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## A FEDERAL GENERAL ELECTION IS EXPECTED IN THE SPRING OF 2025

Across the country, the Conservatives and their ideas have been riding high.

While some people already see the Conservatives winning, the recent context proves that nothing is yet settled.

### THIS BOOKLET IS INTENDED

as a tool to encourage reflection and analysis of the issues raised by this election.

As always, we encourage you to exercise your right to vote en masse.

Enjoy your read!

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## ECONOMIC

### DEFEND OUR ECONOMIC INTERESTS

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The United States has always been the elephant next to Canada's economic mouse. But the election of Donald Trump has dramatically changed the landscape.

The threat of tariffs forces us to retaliate and reorganize to minimize the impact on our industries. Who can stand up to Trump will be a central issue in the Canadian election. The CSN believes that a real common sense revolution means defending our manufacturing jobs and the supply management system that has served us well and distinguishes us from the United States. Canada's next government will have to protect the workers directly affected by the trade dispute and put pressure on U.S. multinationals. In the upcoming renegotiation of the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement, the government will have to stand firm and defend Québec's interests and our key industries.



# MEDIA

## **SUPPORT OUR NEWS MEDIA AND CBC / RADIO- CANADA** *A real* **COMMON SENSE REVOLUTION**

**In recent years, multinational web giants have siphoned off most of the advertising revenue on which our news outlets depended, sparking a wave of closures and layoffs, and undermining our access to information.**

At a time when misinformation is spreading fast, reliable and balanced news coverage, both inside and outside the major urban centres, is essential for our democracy. Government must step in to ensure the survival of news media and safeguard citizens' right to information. Instead, the Conservatives are gunning for CBC / Radio-Canada. Our public broadcaster has played a vital social, cultural and democratic role for decades. Slashing its funding would cut off entire communities from news and culture. The next federal government must support our media with new financial and tax measures, and guarantee predictable, long-term funding for CBC / Radio-Canada.



# SOCIAL

## **AN INCLUSIVE SOCIAL VISION THAT SETS US APART FROM OUR NEIGHBOURS TO THE SOUTH** *A real* **COMMON SENSE REVOLUTION**

**Intolerance, racism and hatred have no place in our society. Unfortunately, hate speech has proliferated in recent years and its purveyors are becoming increasingly unabashed.**

We must fight this trend. The next federal government must adopt an approach to immigration that is more inclusive, more respectful of the dignity of immigrants, and more consistent with a forward-looking vision for our workplaces and our society. It must address the factors that make immigrants vulnerable and their status precarious. A real common sense government must ensure that everyone working in Canada is fully protected by our labour laws, regardless of immigration status or whether they have a work permit. It must also abolish the closed work permits under the Temporary Foreign Worker Program, which tie workers to a single employer and create conditions akin to modern-day slavery. In addition to fighting hate speech against immigrants, we must combat hate speech against women, racialized people, LGBTQ+ people and Indigenous people.



# EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

## **REFORM EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE** *A real* **COMMON SENSE REVOLUTION**

**What do atypical workers (such as part-time, seasonal and temporary workers), gig workers and the self-employed have in common? They are all ill-served by the current employment insurance system.**

These predominantly young and female groups need better protection under EI. The CSN is calling for EI reform to make the system more inclusive and better suited to today's labour market realities. Among other things, the notorious "black hole," the period when seasonal workers have no income because they have exhausted their EI benefits but cannot yet return to work, must be eliminated. The federal parties must commit to improving access to EI and the duration and level of benefits. Employment insurance reform is real common sense.



# ENERGY TRANSITION

## **WEANING OURSELVES OFF OIL AND EMBARKING ON A GENUINE ENERGY TRANSITION** *A real* **COMMON SENSE REVOLUTION**

**Given the scale of the climate crisis, strong action is needed now if our world is to survive.**

Every day, we see the effects of rising temperatures in extreme weather events such as hurricanes, floods, wildfires, heat waves and pest invasions. Water, air and soil pollution are worsening by the day. Drinking water supplies are under threat, not just elsewhere but here at home.

The CSN believes our economy's dependence on fossil fuels must be reduced. The next federal government must make a real commitment to the energy transition. This includes minimizing our carbon footprint by developing greenhouse gas mitigation programs and policies across all sectors of social and economic activity. Public transit must also be expanded and improved. Quality of service is the main driver of demand for public transit; people will use it if it is more regular, more convenient and faster.



# WHERE'S THE COMMON SENSE?

**FOR MONTHS**, a conservative wind has been blowing across the land. There's a social vision that will hurt us all. This ideology represents an all-out assault on the right to organize, bargain collectively and strike.

**THE CSN CANNOT ACCEPT THESE ATTACKS** on workers and their ability to unite for better working conditions and a more equitable distribution of wealth.

**THE CONSERVATIVES' IDEOLOGY WOULD SET US BACK** decades on critical issues: the environment, women's and minority rights, investment in our public institutions, and the right to comprehensive, non-partisan news coverage, to name but a few.

**AT A TIME WHEN THE UNITED STATES IS TURNING INWARD**, we need to reach out to the most disadvantaged members of our society, who deserve to live with dignity, respect and acceptance. We need to arm ourselves to fight climate change and shoulder our responsibilities. We must look to the future. Turning back the clock is not an option.

**WE ALL HAVE A PART TO PLAY.** Vote for a real common sense revolution—for a just and caring society that serves the interests of working people.

