

Good afternoon

Thank you for the survey you shared with the Liberal Party of Canada. Please find responses to your question below. Additionally, you can access the full Liberal platform at [Canada Strong | Liberal Party of Canada](#)

Thank you,  
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Liberal Party of Canada

**1-Do you agree that Canada's response to Trump administration's unjustified attack on our economy requires a renewed commitment to our values, including the substantial increase in funding needed to strengthen the public services Canadians built together to ensure fairness and a dignified life for everyone in our country – such as public healthcare, public childcare, public post-secondary education?**

*Canada is the best country in the world. Our sovereignty is under threat. America's unjustified trade war is an attempt to weaken us. We will not let that happen. It's time to build a future that makes Canada strong. We can give ourselves much more than any foreign government, including the United States, can ever take away. Building one Canadian economy, for example, can expand our economy by up to \$200 billion — proof that we are strongest when we are united.*

*A Mark Carney-led Liberal government will be focused on uniting Canadians to meet this moment; securing our economy and our sovereignty; protecting our values as Canadians, and building the strongest economy in the G7. This includes investments in our social infrastructure, to help ensure everyone benefits from a stronger Canada. This includes:*

- *Making the National School Food Program permanent. The program is a direct investment in the middle class, making life a little easier for working families. It is also a safety net for the children who don't always have enough to eat at home. In less than ten months, the Liberal government reached agreements with all provinces and territories to reach over 500,000 kids. Conservatives voted against this program. No child should go hungry. So, we will make this program permanent. And we will prioritize Canadian-made food as much as possible.*
- *Protecting and delivering the Canada Child Benefit, which provides up to \$7,787 per child under six and \$6,570 per child aged six to 17, to help low- and middle-income families afford the costs of raising a child. Additionally, we will also expand automatic tax filing, which will help reach even more beneficiaries eligible for the Canada Child Benefit.*

- *Protecting public health care and making it better for all Canadians, by:*
- *Building hospitals, clinics, and more by investing \$4 billion to construct and renovate community health care infrastructure. This will also support investments in public long-term care; improve access to team-based care, including mental health care services; and provide funding for expensive machinery like MRIs.*
- *Providing 100,000 young people a year with mental health care by establishing a permanent \$150 million per year Youth Mental Health Fund.*
- *Providing urgent and immediate support to address the overdose crisis by adding \$500 million to the Emergency Treatment Fund to support municipalities, Indigenous Peoples, and community health care organizations to confront the toxic drug and overdose crisis and connect more people to treatment and vital services, faster.*
- *Investing in deeply affordable housing, supportive housing, and shelters in recognition of the link between housing and mental health outcomes.*
- *Continuing to fund the [9-8-8 suicide crisis helpline](#) which responded to over 300,000 calls and texts in its first year.*
- *Adding thousands of new doctors to Canada's health care system by working with the provinces and territories and Indigenous Peoples.*
- *Launching a new training and upskilling benefit worth up to \$15,000 for workers in the middle of their careers.*
- *Providing a new Apprenticeship Grant of up to \$8,000 for registered apprentices.*
- *Providing funding and expand the mandates, where appropriate, for the Student Work Placement Program, the Youth Employment and Skills Strategy (YESS), Canada Summer Jobs, and the Canadian Service Corps.*
- *Making generational housing investments to double the pace of construction and drive down the cost of homes, rent, and mortgage payments.*

**2-**To support workers in this moment of crisis caused by unjustified tariffs imposed on Canada and the world by the Trump administration, do you agree that our federal government must take urgent action to protect jobs, reinstate the Employment Insurance (EI) temporary flexibilities introduced in 2020-2022, and extend EI access to migrant workers who contribute EI premiums?

*Canada needs an Employment Insurance system that reflects the modern workforce. A social welfare system that supports those who become displaced, as well as those who are taking time out from working to build skills for the new age. We need flexible, reliable support so that they can invest in their future, and by extension, our future.*

*A Mark Carney-led Liberal government will:*

- *Continue to support workers affected by President Trump's unjust trade war through the revenues from counter tariffs. We have already taken key actions to protect workers and businesses through the trade war including:*
  - *Temporarily waiving the one-week EI waiting period.*
  - *Suspending rules around separation for a six-month period, so workers don't have to wait to get EI until they have exhausted their severance pay.*
  - *Making it easier to access EI through increasing regional unemployment rate percentages.*
- *Strengthen our social safety net and ensure no one is left behind. As a priority over the next year, we will work to enhance the Employment Insurance system to better reflect the modern workforce with flexible, reliable support.*

**3-**Do you support putting an end to ongoing discrimination against Wildland/Forest Firefighters – who risk their lives to save others, protect communities, homes and ecosystems by battling increasingly frequent and devastating climate change-fueled wildfires across Canada, and who have also lent their expertise to assist our American neighbours during disasters such as the recent wildfires in Los Angeles – who are still being denied recognition as firefighters, including in the National Occupational Classification (NOC) where they are specifically excluded from the category of “firefighter” – an exclusion that leads to these first responders and public safety officers being treated like second-class responders, leaving them without the recognition, equal

protections, benefits, equipment and tax treatment other firefighters receive?

