

LIBERAL LEADERSHIP CANDIDATE REPORT CARD

WE ASKED. THEY ANSWERED.
(WELL, MOST OF THEM DID)

Right now, the Liberal Party is holding a leadership election. We asked the Liberal leadership candidates for their positions on cooperation, electoral reform, climate change and inequality. Four of the six candidates—Deborah Coyne, Karen McCrimmon, Joyce Murray and Justin Trudeau—responded. We did not receive responses from Martha Hall Findlay or Martin Cauchon.

Use this chart of their responses to help inform your vote. Read their detailed responses @ coop4.ca/reportcard

OUR QUESTIONS

Do you support cooperating with the NDP and Greens before the next election to defeat Stephen Harper's government?

ELECTORAL REFORM:
Do you support changing the voting system and will you work with other parties to achieve this goal?

CLIMATE CHANGE:

What are your positions on:

1. Continuing oil sands expansion?
2. Reducing CO2 emissions below 1990 levels, as previously agreed under the Kyoto Protocol?
3. Federal subsidies for fossil fuel companies?

INEQUALITY:

What is your plan to close the growing income inequality gap and what steps will you take to reduce poverty in Canada?



DEBORAH COYNE

Coyne does not support pre-electoral cooperation.

Coyne supports proportional representation or a preferential ballot. She would appoint expert panel to choose, and hold a referendum. She would campaign on this issue and work with other parties.

Coyne supports a price on carbon to reduce emissions 80% by 2040, project by project review of oil sands development & phasing out fossil fuel subsidies.

Coyne would work with provinces to consolidate and raise income supports and address housing, childcare and disability.



KAREN MCCRIMMON

McCrimmon does not support pre-electoral cooperation.

McCrimmon is open to electoral reform, promises to consult constitutional experts and public to pick an option. She would campaign on this issue and work with other parties.

McCrimmon's response is a bit unclear, but seems to support Kyoto targets and phasing out fossil fuels. Would work with stakeholders for more responsible development & clean energy.

McCrimmon supports micro-financing for entrepreneurship, stronger pay equity, and would consider a living wage and helping cooperatives.



JOYCE MURRAY

Murray is the only candidate who supports one-time pre-electoral cooperation.

Murray supports proportional representation. She would campaign on this issue & cooperate with other parties to pass reform early in new government.

Joyce Murray has a comprehensive plan to shift to clean energy, use carbon pricing to reduce emissions as agreed under the Kyoto Protocol, and stop fossil fuel subsidies.

Murray set targets for reducing inequality and support child care, pensions, equality for women and ensure access to high-speed Internet.



JUSTIN TRUDEAU

Trudeau does not support pre-electoral cooperation.

Trudeau supports a preferential ballot voting system. He would campaign on this issue and work with other parties.

Trudeau supports more responsible development of the oil sands, supports a price on carbon but does not offer a target for emission reductions, supports slow phase out of fossil fuel subsidies.

Wants 70% of Canadians to have post-secondary degrees; advocates personal RESPs.