

SOCIAL ISSUES EDUCATION, HOUSING, POVERTY, CRIME

**Liberal Government Policy
Directives currently in place**



The Canada Child Benefit that pulled over 800,000 Canadians out of poverty.

We've also seen substantial increases to Seniors' Guaranteed Income Supplement for low-income seniors. CPP has been strengthened. And the government has much more in store:

- Make it easier for people to buy their first home (changing the bank formulation)
- Increase Old Age Security by 10 percent for seniors 75 plus
- Enhance the survivor benefit for seniors by 25 percent
- Develop a national definition of elder abuse, better data collection and law enforcement and new penalties in Criminal Code relating to elder abuse
- More increases to the Canada Child Benefit
- Tax free maternity and parental benefits
- More access and lower fees for childcare
- Increase Canada Student Grants for post secondary - up to \$1200 per year, two years before need to start paying back, and earning at least \$35,000 annually

GUN CONTROL & CRIME

Ban assault rifles and crack down on gun crime with efforts to:

- Buy back guns program
- Give municipalities ability to restrict/ban handguns
- No long-gun registry (hunters/farmers don't use/need assault weapons)
- Funding streams to help fight gang-related violence
- Expand successful diversion programs for at-risk youth
- Better resources for detecting and stopping flow of weapons at our borders
- Bigger penalties for smuggling firearms into Canada
- Strengthen safe storage laws to make it harder for legal weapons to get into the hands of criminals
- Temporarily suspend firearms licenses for those posing a danger to themselves or others
- Changes to firearm promotion and advertising sales

ACCESS TO JUSTICE

- Free legal aid to sexual assault/intimate partner violence
- Criminal Case Review Commission for wrongfully convicted
- Mandatory training for judges – sex assault, stereotyping
- Funding for more Crown prosecutors and judges to reduce delays
- Set up an independent review body for Canada Border Services Agency