





All Together Now: Key Issues

Labour Rights – Track Record & Campaign Promises

			
<p>Has no current information on labour rights in Liberal election platform. Has mixed record since previous election.</p> <p>Made positive changes to Canada Labour Code, repealed regressive Harper-era anti-union bills, ratified ILO Convention 98—Right to Organize and Collective Bargaining.</p> <p>But introduced back-to-work legislation, denying postal workers' collective bargaining rights.</p> <p>Also, blocked Bill C-234, the anti-scab legislation introduced to amend the Labour Code.</p> <p>The Liberal party has not stated its goals for the coming election in relation to workers, and it will be important to press candidates to commit to strong protection of labour rights.</p>	<p>Has no official policy platform, but past actions and statements are very anti-union. This is expected to continue even if its anti-labour position is not explicit in the party platform.</p> <p>The Conservative party never explicitly states its intention on labour rights but continues to be the main party undermining labour rights. This is true at the provincial and federal levels. It will be important to expose the party's destructive position on these issues during this election.</p>	<p>Has robust policies to protect workers and expand workers' rights. Frequent mention of workers and labour rights and has supportive policies in election platform. Has highest degree of understanding of, and support for, workers.</p> <p>The NDP is very clear on its support for workers and labour rights. It is explicit about supporting anti-scab legislation, a \$15 minimum wage, stronger health and safety legislation, etc. This clear and positive position is welcome and sets the NDP apart from all other parties on these issues.</p>	<p>Has made no explicit mention of labour rights in platform except for supporting labour rights for sex workers.</p> <p>Supports a \$15 federal minimum wage. Rejects back-to-work legislation as a bargaining tool. Overall, the Green Party does not seem to consider labour issues or workers' rights as high-priority issues.</p> <p>The Green Party has taken some favourable positions in relation to workers' rights in the past, but overall it does not focus on the needs and challenges facing workers. While it is not explicitly anti-worker, it seems obvious that labour rights are not an election priority for the Green party. The notable exception is that the party is strong on the need for a 'just transition' to protect workers as we move from the fossil fuel based economy towards a green economy.</p>