



NDP Responds

Note: We have yet to release our full platform but here are the answers to date outlining our commitments.

Ukrainian Canadian Congress

The Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) is surveying all parties in the 2015 Federal election campaign regarding the following issues of importance to the Ukrainian Canadian community. We will be reporting the results of this questionnaire in the media and on the UCC web site.

We kindly request that you respond to the following questions by September 23, 2015 via e-mail to taras.zalusky@ucc.ca.

Should you elect not to respond, we will record this as an expression of "No Interest." Thank you for your time and consideration.

| | Yes | No |
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| 1. Canadian Heritage and Historical Recognition | | |
| (a) Do you support sustainable funding for the enhancement of Canadian multicultural communities based on the principles of the Canadian Multiculturalism Act? | Yes | |
| (b) Do you support funding for the development of community infrastructure to support community centers, and programs around multiculturalism that are effective? | Yes | |
| (c) Does your party support the construction of the Memorial to the Victims of Communism in the Parliamentary precinct of Ottawa? | | We have always supported the project but not on the Parliamentary precinct in its proposed site. |
| (d) Will your party support the establishment of October 28 as the annual day of commemoration of Canada's First National Internment Operations (1914-1920)? | Yes | |
| 2. Canada-Ukraine Relations | Yes | No |
| (a) Do you support Ukraine continuing to be one of Canada's top foreign policy priorities? | Yes | |

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| <p>(b) Do you support Ukraine's integration into the EU, NATO and international structures that would help safeguard its territorial integrity and the continued development of Ukraine's democracy?</p> | <p>We will support good democratic governance in Ukraine.</p> | <p>We are not currently calling for the inclusion of the Ukraine in EU or NATO.</p> |
| <p>(c) Do you condemn Russia's illegal occupation and attempted annexation of Crimea and Russia's war in eastern Ukraine?</p> | <p>Yes</p> | |
| <p>(d) If elected, will your party commit to providing Ukraine with defensive weapons to protect itself in the face of Russia's continued aggression and invasion of Eastern Ukraine?</p> | | <p>We support providing non-lethal equipment and training but not weapons.</p> |
| <p>(e) Does your party support the listing of the Luhansk "People's Republic" and the Donetsk "People's Republic" as terrorist organizations? Does your party support listing the Russian Federation as a State sponsor of terrorism for its continuing role in the invasion of Eastern Ukraine and the shoot down of flight MH17?</p> | <p>We support listing the Luhansk People's Republic and the Donetsk People's Republic.</p> | <p>We do not currently support listing the Russian Federation as a state sponsor of terrorism.</p> |
| <p>(f) Does your party support providing additional financial assistance to Ukraine to respond to the economic crisis brought to it by Russia's military intervention in Eastern Ukraine? There are close to 1.5 million internally displaced people in Ukraine as a result of Russia's illegal occupation of Crimea and invasion of Eastern Ukraine. Does your party support additional humanitarian assistance to Ukraine to deal with the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine?</p> | <p>Yes</p> | |
| <p>(g) The United States and the United Kingdom announced in August that they will both be doubling their commitment to provide military training to the armed forces of Ukraine. Does your party support Canada doubling its commitment to provide training to Ukraine's armed forces?</p> | <p>Yes</p> | |
| <p>(h) Does your party support the imposition of sectoral sanctions against Russia's energy, defence and financial services sector (including removing Russian banks from the SWIFT international payments system) to compel the Russian Federation to withdraw its troops, armies and weapons from Ukrainian soil?</p> | | <p>We support targeted sanctions against Putin's supporters and their companies; not broad sectoral</p> |

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| | | sanctions that will harm all Russians. |
| (i) Does your party support the inclusion of Ukraine on the Automatic Firearms Country Controls list, thereby removing restrictions on the exports of weapons to Ukraine, and establishing of a comprehensive Defence Cooperation Agreement between Canada and Ukraine? | | No, as we have concerns about the misdirection, misuse and corruption of military exports. We would need to see strong controls in place. Our concerns aren't just limited to Ukraine. |
| (j) Will your party introduce legislation implementing sanctions modelled on US Magnitsky legislation against Russian officials responsible for the illegal imprisonment in Russia of Ukrainian citizens Nadiya Savchenko, Oleh Sentsov, Oleksandr Kolchenko and others? | yes | |
| 3. Immigration to Canada | | |
| (a) Do you support an increased level of immigration from Ukraine by increasing targets and immigration staffing at Canada's Embassy in Ukraine? | yes | |
| (b) Do you support the abolition of the temporary resident visa requirement for citizens of Ukraine to visit Canada? | yes | |