

**SIKH
FEDERATION**
(CANADA)

2025 Canada Election Guide

Questionnaire Results



*Empowering the Sikh community in Canada to advocate for dignity,
justice, and self-determination*

Sikh Federation (Canada) successfully concludes grassroots campaign to highlight Sikh issues during 2025 Canada Election

The Sikh Federation (Canada) is proud to announce the successful completion of its landmark 2025 Federal Election Questionnaire campaign, a key initiative aimed at elevating Sikh political advocacy and ensuring grassroots community issues are squarely on the national agenda as Canada prepares to elect its next Parliament.

Through this campaign, the Sikh Federation (Canada) engaged aspiring Members of Parliament in over 30 decisive ridings where the Sikh community forms a meaningful and organized segment of the electorate. With responses received from 40% of the targeted ridings, the initiative marks a major success in advancing transparent, issue-based engagement with political parties and candidates across the country.

The Federation received official responses from the central campaign teams of both the New Democratic Party and the Conservative Party of Canada (CPC), while individual Liberal candidates responded in select ridings. No official response was received from individual CPC candidates or the Liberal Party of Canada (LPC). It is notable that the CPC campaign clarified the party's positions for the first time on key Sikh issues that had previously received vague or evasive responses. One Independent candidate also submitted a completed questionnaire, reaffirming the broad reach of the campaign.

Crucially, there was unanimous support among respondents from all three major parties on a shared set of principles and objectives, including:

- Combating anti-Sikh hate and protecting Canadian civil liberties;
- Improving public awareness and transparency about foreign interference, including threats posed by India;
- Ensuring that individuals involved in crimes on behalf of foreign governments face justice and accountability;
- Safeguarding against the misuse of Canada's legal and security infrastructure to target political dissidents or criminalize lawful advocacy;



Commenting on the importance of the initiative, Bhai Moninder Singh, National Spokesperson for the Sikh Federation (Canada), said:

“The engagement we’ve seen from candidates confirms that these are not fringe concerns. The Sikh community is asserting itself with clarity, focus, and long-term vision. We look forward to working with all elected Parliamentarians—regardless of party affiliation—to ensure that these values and objectives are transformed into concrete policies, both in Parliament and across government institutions.”

As the Sikh community continues to face the interlinked challenges of foreign interference, disinformation, and transnational repression, this campaign marks a pivotal step in reclaiming democratic space and asserting the community’s rightful place in Canada’s political landscape.



Bhai Moninder Singh, National Spokesperson for the Sikh Federation (Canada)



