

Dear Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Mr. Jagmeet Singh, Mr. Yves-Francois Blanchet, and Ms. Elizabeth May,

We are a grassroots group, Cooperate for Canada, primarily from Ontario - with members across Canada.

We are very concerned about polling analysis over the past 18 months that consistently projects a majority Conservative Government win in the next federal election - and have launched a campaign and website: www.cooperateforcanada.ca

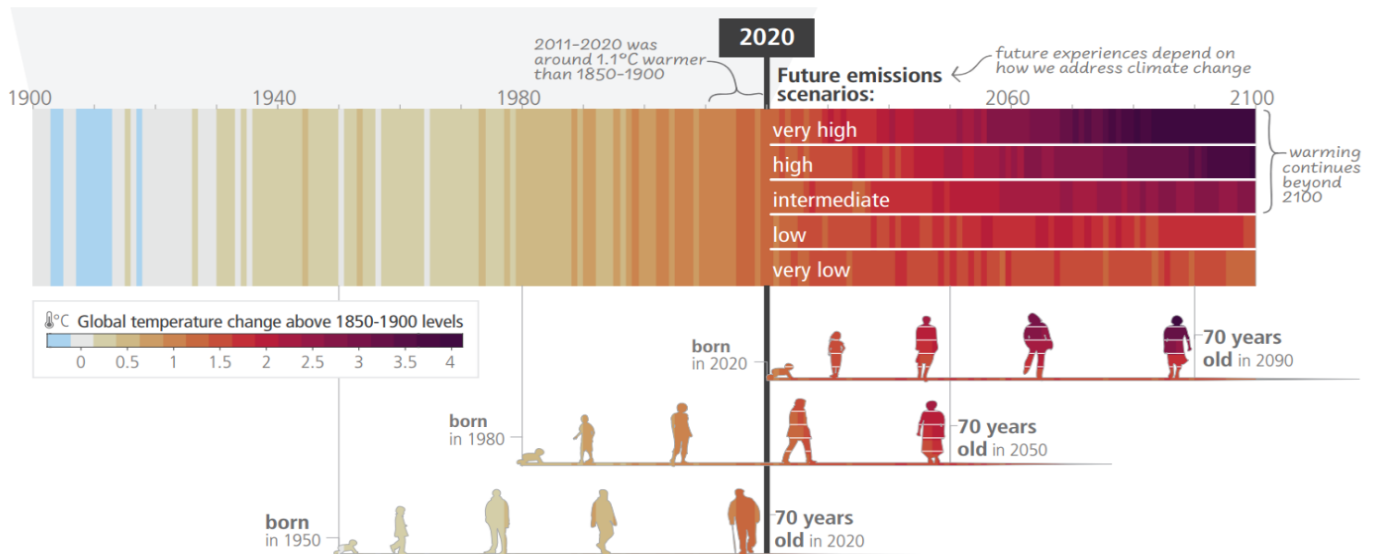
We are calling on the Centre/Left parties to come together to find common ground and cooperate during the next election. The Right doesn't win as much as the Centre/Left chooses to lose in riding after riding, election after election.

The Liberals, NDP, Greens, and Bloc in Quebec persist in aggressively competing with one another, rather than focusing on the very real threat from the Right. This too often results in split votes that allow Conservative Party wins, despite only obtaining a minority of the votes.

At this moment, business as usual under our dysfunctional first-past-the-post electoral system fails all Canadians - especially our children and grandchildren. We are in the midst of inter-related and rapidly escalating emergencies - climate, economic, social, and democratic – which require an emergency response.

Every Tonne of Emissions Matters

There are a variety of different possible future climate outcomes based on how many tonnes of emissions the world produces from here on out. Every tonne of CO₂ that we are able to keep out of the atmosphere moves that needle away from the worst possible outcomes and towards the better ones.



(Please refer to this link which shows the impacts of climate chaos - just one of our current crises - on future generations. <https://canada.citizensclimatelobby.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Laser-Talks-for-De-Mystifying-Carbon-Pricing.pdf>)

]We are imploring you, seize the initiative and propose cooperation among your parties. Canadians want elected representatives to negotiate in a civilized way that results in policies and actions that improve life in Canada. The Supply and Confidence Agreement between the Liberals and the NDP proved to be very productive, giving Canadians increased access to pharmacare, dental care, childcare, and other positive accomplishments.

The Conservatives are not in Parliament to serve the people. The House of Commons has been unable to function for months due to filibustering by the CPC. Fraternalization of CPC members with MAGA Republicans and alignment with messaging employed by Trump alarm us. "The Conservatives see this as a delicate dance: an attempt by Poilievre to show that he knows how to play the hits popularized by Trump ... " <https://thewalrus.ca/poilievre-america/>

Pierre Poilievre has stated his intent to build pipelines in all directions, to use the Notwithstanding Clause, and "remove any ban on the sale of military equipment to Israel" introduced by the Trudeau government. He has stated that "I do not recognize the legitimacy of the ICC [International Criminal Court] ..."

Also disturbing: "He said that laws would be passed that give serious consequences to those involved in perpetuating radicalism in our streets." This suggests his intention to suppress legitimate protest 'in our streets', such as rallies, threatening our democratic right to protest in Canada. https://www.winnipegjewishreview.com/article_detail.cfm?id=8088&sec=1&title=Poilievre_tells_Winnipeg_Jewish_Review_in_an_exclusive_interview_that_he_will_defund_all_those_with_a_Woke_Anti-semitic_Agenda

The highly productive Supply and Confidence Agreement has been targeted by right-wing disinformation. Efforts by the incoming US president to demean Mr. Trudeau, calling him Governor of the 51st state, is foreign interference meant to strengthen the CPC in the next election.

A vote of non-confidence in early 2025 would simply play into CPC aggression and manipulation designed to trigger an early election when polling analysis shows that none of your four parties has the slightest chance of winning even a minority government, while the CPC would win a massive majority.

Instead of bringing down the Government, we ask the NDP and Bloc to take the next ten months to seriously consider how you can cooperate with one another, along with the Liberals and Greens, to win the next election and perhaps work together in Cabinet. This would serve both Canada and your parties.

We cannot and will not accept the risk of a Poilievre victory with its existential consequences for Canadians, our children, grandchildren, and impacts globally. How does the threat of a non-confidence vote bring Canadians together and how will it help Canadians to take better care of one another? How will ignoring cooperative strategies ensure the majority of Canadians actually have a Government that gives them voice?

Our data clearly show that, if you work together to develop a "shared platform" and agree to run a "unity" candidate in ridings where that candidate would have a better than average chance of winning, all of your parties would have more seats in the resulting government than are currently projected by polling analysis.

If you don't take this action, you will, once again, split the majority votes and cede victory to the Conservative contender and Canadians will be the losers.

We are not calling for the Centre/Left parties to unite. We want cooperation over the next election cycle to get us through the desperately critical years ahead. We need significant carbon emissions reduction, electoral reform, increased affordability, and an end to toxic capitalism which is driving the worsening gap between the rich and the rest of us.

Our movement calling for cooperation - first to win this election and then to take action to address Canada and Canadians' urgent needs and challenges - is growing. We write now to give you an opportunity to consider our request before we start holding vigils to bring media attention to our campaign.

If you would like more information or if you would like to discuss this further, our spokespersons are Barbara Schumacher (226 753 9861) and Marilyn Hay (226 972 3699). We thank you for your consideration and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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