

Do you condemn Russia's invasion of Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea and parts of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts?

Yes. Russia's actions constitute an attack on Ukraine's territorial integrity, and are not to be tolerated.

Do you support Canada providing Ukraine with defensive weapons, increased security cooperation between Canada and Ukraine, and increased Canadian sanctions on Russia in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine?

I support an increase in non-lethal military support to Ukraine. Operation Unifier is an essential part of Canadian-Ukrainian relations, and I support its continued operation.

Do you support increased Canadian international assistance for Ukraine, including increased humanitarian assistance and increased support for consolidating Ukraine's democratic institutions?

Yes. I believe in Canada's commitment to strengthening democracy and building a lasting peace in Ukraine, and I believe an increase in humanitarian assistance is central to that mission. As for Ukraine's democratic institutions, I believe that Canada's commitment in the region should be to ensure that Ukraine becomes an independent democracy in its own right. Canada should continue to support democracy in Ukraine as it has done since 2004.

Do you support increased investment to ensure affordable care for seniors and increased cooperation with ethno-cultural organizations and institutions who provide care to seniors?

Yes. The NDP is committed to expanding Medicare to include mental health and dental care, as well as instituting universal Pharmacare for all. Though this measure is not specifically aimed at seniors, seniors will benefit immensely from it.

Do you support increasing assistance and cooperation with ethno-cultural, community-based settlement services for newcomers?

Yes. Having participated in such services myself, I can attest to how underfunded and under-supported they are. New immigrants to Canada have enough on their plate, they deserve all the help we are able to give them.

Do you support visa-free travel to Ukrainian citizens visiting Canada?

Yes. Ukrainian citizens already enjoy visa-free travel around the European Union, and Canada continues to have a free trade agreement with Ukraine, so it makes no sense that the Liberal government continues to deny Ukrainian citizens the right to travel to Canada visa-free.

Do you support the recognition of the Deportation of the Crimean Tatar People (Sürgünlik) by the Soviet regime in 1944 as an act of Genocide? Do you support establishing May 18 as the annual Day of Remembrance of the Genocide of the Crimean Tatar People?

Yes. The horrors of the Soviet Union are far-reaching, and have affected most ethnic groups in Eastern Europe in one way or another. A day of remembrance is only fair to the victims of the heinous crimes of the Soviets.

Do you support the establishment of October 28 as the annual Day of Commemoration of Canada's First National Internment Operations?

Yes. The internment of Ukrainian Canadians is a blot on the history of Canada, and the best way to move forward is to publically acknowledge wrongdoing.

Do you support increasing funding to multicultural programming in Canada?

Yes. With the alarming rise in far-right extremism as of late, it's becoming more important than ever for Canadians of all cultural backgrounds to share their culture, and to share in the cultures of others. Intercultural and multicultural programming is absolutely the best way forward.

Do you support increasing government assistance to heritage language programming in Canada?

Yes. Language is a very important component of the cultural identity of millions of Canadians from all sorts of backgrounds, and it would be doing them a disservice to completely separate them from the language of their cultural background.

Do you support increased measures to eliminate online hate and disinformation campaigns from social media?

Yes. Any willful attempt to mislead the Canadian public, or lie to them, or spread misinformation to them, is absolutely reprehensible. It should be fought against to the fullest extent of which we are capable.