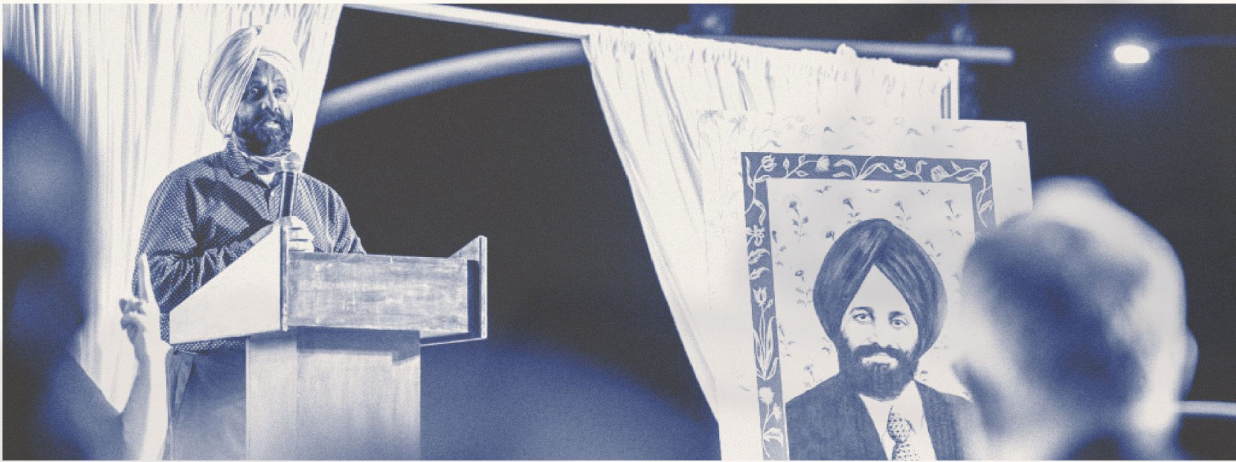
Anti-Sikh Hate

What steps will you take to ensure Sikh community organizations receive adequate funding and resources in order to support capacity building and develop resilience against rising anti-Sikh hate?

<i>Criteria (Score out of 10)</i>	LPC Based on the responses of the LPC candidates who responded	CPC Based on the response submitted by CPC Director of Communications	NDP Based on the response submitted by the NDP and the responses of the NDP candidates who responded
<i>Agreement in principle</i>	10	10	10
<i>Explicit support for funding and resources</i>	10	10	10
Total	20	20	20

Call-to-Action

Sikhs across Canada have called on the Government of Canada to commit to **dedicated funding streams** that support Sikh community organizations in order to support **capacity building and develop resilience** against rising anti-Sikh hate.



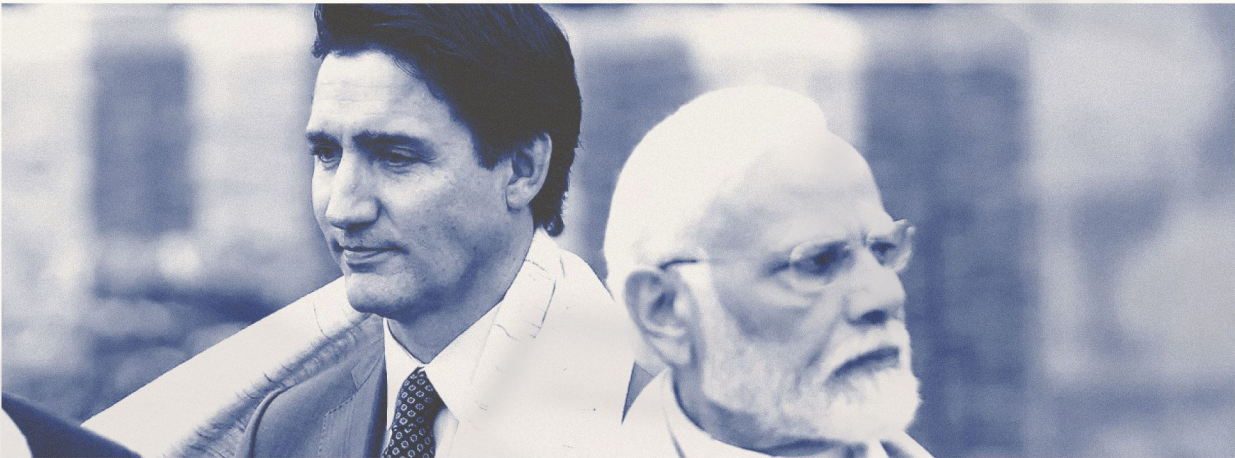


Civil Liberties and Religious Freedoms			
Given the alarming spike in hate crimes against visible minorities like the Sikh community, do you agree that the Government of Canada must take steps to ensure that racialized communities are not subject to intolerance and systemic discrimination?			
Criteria (Score out of 10)	LPC Based on the responses of the LPC candidates who responded	CPC Based on the response submitted by the CPC Director of Communications	NDP Based on the response submitted by the NDP and the responses of the NDP candidates who responded
Agreement in principle	10	10	10
Support for concrete measures to combat intolerance and systemic discrimination	10	0	10
Total	20	10	20
Call-to-Action Sikhs and other communities across Canada have called on the Government of Canada to take meaningful steps to combat intolerance and systemic discrimination throughout Canada.			





