



Vote **positive**

Under Jack Layton, the New Democratic Party has taken a strong stand against privatization of our cherished public services like health care.

The NDP is working hard to deliver on Canadians' real priorities: protecting public services and the environment, keeping post-secondary education accessible to all, reducing poverty and ending homelessness. And they're fighting for fair taxation by calling for big business to pay its fair share of taxes so we can keep our communities strong.

Vote **public**

This time, there's a positive choice. Let's reinvest in our future and keep building strong communities. We don't need to keep going down the privatization road.

**This time, we can vote positive.
We can vote for public services.**

This time, I'm voting for what I really want:
public services and strong communities.

I want to keep health care public so everyone gets quality care. I want public, not-for-profit, child care because my kids and their friends deserve the best. I want education and my local services like water kept in public hands.

This time, I'm voting for a
government that listens, *then* governs.

I want a Parliament that works for me and my community. I'm voting for what I *really* want.

I'm voting positive.



The Liberals privatize with a smile. The Conservatives don't even smile.

Paul Martin talks a good line when it comes to public services but his record shows his true colours.

As finance minister, Martin slashed funding for health care, social supports, post-secondary education and a wide range of public services. He created a crisis across the country. Now he wants to fix it by letting privatization spread.

Now, Martin is racking up huge budget surpluses but starves public services. Yes, some small steps have been taken. But the money for cities and public infrastructure is nowhere near enough. Child care deals with the provinces leave the door open

for big box, for-profit chains to move in. And health care privatization is growing because the Liberals still haven't made a real commitment to keep our system public.

But there's still money for tax cuts that benefit the wealthy even though most Canadians rank social issues and public services as more important.

Stephen Harper and the Conservatives don't even pretend to hide their passion for privatization. They are true believers in the market and American-style deregulation. A Harper government would privatize with abandon.



Keeping it public is good for our communities and good for accountability

More privatization will make the sponsorship scandal look like a garage sale. Liberals and their corporate cronies skimmed \$100 million from a \$250 million sponsorship budget that was contracted out. Imagine what they could do with the billions in public money earmarked for public infrastructure if it's steered towards private corporations in unaccountable "public private partnerships" (P3s) over the next few years.

Stop Liberal and Conservative privatization. Vote positive. Vote public.

Privatization of public services hits women especially hard. They suffer most from community service cuts and fee hikes, and they are often the ones left to care for family members. They are most likely to lose their jobs through privatization, as stable public sector jobs that pay enough to support a family are replaced by low-wage, part-time work with private contractors.

Young workers, new Canadians, Aboriginal communities and poor families are hit the hardest by privatization. They have the most to lose unless we elect a balanced Parliament.



Vote for a Parliament that works

This time, we have a real chance to make Parliament work. More New Democratic Party MPs means a balanced Parliament - one that works for people. It means more say in our real priorities, like health care, housing, curbing poverty, protecting the environment.

A Parliament that works means quality public services and strong communities. Reliable, accessible, quality public services provide good value for money, employ a stable work force and ensure that when things go wrong, you can hold someone to account.

**Strong communities. Public services.
Public accountability.**