

HOW THE LIBERALS HAVE HURT UNEMPLOYED WORKERS

Paul Martin's government is no friend to the unemployed.

- The unemployment rate is over 7 per cent. The youth unemployment almost twice that rate
- In 1990, three-quarters of unemployed workers were eligible for benefits
- Today, fewer than 40 per cent are eligible
- More people are working part-time and not qualifying for benefits – most of them women
- Huge UI surpluses are being used as general revenue and not to provide benefits and training
- Paul Martin's "reforms" have forced unemployed workers to seek welfare

The Conservatives are no better

- Stephen Harper blames the unemployed for not working
- Harper opposes government action to create jobs

What the NDP says

The New Democrats are committed to:

- rebuilding UI so that it meets the needs of unemployed workers
- strong training programs and no raiding of the UI surplus
- job creation, regional economic development, green jobs and local community economic development

What do we want?

- easier access to UI benefits
- weekly benefits no lower than two-thirds of regular earnings
- UI benefits to cover training and learning for all workers
- guarantees that workers over 45 receive benefits for up to a year and a half



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