

Dear friends,

A few pointers that should be considered when casting your votes:

Liberal Party of Canada:

- Michael Ignatieff of the Liberal apologized for labelling the Israeli aggression against Lebanon as war crimes.
- Bob Rae is an ardent supporter of Israel and served as an officer on the Jewish National Fund (an agency with a sole purpose of Palestinian land expropriation).
- Irwin Cotler does not spare a chance to demonize the Palestinian people and the resistance. He is a frequent visitor of Apartheid Israel and might as well become a member of the Knesset rather than the Canadian Parliament.
- Hedy Fry was the head of the Canadian delegation to the Durban conference which shamelessly walked out when resolutions concerning Israel's terrible track record of war crimes and human rights violations were adopted.
- Ken Dryden announced in a statement that Canada should cut all aid to the Palestinians in Gaza strip. (a statement which he later said that it was taken out of context and that it was directed to the democratically elected Palestinian government)
- Paul Martin said in a speech in front of the United Jewish Communities 2005 General Assembly that "Israel's values are Canada's values -- shared values -- democracy, the rule of law, and the protection of human rights."
- Stephane Dion refused to take action against Ken Dryden as he incites hate against the Palestinian people.
- Jean Chretien's government signed the Canada Israel Free Trade Agreement which, *inter alia*, allows Canada to import products from areas where Israel customs laws apply (that includes the occupied Golan Heights, West Bank and East Jerusalem)
- The Liberal Party of Canada issued an advertisement that can be found on this link: http://cpavancouver.org/Liberal_party

Conservative Party of Canada:

- Stephen Harper's government was the first to announce the imposition of sanctions on the newly democratically elected Palestinian government, and was the first country to announce boycotting the anti-racism conference to be held in 2009.

- Stockwell Day, the Conservative Minister of Public Safety, signed an agreement with Apartheid Israel to cooperate on public safety.
- Stephen Harper described the aggressive attack on Lebanon in 2006 as a *measured response* at a time when thousands of Lebanese were internally displaced, killed and wounded.
- Joe Clark speaking about Brian Mulroney said in a speech: “His record of friendship and leadership is unsurpassed.”

New Democratic Party:

- The NDP posted the following on their website:

Canada’s Role in the World

Jack Layton and the New Democrats will:

Provide robust support to the United Nations and its work in conflict resolution, peacekeeping, and global co-operation.

Participate in international efforts to bring peace, justice and stability to the Darfur region of Sudan and to the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Re-establish Canada as a leader for global peace and disarmament by renewing efforts to stop the proliferation of nuclear weapons, ban cluster bombs, and control trade in small arms and light weapons.

Work with partners for peace and justice in Israel and Palestine, within a framework of respect for UN resolutions and international law. This means recognition of the right of both Israelis and Palestinians to live in peaceful co-existence in viable, independent states with negotiated, agreed-upon borders; no settlements remaining in the Palestinian state; an end to Israeli occupation of Palestinian land; an end to loss of life of innocent civilians; and an international peacekeeping presence.

The track record of the two parties who have even been in power is clear. It is your vote, so use it wisely.