



Dear Lisa,

Thank you for including the candidates of the Marxist-Leninist Party of Canada in your survey. Your policy of inclusion stands against the practice of the mass media and political cartel to simply exclude from the political discourse any party they decide on the basis of pre-determined criteria such as “major” and “fringe.” I am sure the community you represent, like the majority of Canadians who have been marginalized in political and other ways, has suffered the same brutal policy of exclusion. Far from being “fringe,” the MLPC stands with the mainstream and presents a political program to change the situation in the favour of the Canadian people.

I would like to answer your many detailed questions with a summation of my stand:

“I am in favour of not interfering in people’s lives. All harassment of people who choose whatever lifestyle they want should be outlawed. If all Canadians, men, women and children, were guaranteed a livelihood, then such issues as spousal rights and one person being dependent on another and the state deciding who is and who is not a legitimate human being with entitlements would not.” *

I took this stand publicly in the 2006 federal election. On the basis of this principle, I am confident that all questions can be resolved. Canadians must have rights by dint of being human, and no other arbitrary criteria such as gender is acceptable. Homophobia and any form of discrimination on the basis of gender or life style is not acceptable. How is this to be resolved? I do not advocate reform of the *Canadian Human Rights Act* as the fundamental premise of this act and the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms* is that rights have “reasonable limits” and can be suspended at the whim of parliament. Furthermore, the present-day situation is very dangerous; political and civil rights are being constantly eroded in the name of “national security.” Laws are now written so that they are “charter proof.” It is, as your refer to in your question about the cancellation of the Court Challenges Program, been made financially and practically impossible for citizens to mount any effective legal challenge through the court system. This in itself is an indictment of the ruling cartel of political parties who themselves have precisely written and endorsed such jurisprudence. I stand for a society that will provide equal access to the highest quality services available in our modern world, for everyone without discrimination.

To take another question (The ban on homosexuals serving in the Canadian Armed Forces was lifted in 1991. Do you favour reinstating the pensions of service members who were dishonourably discharged prior to the ban being lifted?), how can one expect equality for Canadian Forces personnel from the Department of National Defence when it stands for war and interference in the internal affairs of sovereign countries and is engaged in the military suppression of the sovereign right of self-determination, as in Afghanistan, Palestine, Libya and Haiti? Yes, the pensions should be immediately reinstated, as well as provided for all citizens, but if we do not respect the rights of other peoples, or the rights of the First Nations internally,

how can we respect the rights of Canadians, including the military personnel? These illegal acts and crimes against humanity require that the Canadians organize for an anti-war government in Canada that will reject the use of force to settle conflict between nations and within nations. Illegal war and aggression against sovereign nations and peoples is the greatest assault on the rights of all.

The needed reforms you refer to in your questions necessitate empowerment, *i.e.*, democratic renewal. If Canadians and residents wage an organized political fight to establish a People's Canada, individual and collective rights will be guaranteed for all and a dignified and secure future established for the Canadian people. I call on everyone to join in.

To signify your support for the principle of defending the rights of all, for an anti-war government, I encourage your community to vote Marxist-Leninist or for any other small party.

Cheers,

Tony Seed, Candidate, Halifax, Marxist-Leninist Party of Canada

*"Questions from the Electors – A Discussion with Tony Seed," MLPC, January 2006

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