



Records of Hardline Anti-choice MPs

We have selected the most hardline anti-choice incumbents who are running again in the 2025 election and looked at their records in more detail. These MPs may pose the most danger in a Conservative government besides Poilievre himself.

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Kelly Block — Carlton Trail–Eagle Creek (SK)

Kelly Block is known for her consistent history of opposing abortion rights and medical assistance in dying.

- [Ourcommons.ca](https://ourcommons.ca)
- [Campaign Life Coalition](https://campaignlifecoalition.ca)
- [Voteprolife.ca](https://voteprolife.ca)

Consistent Anti-choice Voting Record:

Block has consistently voted against abortion rights and reproductive justice.
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Introduced Bill C-268 to Protect Doctors' "Conscience" Rights (2020):

Block introduced private member's [Bill C-268](#), the "Protection of Freedom of Conscience Act," to criminalize those who "intimidate" doctors to provide medical assistance in dying. The bill would have allowed healthcare professionals to deny care and referrals to patients based on personal beliefs, with no recourse for patients who are harmed. [Cbc.ca](#)

Block had consulted anti-abortion activists to help craft the bill. [PressProgress](#)

Keynote Speaker for Saskatchewan Pro-Life (2021):

Block was a keynote speaker at the April 10, 2021 Annual General Meeting of the Saskatchewan Pro-Life Association. The group said Block "is a valiant defender of conscience rights for medical professionals and will be explaining its importance for society." [PressProgress](#)

Cheryl Gallant — Algonquin–Renfrew–Pembroke (ON)

[Cheryl Gallant](#) has been known for her strong opposition to abortion and offensive comments.

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Compared Abortion to Beheading (2004):

During the 2004 election campaign, Gallant said: "Abortion is absolutely no different than the beheading of Nick Berg." (He was an Iraq war hostage.) [en.wikipedia.org](#) • [YouTube](#)

Opposition to Same-Sex Marriage (2003 / 2005):

In 2003, Gallant defended the "traditional definition" of marriage, stating, "We need to keep this debate simple. It is about protecting the institution of marriage." [voteprolife.ca](#)

In 2025, Gallant stated: "The traditional definition of marriage is the union of one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others. To include same-sex marriage in this definition is not right." [voteprolife.ca](#)

Supported Moratorium on Embryonic Stem Cell Research (2002):

In 2002, Gallant supported a moratorium on embryonic stem cell research, stating, "I support the stand of the Canadian Alliance to declare a moratorium on embryonic stem cell research." voteprolife.ca

Garnett Genuis — Sherwood Park–Fort Saskatchewan (AB)

[Garnett Genuis](#) has consistently demonstrated a strong anti-abortion stance throughout his political career.

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Genuis and fellow Conservative MP Tamara Jansen campaigned against Bill C-6, including a video campaign and a petition launched by Genuis claiming that a ban on conversion therapy would actually “discriminate” against LGBTQ people by restricting access to “professional or spiritual support” to “limit” their “sexual behaviour” — or “de-transition.” pressprogress.ca

Placed Anti-Choice Advertisements (2020):

- Genuis's supporters crowdfunded advertisements featuring a quote from Mother Teresa, "How can there be too many children? That is like saying there are too many flowers." The ads appeared on buses in Vancouver, which critics argued were intended to promote anti-abortion messaging. rabble.ca

Associated with Far-right, Anti-LGBTQIA+ Groups (2021):

- Genuis attended a conference organized and funded by figures with ties to Hungary's far-right, anti-LGBTQ governing party. The conference featured speakers from Christian nationalist groups and the European far-right. pressprogress.ca

Tamara Jansen — Cloverdale–Langley City (BC)

Tamara Jansen has a long history of opposing abortion rights and medical assistance in dying, and promoting fundamentalist religious perspectives.

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Consistent Anti-choice Voting Record:

Jansen has consistently voted against abortion rights and reproductive justice.

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- 2021: Bill C-233, introduced by Conservative MP Cathay Wagantall, which sought to criminalize sex-selective abortion.
- 2023: Bill C-7 to expand the grounds for medical assistance in dying (MAiD)
- 2021: Bill C-6, which aimed to criminalize conversion therapy, expressing concerns about “parental rights and freedom of expression”.

Endorsed Leslyn Lewis (2020):

During the 2020 CPC Leadership race (won by Erin O’Toole), MP Jansen endorsed anti-choice candidate Leslyn Lewis. [Campaign Life Coalition](https://campaignlifecoalition.ca)

Criminalization of Sex Selection Abortion (2020):

In September 2020, Jansen joined Conservative MP Cathay Wagantall at an outdoor display against sex-selection abortion. [Catholic Saskatoon News](https://catholicnews.ca)

Right-wing Advocacy (2018 to 2021):

Before she became an MP, Jansen was a senior member of ARPA (Association for Reformed Political Action, a Christian group that wants biblical perspective in government).