Foreign Interference and Transnational Repression <i>Do you agree that the Government of Canada should take more steps to inform Canadians about all forms of foreign interference activity in Canada?</i>			
<i>Criteria (Score out of 10)</i>	LPC <small>Based on the responses of the LPC candidates who responded</small>	CPC <small>Based on the response submitted by CPC Director of Communications</small>	NDP <small>Based on the response submitted by the NDP and the responses of the NDP candidates who responded</small>
<i>Agreement in principle</i>	10	10	10
<i>Support for additional steps to increase transparency</i>	5	7	10
Total	15	17	20
Call-to-Action Sikhs across Canada have been calling on the Government of Canada to commit to establishing an independent public inquiry to review the circumstances leading to Bhai Hardeep Singh Nijjar’s assassination and any other coercive or violent activity linked to the agents of the Government of India .			





Ensuring Justice and Accountability <i>Do you agree that all individuals who have been involved in criminal activities in Canada on behalf of a foreign government should face consequences for their actions?</i>			
<i>Criteria (Score out of 10)</i>	LPC <small>Based on the responses of the LPC candidates who responded</small>	CPC <small>Based on the response submitted by CPC Director of Communications</small>	NDP <small>Based on the response submitted by the NDP and the responses of the NDP candidates who responded</small>
<i>Agreement in principle</i>	10	10	10
<i>Support for proactively pursuing individuals and official responsible</i>	5	7	10
Total	15	17	20
Call-to-Action Sikhs across Canada have called on the Government of Canada to bring all conspirators and perpetrators of criminal activity , associated with the Government of India to justice . This includes their prosecution and sentencing in Canada, as well as the imposition of targeted sanctions against India’s intelligence agency, the Research & Analysis Wing, and all government officials believed to have been involved in violent crimes.			





Meaningful Charter Protections <i>Do you agree that Canada's legal processes and security agencies should not be pressured or misused to target political dissidents in Canada?</i>			
<i>Criteria (Score out of 10)</i>	LPC Based on the responses of the LPC candidates who responded	CPC Based on the response submitted by CPC Director of Communications	NDP Based on the response submitted by the NDP and the responses of the NDP candidates who responded
<i>Agreement in principle</i>	10	10	10
<i>Support for ensuring processes and agencies are not subject to foreign pressure</i>	5	7	10
Total	15	17	20
Call-to-Action Sikhs across Canada have been calling on the Government of Canada to immediately suspend all security and intelligence agreements with India that can be misused to target political dissidents in Canada, including intelligence sharing, extradition, or any other forms of cooperation in the areas of security and intelligence.			



Final Score

<i>Criteria (Score out of 100)</i>	LPC Based on the responses of the LPC candidates who responded	CPC Based on the response submitted by CPC Director of Communications	NDP Based on the response submitted by the NDP and the responses of the NDP candidates who responded
	85	81	100



Call to Action

While it is encouraging that all three major political parties have acknowledged the urgency of addressing anti-Sikh hate, protecting civil liberties, and combating foreign interference and transnational repression, words alone are not enough. The real work will begin on April 29—transforming this consensus into concrete legislative action that implements these values into meaningful policy shifts.

The Sikh community has spoken with unity and clarity. Our calls-to-action for the newly elected Parliament reflect the commitments made in response to the SFC questionnaire:

- 1 Commit to dedicated funding streams that support Sikh community organizations in order to support capacity building and develop resilience against rising anti-Sikh hate.
- 2 Take meaningful steps to combat intolerance and systemic discrimination throughout Canada.
- 3 Commit to establishing an independent public inquiry to review the circumstances leading to Bhai Hardeep Singh Nijjar's assassination and any other coercive or violent activity linked to the agents of the Government of India.
- 4 Bring all conspirators and perpetrators of criminal activity, associated with the Government of India to justice. This includes their prosecution and sentencing in Canada, as well as the imposition of targeted sanctions against India's intelligence agency, the Research & Analysis Wing, and all government officials believed to have been involved in violent crimes.
- 5 Immediately suspend all security and intelligence agreements with India that can be misused to target political dissidents in Canada, including intelligence sharing, extradition, or any other forms of cooperation in the areas of security and intelligence.

