

Voter cheat sheet: Questions to ask candidates about Canada's real crises

Take this to your local debate, town hall or meeting with your candidate. Demand real answers, not slogans.

Canada's economy and growth

Canadian wages have fallen behind the U.S., and investment in our energy sector has collapsed. What is your specific plan to boost productivity and grow real incomes?

National debt and spending

With Canada's debt over \$1.2 trillion and interest payments exceeding \$53 billion a year, what is your concrete plan to restore fiscal responsibility and balance the budget?

Cost of living and food prices

With Canadian families spending over \$16,800 a year on groceries, what will you do to lower food prices, including reforming supply management and removing trade barriers?

National defence and Arctic sovereignty

Canada spends well below NATO's target of two per cent on defence. How will you ensure our Arctic sovereignty and security in a world of growing global threats?

Health care crisis

With health care wait times hitting 30 weeks, what reforms will you support to make the system faster and more efficient, beyond just increasing spending?

Aging population and pensions

By 2030, nearly one in four Canadians will be seniors. What is your plan to ensure pensions and elder care are sustainable for the next generation?

MAID expansion

With MAID expanding to include mental illness, do you support stronger safeguards or limits? Should Parliament revisit this issue before expansion goes ahead?

Free speech and civil liberties

What will you do to protect free speech and academic freedom in Canada? Do you oppose politicizing the charitable status of organizations based on ideology?

Cybersecurity and national infrastructure

With over 2,100 cybersecurity incidents last year, what steps will you take to protect Canada's critical infrastructure and improve digital security?

Political accountability and the Green Slush fund

The Green Slush fund scandal led to the prorogation of Parliament. What will you do to restore accountability and prevent future abuses of public funds?

Final challenge for candidates

Many candidates repeat slogans but avoid hard truths. Can you give a specific example of an unpopular decision you are willing to support to fix Canada's long-term problems?

Tip for voters: Listen for real plans, not vague promises or talking points. Ask for details, timelines and numbers. If they dodge, ask again.