

Indigenous issues

Not nearly enough progress has been made toward reconciliation and relationship-building between Indigenous peoples and all Canadians.

An anti-racist government would prioritize correcting the many injustices committed against Indigenous people and advance reconciliation with Indigenous communities.

Six years after the Truth and Reconciliation Commission issued its 94 Calls to Action, only 14 are complete.

Indigenous communities deserve a firm commitment to a fully funded action plan for the urgent implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's remaining Calls to Action.

Under Stephen Harper, the Conservatives did little for Indigenous peoples, other than issue an empty apology about residential schools, and took no concrete steps towards reconciliation. They also refused to call an inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

The ongoing crisis of lack of access to safe drinking water on all reserves remains unresolved, and the next federal government needs to make it a top priority.

Food insecurity is a perpetual problem for Indigenous communities in the North. We need a commitment from the government to work with Inuit communities to provide greater access to traditional and country foods and make food more affordable in grocery stores across northern communities.

Over two years after the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls released its report, there is still no action

plan. Our next government must commit to a timeline to complete the report's seven Calls for Justice.

The plight of Indigenous peoples in Canada has been ignored for far too long. It's time for leadership; it's time for action.

Human rights & systemic racism

Indigenous, Black, Asian and other racialized communities deserve justice, equity and equality following generations of systemic racism.

The next federal government will have to urgently tackle systemic racism in our workplaces, criminal justice system, immigration, health care and education systems, and other institutions.

A stronger and more inclusive Canada is only possible with a concrete anti-racism action plan that protects the rights of Indigenous, Black, Asian, and other racialized people and addresses systemic racism.

The Conservatives made no mention of racism in their 2019 platform, and their 2021 platform under Erin O'Toole is no different.

The pandemic has exacerbated the inequities that have existed in our society for centuries. A just pandemic recovery that addresses inequality and injustice means developing a plan and a timeline to address the structural inequalities Indigenous, Black, and racialized communities face when accessing public services, including healthcare, childcare, and education.

Muslim communities continue to be the target of violent verbal and physical attacks and hate crimes, resulting in the vandalism of mosques and the murders of four Muslim

people in Ontario earlier this year. An anti-racist government will develop and implement an anti-Islamophobia Action Plan to counter the rise of Islamophobic hate and violence.

The pandemic has also shone a harsh light on anti-Black, anti-Indigenous, and anti-Asian racism. An anti-racist government would immediately increase support for a comprehensive anti-racism action plan and a standalone anti-racism secretariat to oversee and provide direction on initiatives aimed at combatting all forms of racism.