But none of this will happen without organized, sustained mobilization from the grassroots. We are calling on every Gurdwara, youth organizer, community leader, parent, and student to get involved. This initiative requires localized leadership that can push for change at every level—federal, provincial, and municipal.

Join Sikh Federation (Canada) as a local partner to support this vital advocacy work in your area. Whether you can organize, amplify, research, or mobilize, your involvement is essential to advancing this fight for justice and sovereignty.



APPENDIX - Questionnaire answers¹

<p>Anti-Sikh Hate</p> <p><i>What steps will you take to ensure Sikh community organizations receive adequate funding and resources in order to support capacity building and develop resilience against rising anti-Sikh hate?</i></p>		
<p>LPC</p> <p>Based on the responses of the LPC candidates who responded</p>	<p>CPC</p> <p>Based on the response submitted by CPC Director of Communications</p>	<p>NDP</p> <p>Based on the response submitted by the NDP and the responses of the NDP candidates who responded</p>
<p>The candidates clearly acknowledged the harmful impacts of Anti-Sikh Hate and advocated for ensuring adequate funding and resources for Sikh organizations to combat hate.</p>	<p>The CPC said it will ensure funding is prioritized for community safety and resilience — especially for faith-based and cultural institutions. The party said it will always protect the rights of religious minorities to fully participate in Canadian life — including adequate funding to support them when they’re under threat.</p>	<p>The NDP and its various candidates clearly acknowledged the harmful impacts of Anti-Sikh Hate and advocated for ensuring dedicated streams of funding and resources for Sikhs organizations to combat hate.</p>
<p>Sikh Federation</p>	<p>Sikhs across Canada have called on the Government of Canada to commit to dedicated funding streams that support Sikh community organizations in order to support capacity building and develop resilience against rising anti-Sikh hate.</p>	



Civil Liberties and Religious Freedoms <i>Given the alarming spike in hate crimes against visible minorities like the Sikh community, do you agree that the Government of Canada must take steps to ensure that racialized communities are not subject to intolerance and systemic</i>		
LPC Based on the responses of the LPC candidates who responded	CPC Based on the response submitted by CPC Director of Communications	NDP Based on the response submitted by the NDP and the responses of the NDP candidates who responded
The candidates unequivocally acknowledged the importance for the Government to take systemic discrimination seriously, condemn Bill 21 in Quebec, and strive to counter systemic discrimination and intolerance.	The CPC’s response acknowledges the vulnerability of the Sikh community facing hate crimes, but focussed its response on addressing hate crimes rather than acknowledging systemic discrimination and intolerance.	The NDP and its various candidates unequivocally acknowledged the importance of taking systemic discrimination seriously, challenging Bill 21, and advocating for additional measures to counter systemic discrimination and intolerance.
Sikh Federation	Sikhs and other communities across Canada have called on the Government of Canada to take meaningful steps to combat intolerance and systemic discrimination throughout Canada.	



