

Foreign Policy and Development Policy

	Conservatives	Liberals	NDP	BQ	Greens
Supports the participation of women and girls and the integration of the needs of women and girls in peace-building	✓	✓	✓	n/a	✓
Supports devoting 0.7 % of its Gross National Income to Official Development Assistance	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
In favour of the withdrawal of Canadian troops from Afghanistan by or before 2009	X	✓	✓	✓	✓

Defence, Diplomacy, and Development

The Government of Canada has demonstrated leadership internationally through its contributions to international organizations such as the United Nations and international bodies such as NATO (the North Atlantic Treaty Organization) and the G-8 (the group of eight industrialized democratic countries).

The Government of Canada provides economic and humanitarian assistance to other countries. It also provides military and policing assistance to NATO and UN missions.

The Government of Canada has traditionally supported a '3-D' approach to its international role. This approach is based on the idea that peace can only be achieved through the coordinated efforts of all arms of the government. Where there is insufficient food, shelter and employment, there

is more likely to be conflict. Where there is conflict, people are less likely to have access to food, shelter and employment.

Afghanistan

Canada's involvement in Afghanistan represents the Government's most significant current expenditure of human and financial resources in a conflict-affected setting. The Department of National Defence reports that by March 2008, the total cost of all Canadian military operations in Afghanistan was \$7.7 billion. More than 18,000 Canadian soldiers have served in Afghanistan since 2001, with approximately 2,500 forces currently serving in the country. 97 Canadian military personnel and 1 Canadian diplomat have been killed since 2001. Canada has allocated \$1.2 billion in aid for the period 2001-2011.

* This analysis is based on public information available as of September 10, 2008.

Q. How will your party support the increased participation of women and girls in peace-building and peacekeeping operations?

Q. What will your party do to address the epidemic of sexual violence in conflict zones where Canada has deployed soldiers and police forces?