When she was a Conservative candidate in 2019, Press Progress reported that she had hosted a blackface Christmas pageant, promoted blogs purporting to show science supports the idea earth was created in six days, and cast doubt on Darwinian evolution and climate change research. [PressProgress](https://pressprogress.ca)

In 2021, Jansen made headlines after quoting the Bible in the House of Commons. She further suggested some conversion therapy would be defensible, if it helped an individual curb their “lesbian activity’.” [PressProgress](https://pressprogress.ca)

Opposition to Medical Assistance in Dying (2018):

Jansen emceed a meeting on Feb. 10, 2018 to fight against the Fraser Health Authority imposing medical assistance in dying (MAiD) on hospice and palliative care facilities. The meeting was organized by ARPA. [Abbotsford News](https://abbotsfordnews.com)

In April 2018, Jansen spoke at ARPA's "God and Government" conference in Ottawa to share her story of the work done by Fraser Valley ARPA chapters against Fraser Health's directive to force hospices to allow MAiD in their facilities. [ARPACanada](#)

Leslyn Lewis — Haldimand–Norfolk (ON)

[Leslyn Lewis](#) has consistently expressed her opposition to abortion, advocating for criminalization of some abortions. She ran as a candidate for the Conservative Party leadership in 2020 and again in 2022.

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Consistent Anti-choice Voting Record

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- 2023: Bill C-311 to add an "aggravating circumstance" clause to the Criminal Code, allowing greater penalties for attacks on pregnant women.
- 2023: Bill C-314 (and Bill C-7) to expand the grounds for medical assistance in dying (MAiD). As a Conservative leadership candidate, Lewis said she would repeal Bill C-7.

Opposition to Bill C-16 (Gender Identity and Expression Rights):

In 2015, she opposed Bill C-16, which added "gender identity or expression" to the list of prohibited grounds of discrimination under the *Canadian Human Rights Act*, expressing concerns about the implications for "freedom of speech." The bill passed and she has since committed to repealing it. [McLeans Magazine](#)

Support for Pregnancy Care Centres (2020 / 2022):

Lewis has supported crisis pregnancy care centres and in 2020 advocated for increased federal funding for these centres. [campaignlifecoalition.com](#)

In 2022, she opposed the federal government's plan to revoke charitable status from crisis pregnancy centres.

"I've heard from countless people how concerned they are about the future of pregnancy care centres and other charities with pro-life views, including churches." ... "Charities have a right to be concerned and I will be there to speak up for them and defend them against this government's discriminatory policies." [leslynlewismp.ca](#)

Opposition to Same-Sex Marriage (2020):

Lewis has expressed her opposition to same-sex marriage, stating that she personally defines marriage as between a man and a woman. [en.wikipedia.org](#)

Conservative Leadership Races (2020 / 2022):

During her 2020 Conservative Party leadership bid, she made her anti-abortion stance clear, saying "I will never personally support abortion..." She claimed she would not impose her views on others but would personally advocate for reducing abortions. Yet in a May 14, 2020 [Facebook post](#), Lewis made promises to criminalize sex-selection abortion and "coerced" abortion, as well as end funding for safe abortion abroad and fund crisis pregnancy centres - promised repeated in a [CBC News](#) article:

- “1) I will fight for the vulnerable through banning the misogynistic practice of sex-selective abortions.
- 2) I will end abortion funding overseas and focus Canadian funding on actually helping women and girls overseas thrive.
- 3) I will criminalize coerced abortions.
- 4) And I will increase funding for pregnancy centres.”

In a [CTV interview](#) during the 2022 Conservative leadership race, Lewis refused to agree that people should have access to safe abortion, instead promoting adoption.

Rachael Thomas — Lethbridge (AB)

[Rachael Thomas](#) (known as Rachael Harder prior to Nov 2021) has consistently demonstrated a strong anti-abortion stance throughout her political career.

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Status of Women Committee (2017):

In 2017, Rachael Harder’s nomination as Chair of the Standing Committee on the Status of Women (FEWO) caused controversy because of her anti-choice stance, leading to the NDP and Liberal committee members voting against her. She was called “unqualified and unfit” by ARCC. [cbc.ca](#) • [ARCC press release](#)

Anti-choice Advocacy (2011 to 2018):

In July 2018, Harder publicly stated that she would "always advocate for the preborn," underscoring her commitment to opposing abortion. en.wikipedia.org • voteprolife.ca

She has a long record of anti-choice actions going back to 2011: [ARCC-CDAC.ca](https://arcc-cdac.ca)

Arnold Viersen — Peace River–Westlock (AB)

[Arnold Viersen](#) has been an outspoken and prominent anti-abortion MP throughout his political career, consistently advocating for laws and policies to restrict access to abortion.