Foreign Interference and Transnational Repression <i>Do you agree that the Government of Canada should take more steps to inform Canadians about all forms of foreign interference activity in Canada?</i>		
LPC Based on the responses of the LPC candidates who responded	CPC Based on the response submitted by CPC Director of Communications	NDP Based on the response submitted by the NDP and the responses of the NDP candidates who responded
<p>All candidates clearly acknowledged the importance of transparency on foreign interference issues, but they differed in how to achieve this.</p> <p>Many commented on the importance of transparency but failed to commit to increasing transparency, or providing any other specifics. Others supported concrete steps, including considering an independent public inquiry into India's criminal activities in Canada.</p>	<p>“Absolutely. Canadians have the right to know when foreign governments are trying to manipulate our democracy, threaten our communities, or undermine our values.</p> <p>Canadians — especially communities like the Sikh diaspora who are often targets — deserve to know the truth. And under a Conservative government, they will.”</p>	<p>The NDP and its candidates clearly acknowledged the importance of transparency on foreign interference issues and made concrete policy suggestions on how best to achieve this.</p> <p>Numerous candidates supported Sikh calls for a public inquiry into Bhai Hardeep Singh’s assassination and India’s violent activity.</p>
Sikh Federation	Sikhs across Canada have been calling on the Government of Canada to commit to establishing an independent public inquiry to review the circumstances leading to Bhai Hardeep Singh Nijjar’s assassination and any other coercive or violent activity linked to the agents of the Government of India .	



Ensuring Justice and Accountability <i>Do you agree that all individuals who have been involved in criminal activities in Canada on behalf of a foreign government should face consequences for their actions?</i>		
LPC Based on the responses of the LPC candidates who responded	CPC Based on the response submitted by CPC Director of Communications	NDP Based on the response submitted by the NDP and the responses of the NDP candidates who responded
<p>All candidates clearly acknowledged the importance of justice and holding individuals to account for their involvement in criminal activities, but they differed in their approach on how to achieve this.</p> <p>Many simply reiterated the need for justice and accountability, restricting their comments to relying on the actions and judgment of police agencies, without additional suggestions. Others provided concrete perspectives to speak to this issue, including pursuing government officials responsible for violence.</p>	<p>“Yes — with no exceptions. Anyone who acts on behalf of a foreign government to threaten, intimidate, or harm Canadians must face the full force of Canadian law. Whether they’re involved in violence, surveillance, or political interference — they do not belong in our country.”</p> <p>“Justice demands more than [arrests]. It demands real deterrence, full accountability, and action to ensure this never happens again. A Conservative government will give law enforcement and intelligence agencies the backing they need to pursue these actors relentlessly.”</p>	<p>The NDP and its candidates clearly acknowledged the importance of justice and accountability. Candidates unequivocally supported pursuing any individuals or diplomats responsible, as well as a call for targeted sanctions against government officials, such as R&AW officials.</p>
Sikh Federation	<p>Sikhs across Canada have called on the Government of Canada to bring all conspirators and perpetrators of criminal activity, associated with the Government of India to justice. This includes their prosecution and sentencing in Canada, as well as the imposition of targeted sanctions against India’s intelligence agency, the Research & Analysis Wing, and all government officials believed to have been involved in violent crimes.</p>	



Meaningful <i>Charter</i> Protections <i>Do you agree that Canada’s legal processes and security agencies should not be pressured or misused to target political dissidents in Canada?</i>		
LPC Based on the responses of the LPC candidates who responded	CPC Based on the response submitted by CPC Director of Communications	NDP Based on the response submitted by the NDP and the responses of the NDP candidates who responded
All candidates clearly acknowledged the importance of meaningful <i>Charter</i> protections when considering Canada’s security cooperation with other countries. While some simply reiterated their faith in the <i>Charter</i> ; others called for a review or suspension of Canada’s agreements with India.	“Without question. In a free country like Canada, no one should be silenced or surveilled for political beliefs. Our legal and security systems must be free from political interference — especially when it comes to protecting vulnerable communities and political dissidents.” “It means refusing to allow foreign governments to hijack our institutions to punish people who speak out. And it means rejecting any attempt — domestic or foreign — to weaponize Canadian law enforcement against those who dare to dissent.”	NDP candidates unequivocally acknowledged the importance to protect dissidents from being targeted, with many calling for the outright suspension of Canada’s security agreements with India.
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¹ Please note that the quoted text is an edited and abbreviated summary of the responses received to the Sikh Federation (Canada)’s questionnaire.