



Stephen Harper (Conservative Party)

Life Issues: D

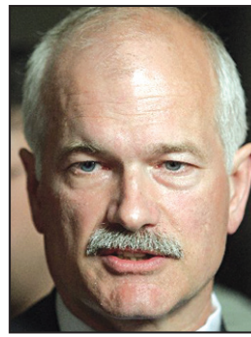
- Has said that a Conservative government would not re-open the abortion issue and therefore he is willing to let the status quo of abortion-on-demand continue. Has said that he doesn't sit on either 'extreme' of the abortion issue. His government twice thwarted private members' bills to recognize the unborn victims of violent crime. In the French language leaders' debate in 2006 and in a 2002 interview with *The Interim*, he said he opposes euthanasia.

Family Issues: B+

- Opposed the creation of a national daycare scheme and supported parental choice in childcare arrangements; voted against same-sex 'marriage' and his government introduced legislation to re-visit the issue. The Conservative government opposes safe injection sites and the party opposes decriminalization of marijuana. The Party supports the status quo on prostitution.

Democracy Issues: C-

- Despite speaking out against them as leader of the National Citizens' Coalition in the 1990s, his government has maintained the election gag law and the justice department has defended the Canadian Human Rights Commission. The Conservative government disbanded the Court Challenges Program and reduced funding for special interest groups.



Jack Layton (New Democratic Party)

Life Issues: F

- Supports abortion-on-demand and euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide, voted against the *Unborn Victims of Crime Act*.

Family Issues: F

- Voted for same-sex 'marriage' twice. Supports a national daycare plan. The NDP supports legalization of marijuana and expansion of so-called safe (drug) injection sites. The party supports decriminalization of prostitution.

Democracy Issues: F

- Supports proportional representation, opposed the disbanding of the Court Challenges Program and supports funding for special interests including feminist groups



Elizabeth May (Green Party)

Life Issues: F

- In a 2007 by-election, she said abortion is not a "black-and-white" issue, called it a serious moral dilemma and said that she is personally against abortion and would never have one herself. During the present campaign, she issued a release saying she supports abortion-on-demand, but that it "should be safe, legal and rare." Yet, she also said access to abortion should be increased in rural areas.

Family Issues: F

- The Green Party platform vows to "expand the rights for gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transsexual Canadians" without enumerating which rights that might include.

Democratic Issues: D

- Supports proportional representation and funding for special interest groups. Has not commented on human rights commissions.