

1. Strengthening Canada-Ukraine Security Relations

a) If elected, will your government provide Ukraine with lethal defensive weapons?

No. We support the current Canadian Armed Forces efforts to assist in training and capacity building. However, we do not support the provision of weapons.

b) Does your party support the expansion and extension of Canada's military training mission in Ukraine, Operation UNIFIER?

Yes.

c) Does your party support strengthening sanctions against the Russian Federation, including the removal of Russia from the SWIFT international payments system, and increased sanctions against Russia's financial, energy and military sectors?

We support Canada's continued use of strategic sanctions on Russia and will follow the advice of Canadian intelligence agencies.

d) If elected, will your government oppose the construction of the Nord Stream II pipeline, including through the implementation of sanctions against companies involved in its construction?

Yes.

e) If elected, will your government implement Magnitsky Act sanctions against Russian officials responsible for the abuse of internationally recognized human rights of Ukrainian citizens?

Yes.

f) If elected, will your government designate the Russian Federation a state supporter of terrorism and designate the so-called Luhansk and Donetsk "Peoples' Republics" as terrorist organizations?

No.

2. Supporting Democratic and Economic Reform in Ukraine

a) If elected, will your government increase international assistance funding to Ukraine?

Yes. Under a Green government, international assistance funds will be broadly increased and Ukraine will remain a priority recipient.

b) Does your party support increasing Canadian humanitarian assistance to all those who have suffered as a result of Russia's war against Ukraine?

Yes. Canada has an important role to play in upholding human rights internationally.

c) Does your party support a long-term Canadian commitment to strengthening Ukraine's democratic institutions, supporting Ukraine's European and NATO integration and continued reform efforts?

Yes.

d) If elected, will your government work with Export Development Canada to promote increased trade and investment between Canada and Ukraine, including providing accessible loans and export insurance for Canadian companies investing in Ukraine?

Yes. Trade is crucial to building economic stability.

3. Ensuring Security and Dignity for Seniors

a) If elected, will your government establish a national program to support pharmacare for lower-income seniors?

Yes. A universal, single-payer national pharmacare program is urgently needed. No Canadian should have to make a choice between filling the prescriptions they need and paying rent or putting food on the table for their family. Greens were the first to call for a universal pharmacare system in Canada, and we remain committed to implementing such a program. It will apply to everyone, not just seniors.

Universal pharmacare is the best way to accomplish both life-saving and cost-cutting goals. The GPC would complement this program by creating bulk drug purchasing agency and shortening drug patent protection times.

b) Does your party support improving access to safe and affordable care for seniors by increasing investments in programs, staffing and facilities?

A Green government will actively address the needs of seniors, with a view to keeping seniors in their own communities. We will fund the creation of more long-term care beds in neighbourhood facilities, and will support home-sharing plans that can provide the option to seniors to stay in their own homes. We understand the immense effort undertaken by caregivers and are open to supporting them through a benefit program. Our Guaranteed Liveable Income program will also support caregivers and seniors alike. The Green Party will also restore the federal/provincial Health Accord, basing the health transfer on demographics and real health care needs in each province, rather than the current formula based on gross domestic product (GDP) growth. This reform will account for the needs of seniors.

c) If elected, will your government commit to increased cooperation and consultation with ethno-cultural organizations and institutions who provide care to seniors?

Yes.

d) Seniors are amongst the most active volunteers in Canada. Does your party support formal recognition and assistance to older Canadians engaged in volunteer work?

Yes.

e) If elected, will your party provide a caregiver tax credit for family caregivers and expand the EI Compassionate Care Benefit?

In the long term, our planned Guaranteed Liveable Income program will provide additional support for caregivers, and allow them to work part-time without fear of losing their benefits. But, we support an increase in tax credits to caregivers in the meantime.

4. Welcoming Newcomers to Canada

a) Does your party commit to streamlining the process of Canadian professional accreditation for newcomers?

Yes. A Green government will ensure professionals being considered for immigration have the licensing requirements for their professions clearly explained before entry.

We will work with professional associations to create a robust system for evaluating the education and training credentials of immigrants against Canadian standards, with the goal of expediting accreditation and expanding professional opportunities for immigrants.

b) If elected, will your government increase support for ethno-cultural, community-based settlement services for newcomers?

Yes. We will work with municipalities and provinces to improve the integration of new Canadians into the multicultural fabric of our country. We will also support multicultural communities by assisting cultural organizations to obtain charitable status.

c) Does your party support easing restrictions on paths to citizenship for international caregivers working in Canada?

Yes.

d) If elected, will your government establish a roadmap to attain visa-free travel for Ukrainian citizens visiting Canada?

We are encouraged by the progress made under the Liberal government towards visa-free travel for Ukrainian citizens visiting Canada, and we plan to continue this progress.

5. Helping our Culture Flourish

a) *Historical Recognitions* –

i) If elected, will your government adopt legislation establishing October 28 as the annual Day of Commemoration of Canada's First National Internment Operations (1914-1920)?

Yes.

ii) Does your party support the recognition of the Deportation of the Crimean Tatar People (Sürgünlik) by the Soviet regime in 1944 as an act of Genocide? If elected, will your government adopt legislation establishing May 18 as the annual Day of Remembrance of the Genocide of the Crimean Tatar People?

Yes.

b) If elected, will your government launch consultations to study ways in which ethno-cultural early learning can be supported?

Yes.

c) If elected, will your government renew the federal tax credit for community-based heritage programming?

Yes. The Greens will support multicultural communities by assisting cultural organizations to obtain charitable status.

d) If elected, will your government ensure that the Canada Summer Jobs Program and the Youth Employment Strategy takes into account the needs of youth in ethno-cultural communities?

Yes.

e) If elected, will your government ensure that amateur artists are provided full access to a range of funding opportunities?

Yes. The Green Party will increase funding to all of Canada's arts and culture organizations.

f) If elected, will your government adopt legislation designating September as Ukrainian Canadian Cultural Heritage Month?

Yes. We are happy to have our Members of Parliament support the celebration of Ukrainian heritage in Canada.

6. Fighting Online Hate and Disinformation

a) Does your party support the development of a national strategy to combat online hate and disinformation?

Online harassment is illegal. The Green Party condemns it and believes that the perpetrators of such harassment should be reported and held accountable. Greens will study options to regulate Facebook, Twitter and other social media platforms to ensure that only actual people, with verifiable identities, are able to publish on those platforms. This will also help reduce the pernicious spread of disinformation campaigns, which have been undermining our democracy.

b) Does your party support working with stakeholders to eliminate online hate from social media, including Russian disinformation campaigns that promulgate hatred against Ukraine and Ukrainians in Canada?

Yes. See above.

c) If elected, will your government adopt legislation that will require social media platforms to clearly identify automated social media accounts (bots)?

Yes. See above.

d) If elected, will your government investigate Russian state propaganda networks broadcasting in Canada regarding their contravention of the Television Broadcasting Regulations?

Yes.