



**Unlike these kids,
there are over one million Canadian children living in poverty
who don't have much to smile about.**

Use your vote to help change that.

The Campaign Against Child Poverty and other child advocacy organizations across Canada have been working to make the 1989 all-party resolution of Parliament to end child poverty in Canada a reality.

Little can be said to make palatable the fact that more than a million Canadian kids aren't getting a fair shake because they and their families live below the poverty line. And no excuses seem worth making when the best research shows that the futures of those kids will often be blighted because they were too poor to participate fully in their own lives.

But there is some room for optimism. We've never

been closer than we are now to the dream of a national, progressive, prudent, long-term strategy to end child poverty. Four of the five parties hoping to form the government of Canada on June 28th have made clear policy statements about child care and early childhood education, the Canada Child Tax Benefit, affordable housing, targeted transfers of federal funds, improvements to maternity/parental leave and employment insurance.

There are planks missing in some of the platforms of these parties, and some differences over delivery and costing, but it's fair to say they agree that our children

are a vital national resource and that their families should be helped to give them the best start possible.

One party, however, has almost nothing to say about any of these critical public policy benchmarks. The Conservatives oppose a national child-care program, have made no commitments on affordable housing, and have made clear that the progressive Canada Child Tax Benefit (which helps about 85% of Canadian families) is not in their platform.

Their silence is deafening.

**When you vote, think of those who can't.
Think of the kids.**

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