

Human Rights

LGBTQI2S Rights - Track Record & Campaign Promises

			
<p>Supports LGBTQI2S rights and designated funds in the 2019 budget to support existing LGBTQI2S initiatives and create new ones.</p> <p>As government, passed Bill C-16 — <i>An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act and the Criminal Code</i> to add gender identity and gender expression.</p> <p>In June 2019, sent letters to all provincial and territorial ministers of justice and health, urging them to halt conversion therapy in their jurisdictions. The Liberals said they would, in the meantime, explore amendments to the <i>Criminal Code</i> to “prevent, punish and deter” conversion therapy.</p> <p>Liberals reduced the period of time from 5 years to 1 year that gay and bisexual male donors have to be abstinent before donating blood. In 2019, the Liberals further reduced the waiting period to 3 months.</p> <p>Budget 2019 proposes to provide \$20 million over 2 years, to invest in LGBTQI2S service organizations.</p>	<p>Party removed the traditional definition of marriage from their policy book in 2016, but MPs have mixed track records when it comes to voting on recent LGBTQI2S legislation.</p> <p>As party leader, Scheer has declined to walk with other federal leaders in any Pride Parades. But in a 2019 campaign speech, he’s quoted as saying, “I find the notion that one’s race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation would make anyone in any way superior or inferior to anybody else absolutely repugnant.”</p> <p>Scheer will allow elected MPs to freely vote on bills against abortion or same-sex marriage, but has said he would oppose attempts to reopen debate on such social issues if he becomes prime minister.</p> <p>Party opposes forced conversion therapy, but Scheer is waiting for further details before taking a stance on efforts to impose a federal ban on the discredited practice.</p>	<p>Supports LGBTQI2S rights and has several items in their platform devoted to enhancing LGBTQI2S rights.</p> <p>Vowed to end the discriminatory blood ban and put in place policies based on public health evidence to secure the blood supply.</p> <p>Will develop a national action plan to ban conversion therapy for minors in Canada, and will work with provinces and territories to support eliminating the practice in all parts of the country.</p> <p>Will work with the provinces to make sure there is equal access to gender-confirming surgery across the country, and that these procedures and medications are covered by public health plans.</p> <p>Will establish a clear and permanent path for resettlement of LGBTQI2S refugees in Canada.</p> <p>Promised to add sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression to the <i>Employment Equity Act</i>.</p>	<p>Supports LGBTQI2S rights and has several items in their platform devoted to enhancing LGBTQI2S rights.</p> <p>Promises to support public education to end prejudice and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.</p> <p>Will end the targeting by Canada Customs of LGBT bookstores and other LGBT businesses.</p> <p>Will improve protections for transgender people and raise awareness of the policies for inclusion, including respecting pronoun choices.</p> <p>Will ensure Canada advocates internationally for an end to state-sanctioned discrimination and violence against LGBT people.</p>