

HOW THE LIBERALS HAVE HURT WOMEN

Paul Martin's privatization agenda hurts women.

Privatization:

- turns decent public sector jobs into temporary, poverty-wage and non-union positions – many of them held by women
- makes women work more but earn less, eroding their independence
- can make low-income women more vulnerable to domestic violence, as they lack the income to support and house themselves and their children

Paul Martin's reputation as a 'tough' finance minister was built on the backs of women.

- Martin's cuts to public services increased the burden for women as they fill in the gaps while juggling multiple jobs
- The wage gap for women remains, as women earn less than men for the same job

- In some immigrant communities, more than 90 per cent of women live in poverty

The Conservatives are no better

The Conservatives under Stephen Harper promise to reward the rich with tax cuts and cut social programs even more severely than the Liberals have. Harper's economic and social policies reinforce inequalities between women and men and reinforce barriers to equality-seeking groups.

What the NDP says

The New Democrats are committed to:

- support the rights of women and other equality-seeking groups
- support employment equity and pay equity
- want a better unemployment insurance system that would meet the needs of women, many of whom are part-time workers
- support accessible, affordable, quality child care programs

We want a government that will ensure equal access to:

- good jobs that pay fair wages
- pay equity and employment equity
- affordable quality child care and universal health care
- public recreation programs and good public transit
- training and opportunities for advancement
- leadership and decision-making for women



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