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Viersen’s Anti-choice Actions in Parliament

Viersen has continually emphasized his opposition to abortion within the Conservative Party. For example, in 2022 he said:

"As a pro-life member of Parliament who speaks regularly on life issues, I want to make sure that the leadership candidates bring forward policies and debate ideas around life in the womb, parliament, freedoms, and end-of-life care." [True North](#)

By his own admission, he has presented 19 anti-abortion petitions in Parliament over the years, the most recent ones in [2022](#) and [May 2024](#). [Lakeland Today](#)

A typical petition in June [2018](#) was presented by Viersen as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, the next petition is signed by hundreds of Canadians from Alberta, BC, and Yukon. These Canadians are concerned that Canada is the only nation in the world without laws that protect preborn children. They note that Canada's Supreme Court has said it is Parliament's responsibility to enact legislation and protect fetal interests. The

petitioners call on Parliament to speedily enact legislation that would bring Canada's abortion regulations into line with those of other developed nations."

Placed Ads with Campaign Life Coalition (2021):

During the 2021 election campaign, it was revealed that Viersen and several other candidates for Erin O'Toole's Conservatives had used money from their MP office budgets to place self-promoting advertisements with Campaign Life Coalition the previous summer. Viersen paid the national anti-choice group \$400 for advertising and also expensed \$169 for "gifts given as a matter of protocol" in Nov 2020. [Pressprogress](#)

Quotes on Overturning of Roe v. Wade (June 2022):

In a video shared on social media, Viersen celebrated the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, highlighting Viersen's view of abortion as a significant human rights issue for fetuses. [pressprogress.ca](#)

"Guys, historic what happened today, the United States has overturned the terrible decision of Roe v. Wade from 1973."

"This was what embedded abortion as a right in the United States, that's been overturned now so that is big news."

"Right here in Canada, 300 babies die every day in Canada, and this is something that is a terrible human rights tragedy in Canada and the greatest human rights violation of our time."

Quotes on His Social Conservative Views (June 2024):

During an interview on Liberal MP Nathaniel Erskine-Smith's podcast, Viersen said: "We're the only country in the world with no pre-born protective rights. I hope for the day when abortion is unthinkable." [ottawa.citynews.ca](#) • [Lakeland Today](#)

When pushed by Erskine-Smith to define what he envisioned when he talks about "protective rights", Viersen said: "It would be a recognition of their humanity, and then it would be, 'where does it flow from there?'" [Lakeland Today](#)

Asked by Erskine-Smith about a hypothetical future bill to overturn same-sex marriage, Viersen said, "I vote gay marriage down." [cbc.ca](#)

In the same interview, he expressed support for Alberta Premier Danielle Smith's anti-trans policies, and said he "wanted to criminalize cannabis possession if given the chance." [Lakeland Today](#)

Cathay Wagantall — Yorkton–Melville (SK)

Cathay Wagantall is a prominent anti-choice figure in Canadian politics, best known for the introduction of several bills to restrict abortion or establish fetal personhood.

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Introduction of Bill C-311 (2023):

In 2023, Wagantall introduced Bill C-311, which sought to amend the Criminal Code to include an aggravating circumstance for sentencing when a pregnant woman is attacked. Critics argue that this bill could be used to restrict abortion access. [The Hill Times](#)

Introduction of Bill C-233 (2020):

In 2020, Wagantall introduced Bill C-233, the *Sex-Selective Abortion Act*, aiming to amend the Criminal Code to prohibit sex-selective abortions. The bill was defeated at second reading in June 2021. [Global News](#)

- During an April 2021 debate on Bill C-233, Wagantall emphasized the need to address sex-selective abortions in Canada: "Sex-selective abortion is wrong, it is a discriminatory practice on the basis of sex and it takes place in our country because we have no law against it." openparliament.ca
- Conservative MP Cathay Wagantall discusses bill on sex-selective abortion. [YouTube](#)

Introduction of Bill C-225 (2016):

Wagantall introduced Bill C-225, known as the *Protection of Pregnant Women and Their Preborn Children Act* (Cassie and Molly's Law). This bill sought to amend the Criminal Code to make a fetus a separate victim of crime when a pregnant woman is attacked, thereby conferring a degree of legal personhood on fetuses. The bill was defeated in October 2016.
ourcommons.ca

Endorsement of Anti-choice Candidate Leslyn Lewis (2020):

Wagantall publicly endorsed Leslyn Lewis during the 2020 Conservative Party leadership race. Lewis, known for her staunch anti-abortion views, is aligned with Wagantall's views on restricting access to abortion. [CBC News](#)

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Extremist Comments Against Abortion (2024):

In tweets that reported on MPs speaking at the annual March for Life rally on Parliament Hill in May, MP Mark Gerretsen referenced two of Wagantall's statements:

“...the truth is not being told in general media or in our House of Commons about what abortion really does to your heart and your mind, and your soul and your body, let alone to that life that is lost.” [x.com](#)

Gerretsen said: "Speaking for ALL Conservatives, MP Cathay Wagantall states the Conservative Party of Canada believes that abortion should be outlawed from the instant of conception." Wagantall had said: "And we in the House, as Conservatives, stand for equality between men and women from the instant of conception." [x.com](#)