to ensure abortion is accessible and fully funded?
3. If elected, will you promise to work with the provinces to expand access to the abortion pill by ensuring that midwives can prescribe the abortion pill?
[Currently, midwives are not allowed to prescribe in any province or territory, while nurse practitioners can prescribe the abortion pill everywhere except Quebec.]

For Conservative candidates and leader Andrew Scheer

4. The Conservative Party always says they won't legislate on abortion or re-open the debate. That's not good enough because we need to improve access. If elected, will you work with the provinces to expand access so that Canadians can promptly access abortion care in their own communities?
5. In June, Prime Minister Trudeau pledged \$1.4 billion annually for 10 years to fund maternal and child health, and sexual and reproductive health, in developing countries. If elected, will you promise to maintain and disburse this funding, including for family planning and safe abortion?
6. *Andrew Scheer*: You promised not to re-open the abortion issue, but it appears you would allow your MPs to introduce private member bills that might restrict abortion, and allow a free vote. If elected, will you allow such bills to go forward, and if so, will you require your Cabinet to vote against them, as Stephen Harper did?

Short questions for Tweets etc.

7. Do you support free contraceptive access for youths as recommended by the Canadian Pediatric Agency?
8. Do you support universal coverage of contraception?
9. What are your plans to reduce unplanned or unwanted pregnancies?
10. Do you support Nurse Practitioners and midwives prescribing Mifegymiso?
11. Will you work to increase the number of doctors doing abortions?
12. Will you ensure the *Canada Health Act* is enforced by requiring all provinces to make abortion accessible and fully funded?
13. Do you support the development of male contraceptives?
14. Will your leader take part in a debate on women's issues?
15. How will you support the rights and equality of transgender, non-binary, and gender non-conforming individuals?
16. Do you support free menstrual products in schools?
17. Do you support a universal childcare program for Canada?
18. What will you do to protect women and gender minorities from harassment and violence?