

Public Services

Criminal Justice - Track Record & Campaign Promises

			
<p>In government, implemented <i>Criminal Code</i> amendments on sexual assault, reforms for sentencing and for the overrepresentation of vulnerable groups in prisons, and increased funding for more judges and prisoner programming.</p> <p>Introduced <i>Criminal Code</i> amendments, which came into force in December 2018, clarifying sexual assault laws (Bill C-51).</p> <p>Introduced legislation to address court delays and to reduce the overrepresentation of Indigenous people and vulnerable populations in the criminal justice system, including those with addictions and mental illness (received Royal Assent on June 21, 2019).</p> <p>Approved more funding for judges in 2016 and 2017 federal budgets.</p>	<p>Will introduce new regulations on firearms ownership and introduce anti-gang law-enforcement initiatives (including mandatory minimum sentences). Will audit all correctional services programs but the party's focus on tax cuts will reduce the ability to fund these measures.</p> <p>Proposes an audit of correctional service programs, but does not acknowledge that more funding is needed for existing programs at both the federal and provincial levels.</p> <p>Will cost share new anti-gang law-enforcement initiatives with provinces and territories.</p> <p>Will increase the number of arrested gang offenders held without bail and impose tighter conditions for gang members on parole.</p> <p>Will introduce mandatory sentences in federal prisons for various gang-related offences directing gang crime.</p> <p>Proposes better background checks for firearms licensing.</p>	<p>Approach to criminal justice is it's not just about the absence of crime, but addressing root causes. Will include funding services that reduce the risk of crime: increasing social inclusion, promoting public health, ensuring food security, access to education, affordable housing, and increasing youth engagement.</p> <p>Will support models of community policing.</p> <p>Will work with major cities to ensure they have dedicated hate-crime units in their local police forces, and will convene a national working group to counter online hate.</p> <p>Will fight gun crime by prohibiting assault weapons and tackling gun smuggling.</p> <p>Will fund anti-gang projects that deter youth from joining gangs.</p> <p>Will support community-led initiatives to help prevent youth from falling prey to violent extremism and radicalization.</p> <p>Will increase support for restorative justice and victim services.</p>	<p>Will repeal all Harper-era criminal laws and replace with an approach addressing underlying causes of crime, such as poverty, racism, and inequality. Will make public investments to reduce crime through better programs for youth activity and early childhood education, and other reforms.</p> <p>Will repeal Harper-era mandatory minimum sentences.</p> <p>Will increase penalties for domestic violence.</p> <p>Will improve the <i>Victims Bill of Rights</i> to include the Marsy's Law provisions from California (ensuring victims are fully informed of their rights).</p> <p>Will support restorative justice and community healing programs.</p> <p>Will oppose privatization of prisons.</p> <p>Will focus on education and meaningful work for offenders while they are incarcerated.</p> <p>Will restore merit as the primary criterion for selection of judges.</p>