

Conservative Government of Canada REPORT CARD 2015

Subject	Overall Performance	Grade
Economy	Stephen Harper has talked a lot about economic growth, but in recent years, 80% of all new jobs have been part-time. Manufacturing suffered from the high dollar linked to promotion of oil and gas industry at the expense of other sectors. Income inequality is growing faster than any other industrialized nation.	D
Healthcare	Unilateral capping of healthcare funding to the provinces is a ticking time bomb as the aging population puts more pressure on our healthcare system. The Conservatives refuse to defend the Canada Health Act against private interests seeping into public healthcare delivery.	D
Retirement Security	The late Jim Flaherty seemed to support expanding the Canada Pension Plan. But Stephen Harper is refusing to act on the looming crisis of seniors living without adequate pension coverage, and instead raised the age to 67 to qualify.	F
Public Safety	The Conservatives abolished the gun registry created after the Montreal Ecole Polytechnic Massacre. While easing access to guns, they have increased penalties for minor crimes resulting in a drastic increase in jail sentences for the poor.	
Families	The Conservatives scrapped the national childcare program, replacing it with a meagre cheque for each child. Scandals with private childcare operators show that expanding quality public childcare should be a priority. It would cost less than the latest income splitting scheme which benefits only the wealthiest families.	D
Transit	Canada remains the only major industrial country with no national transit strategy — one of the reasons for GTA gridlock. Shameful.	F
Public Services	With Veterans Affairs staff slashed, massive delays to EI payments due to staff cuts, and mail delivery to be abolished across the country - maybe it should be an F.	D
Environment	The Conservative record on the environment is an international disgrace. Canada is the only country to withdraw from Kyoto, taking no action on climate change despite having the worst greenhouse gas emissions in the world. Harper is determined to pursue massive expansion of tar sands, changing laws to strip protection from watersheds and First Nations land.	F
Trade	The Conservatives have signed many trade deals that lock in corporate privilege at the expense of workers' rights or local jobs. The European Deal will make it illegal for Toronto or any other city to favour buying our transit vehicles in Ontario. Made in Canada means nothing to the 32 Conservative Members of Parliament in greater Toronto.	F
Democracy	From robo-call voter suppression, to muzzling scientists to spending half a billion tax dollars on partisan ads, the Harper regime is known for relentless abuse of power. Unions are targeted, along with any other organization that questions the Conservative agenda.	F
Looking after the richest 1%	From corporate tax cuts that now cost us \$14 billion each year to allowing massive tax evasion through offshore accounts, the Conservatives have consistently rewarded their wealthy friends. In fact they rate an A+ when it comes to coddling the rich while slashing benefits for the unemployed.	A+
Overall Performance	The legacy of this Conservative regime will be an economy where for the first time in history, the next generation of Canadians will have lower wages and less jobs stability than ever before.	F

Not worthy of forming another government in 2015.

