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## Ukrainian Canadian Congress Pre-election Questionnaire

The Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) is surveying all parties in the 2011 Federal election campaign regarding the following issues of importance to the Ukrainian Canadian community. We will be publishing 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 April 23, 2011 via e-mail to [taras.zalusky@ucc.ca](mailto:taras.zalusky@ucc.ca), or by fax (204) 947-3882.**

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

	Yes	No
<p><b>1. Multiculturalism -</b> (a) Do you support sustainable funding for the enhancement of Canadian multicultural communities based on the principles of the <i>Canadian Multiculturalism Act</i>?</p> <p><i>Additional response: Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff has previously expressed the following: "I affirm (to the UCC) the fundamental principles of the Multiculturalism Act, to ensure that in its implementation, this legislation meets the needs of all of Canada's multicultural communities and that all communities receive the benefit of this legislation in proportion to the size of their community in Canada."</i></p>	X	
<p>(b) Do you support reinstatement of government funding for the Ukrainian Section at RCI Radio Canada International?</p> <p><i>Michael Ignatieff has also criticized the funding cuts to Radio Canada International which resulted in the cancellation of broadcasting in the Ukrainian language. "It is unfortunate that Ukraine was singled out. This flies in the face of Canada's commitment to the democratic development of Ukraine. In a country where many parts of the population have access only to Russian media, this will deprive many Ukrainians who listened to this broadcast of a valuable source of independent information."</i></p>	X	

<b>2. Canada-Ukraine relations</b>		
<p>(a) Do you support Ukraine continuing to be one of Canada's foreign policy priorities and support strengthening Canada's relationship with Ukraine?</p> <p><i>Additional response: The Liberal Party and its Leader have previously emphasized the importance of development of mutually beneficial bi-lateral relationships between Canada and Ukraine and the strategic, geopolitical and economic importance of Ukraine to Canada.</i></p>	X	
<p>(b) Do you support Ukraine's integration into the EU, NATO and international structures that would help safeguard the continued development of Ukraine's democracy?</p> <p><i>Additional response: The UCC can be assured of the Liberal Party's support for Ukraine's Euro-Atlantic integration and in particular, Ukraine's admission into NATO, though these are decisions that must be made by the Ukrainian people. As discussed below, a Liberal government will remain concerned over the protection of human rights and democratic development in Ukraine, and our Party has already taken steps for hearing on human rights in Ukraine at a parliamentary committee.</i></p>	X	
<p>(c) Do you condemn the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity of Ukraine, a sovereign democratic state?</p> <p><i>Additional response: Michael Ignatieff is on record as saying: "I have a clear appreciation of the challenges Ukraine has faced in the past, and may face in the future, concerning its sovereignty and territorial integrity. No one but the Ukrainian people should decide their nation's destiny."</i></p>	X	
<p>(d) Do you support re-instatement of good governance and democratic development as programming priorities for the government of Canada's international assistance programming in Ukraine?</p> <p><i>Additional response: In the bilateral "Road Map" signed</i></p>	X	

<p><i>in September 2009 by Canada and Ukraine that focuses on joint security issues and economic cooperation, the two countries agreed that democracy is the chief guarantor of such joint security, prosperity and freedom, and that it must rest on the rule of law and good governance. The Liberal Party has noted with concern the distress of the UCC over reports of human rights abuses in Ukraine. A Liberal government will work with the UCC, the Canada Ukraine Parliamentary Friendship Group (CUPFG) and other stakeholders to ensure concerns are aired and communicated via the proper channels.</i></p> <p><i>In addition, the Liberal Party has already proposed a set of hearings on human rights in Ukraine at the Committee on Human Rights.</i></p>		
<p><b>3. Immigration to Canada</b></p>		
<p>(a) Do you support an increased level of immigration from Ukraine by increasing the immigration staffing at Canada's Embassy in Ukraine?</p> <p><i>Additional response: I condemn the Conservative government's cutting of immigration staffing levels to the Canadian Embassy in Kyiv, in 2006, and Minister Kenney for misleading the House of Commons about these cuts.</i></p>	<p>X</p>	
<p>(c) Do you support the abolition of the temporary resident visa requirement for citizens of Ukraine to visit Canada?</p> <p><i>Additional response: I support working toward this goal.</i></p>	<p>X (See additional response as well)</p>	
<p>(d) Do you support the opening of full Canadian consular offices in Kharkiv and Lviv, Ukraine?</p> <p><i>Additional response: A Liberal government will review the closures of embassies and consulates made by the Conservatives look to maximize Canada's reach in human rights and economic development and trade abroad.</i></p>	<p>X</p>	
<p>(e) Do you agree that individuals who have engaged in espionage against Canada and her NATO allies or who</p>	<p>X</p>	

were members of the NKVD, KGB, or their military intelligence equivalents, regardless of rank or duties should not be allowed admission into Canada?		
<b>4. Canadian Museum for Human Rights (Winnipeg)</b>		
(a) Do you support the inclusion of a permanent and prominent gallery for the Holodomor (Ukrainian Famine genocide) of 1932-33 at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights?  <i>Response for 4. (a) and (b): We sympathize with the UCC's and the Ukrainian Canadian community's desire to have these important events dealt with in an appropriate way, but will not attempt to dictate to the museum board how they display issues. We were very critical of the Conservative government for interfering with arms length bodies and it would be inconsistent of us to then publically micromanage the relative weight the museum board decides to give to different human rights events.</i>	See response to the left for 4. (a) and (b).	
(b) Do you support the inclusion of a permanent and prominent exhibit on Canada's First National Internment Operations at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights?		

Thank you for helping us to inform Canadians about your position on the issues which are very important to the Ukrainian Canadian community. To learn more about these key issues, please contact the UCC office or visit our web site [www.ucc.ca](http://www.ucc.ca).

### Information

Leader: Michael Ignatieff

Political Party: Liberal