*Canadian firefighters have bravely put their lives on the line to battle the increasing and devastating number of wildfires happening in Canada. A Mark Carney-led Liberal government will invest in disaster response capabilities to help communities be prepared for natural disasters. We will invest to ensure our national parks have a well-resourced response force including expanding and equipping Parks Canada's wildfire response teams with additional training and modern firefighting equipment to meet emerging wildfire threats. We will also invest in nature to help mitigate the impacts of these devastating events. We will improve Parks Canada's disaster response capabilities, having learned lessons from what happened in Jasper, Alberta, last year, and the devastation experienced by the local economy and the surrounding nature and wildlife. We will increase investment in FireSmart programs, including strategic debris clearing and controlled burns; ensure comprehensive evacuation planning for all communities within national parks, developed in collaboration with local and Indigenous partners; update building codes and infrastructure standards for all new constructions in national parks, ensuring climate-resilient design that accounts for future wildfire and climate risks.*

**4-**Do you support increasing the Canada Health Transfer to 35%, with funding tied to strong national standards, in order to stabilize our public healthcare system and ensure all healthcare professionals can continue to provide the care Canadians need in all our communities? And do you support the development and implementation of a Health Human Resources Strategy and Plan for Canada, developed in collaboration with governments, unions, employers and educational institutions?

*Access to universal, public health care underpins our economic strength. A Mark Carney-led Liberal Party will invest in strengthening our public health care system, while respecting the jurisdiction of provinces, territories and Indigenous communities.*

*Together, we will stand up to defend the Canada Health Act and build a health care system we can be proud of. It's time to return to the foundational values upon which our national health care was developed: free of charge, fair, universal, and accessible. We will also protect dental care and pharmacare – two critical services and key parts of a strong public health care system that Pierre Poilievre would cut.*

*We will make investments in hiring new doctors, including by creating new medical school paces and residencies and building new medical schools. We will break down interprovincial barriers that prevent health care workers from working anywhere they want. We will develop a global recruitment strategy to fast track doctors who want to come to Canada. We will make it easier for internationally trained doctors and health professionals to work in Canada. We will also recognize the important work of nurses, PSWs and teachers by expanding the Union Training and Innovation Program (UTIP) to include training spaces. And we will provide Personal Support Workers (PSWs) with up to \$1,100 a year by immediately legislating a refundable Health Care Workers Hero Tax Credit.*

**5-**Do you agree that the federal government must act to stop the devastating cuts to public colleges and universities – investing instead in young Canadians, in the workforce we need today and in the future, through emergency funding and long-term commitment? This includes creating a dedicated federal transfer for postsecondary education; expanding Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) eligibility at public colleges, recognizing local labour market needs; establishing permanent status pathways for international students and grads; and developing national standards to keep education accessible and public. Please describe your views and

provide the details of your plans

*Young people should be optimistic about their future – they need a government that is as forward looking as they are. It's time to recognize the intergenerational unfairness that Gen Z and millennials face. Despite younger generations investing more time than ever in education, the bargain that hard*

*work means a good life isn't panning out. We need to restore the bargain that allowed other generations of Canadians to succeed. This includes protecting and expanding Canada's post-secondary institutions.*

*A Mark Carney-led government will:*

- *Finalize Canada's modernization of science and research, through the creation of a capstone organization that will ensure the federal granting agencies are driving mission-driven research that brings Canadian expertise to big global challenges and effectively commercializes homegrown ideas.*
- *Attract leading researchers to Canadian institutions by creating the Canadian Sovereignty and Resilience Research Fund. If the U.S. cuts a researcher's project funding, we will work with the Canadian research ecosystem if projects can directly help Canadians or be commercialized here. Where the U.S. is squeezing out researchers, we will look to welcome research here in Canada. Eligible researchers could include professors and graduate students. More researchers at home will help us solve Canadian problems, and export more Canadian solutions to the global marketplace.*
- *Enable the fuller inclusion of people with disabilities in academic, social, and professional life by requiring Canadian publishers to provide an accessible copy of all e-books produced or released in Canada by 2030.*
- *Continue to uphold the removal of interest on Canada Student Loans and Canada Apprentice Loans.*
- *Provide a new Apprenticeship Grant of up to \$8,000 for registered apprentices.*
- *Get young Canadians started with their first job by connecting young people with the jobs and skill development opportunities they need to launch their professional lives. We will do this by doubling down on what works and fixing what does not. To do this we will:*
  - *Provide funding and expand the mandates, where appropriate, for the Student Work Placement Program, the Youth Employment and Skills Strategy (YESS), Canada Summer Jobs, and the Canadian Service Corps. We will work to better align the mandates with critical and emerging sectors such as green technology, artificial intelligence, and advanced manufacturing. This will increase opportunities within the not-for-profit organizations, the public sector, and private sector organizations.*

**6-**Do you agree that we must make taxes fair for everyone by ensuring the wealthy and the largest corporations are not protected against paying their fair share – to stop inequality from getting worse and to generate the public revenue we need to build and fix things that matter to all of us: housing, healthcare, childcare, education and a more vibrant economy for everyone? This includes the measures you plan on taking to close loopholes and strengthen enforcement so that it is harder for

the wealthy and large corporations to avoid paying their share. Please describe your views and provide the details of your plans

*Having a fair tax system is how we make sure we have resources needed to support Canadians, protect institutions like public health care, and ensure we can make the critical investments needed to make Canada strong.*

*A Mark Carney-led government will:*

- *Conduct an expert review of the corporate tax system based on the principles of fairness, transparency, simplicity, sustainability, and competitiveness.*
- *Lead an international effort with partners in Europe and across the G7 to get a fair and consistent set of international tax rules completed, as proposed by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). We will not surrender on rules that ensure large multinational companies pay a fair and consistent share of the profits they earn in a country.*
- *Leverage technology at the Canada Revenue Agency to better identify and prosecute instances of tax evasion, fix loopholes, and strengthen enforcement.*