



PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS

BUILDING AN ALBERTA FOR EVERYONE

PROMOTING GREATER EQUALITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

We believe in an Alberta where everyone can earn a living, raise a family and enjoy the same opportunity to lead a good, meaningful life — free from discrimination.

But we still have a long way to go before we reach real equality. And while that requires positive action by government, it also means standing up to people who promote hatred and discrimination. Unfortunately, Jason Kenney and his UCP keep landing on the wrong side of the fight for fairness and equality.

WHAT'S AT STAKE?

Alberta has made big strides in the past three years. Under Premier Notley and the NDP, our government has made major advances in women's equality, taken historic stands on gender identity and expression, protected young people's right to privacy around their sexual orientation, and taken a firm, clear stand against racism.

But Jason Kenney's record is troubling. He has worked to undermine women's reproductive rights throughout his entire political career, and anti-abortion, anti-gay lobbyists were instrumental in securing his UCP leadership victory. Recently, when the government introduced a law to protect patients and workers at women's health clinics, Jason Kenney and his caucus refused to even debate or vote on it.

And with a string of UCP candidates and activists caught making homophobic comments or associating with far-right hate activists, Kenney's party lacks any credibility as a defender of equality and human rights.

WHERE DO THE PARTIES STAND?

While neither main party has released their election platform, we can learn a lot from their public statements, and from their records.



JASON KENNEY AND THE UCP



RACHEL NOTLEY AND THE NDP



EQUALITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

As an MP, maintained a “100% perfect voting record” according to the anti-abortion Campaign Life Coalition.

Voted repeatedly in the House of Commons to deny same-sex couples the right to marry.

Won the leadership thanks in part to an all-out effort by hardline anti-abortion groups.

Refused to even debate or vote on a law introduced to protect patients and workers at women’s health clinics.

Defended UCP nomination candidates caught associating with members of the hate group Soldiers of Odin, making anti-Muslim and homophobic comments.

Wanted schools to tell some parents when their LGBTQ children join Gay Straight Alliance clubs — effectively outing them. And the UCP founding convention voted to go further and inform all parents.

Invested \$8.1 million in supports for sexual violence victims, and removed time limits for survivors to file lawsuits.

Increased the minimum wage to \$15; two-thirds of the Albertans earning it are women.

Built 7,300 childcare spaces that charge only \$25 per day.

Gave domestic violence survivors the right to break their lease without penalty.

Required schools across Alberta to allow students to form Gay Straight Alliance clubs, where vulnerable LGBTQ kids can get peer counselling and support, while having their privacy protected.

Added gender identity and expression to the Human Rights Code, offering protection from discrimination.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

HSAA has launched a province-wide campaign to raise awareness about what’s at stake in this election. It’s too important to stay silent.

HOW DO WE KEEP MAKING PROGRESS ON EQUALITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS?

The choice in the next election is clear. Rachel Notley’s NDP has made Alberta a national leader in promoting equality and human rights. Her government has made important progress in protecting women from domestic violence, and taken historic steps to expand the Human Rights Code.

Jason Kenney’s UCP keeps pandering to anti-choice hardliners, won’t stand up for LGBTQ kids, and can’t shake its association with hate groups like Soldiers of Odin.



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