
MNCHP NETWORK 'SPECIAL' BULLETIN SEPTEMBER 26 / 08:
FOCUS ON THE 2008 FEDERAL ELECTION

The purpose of this week's bulletin is to provide an overview of some of the issues of the 2008 Canada Election that are relevant to preconception, prenatal, and child health. Based on a preliminary scan, we provide links to organizations that provide election information, strategies for bringing attention to important issues, and tools for advocating and engaging political candidates. We also include recent news articles about relevant issues and links to each of the major political parties. We invite you to actively discuss and exchange other relevant information about the 2008 Canada Election such as work your organization is doing or other links of interest.

Please note that the Green Party of Canada, the Bloc Québécois, and the Liberal Party of Canada have released their full party platforms, but the Conservative Party of Canada and the New Democratic Party (NDP) have not. Another MNCHP posting will be made once all of the major party platforms are released. Please note that Health Nexus is non-partisan organization and this Best Start Resource Centre bulletin is meant to share information about the issues, not endorse a particular political party.

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----- I. ISSUES ORGANIZATIONS ARE PROMOTING -----

This section outlines issues that organizations are promoting and news coverage. For a list of promises in the 2008 federal election campaign up to September 13, 2008, see http://www.ctv.ca/servlet/ArticleNews/story/CTVNews/20080911/election2008_promises_080913/20080913?s_name=election2008

-- 1. ABORIGINAL --

FIRST NATIONS CHILD AND FAMILY CARING SOCIETY OF CANADA (also available in French)

The First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada's factsheet "Election 2008: Time for a Government who will end discrimination against First Nations Children" invites Canadians to ask their political candidates about issues relating to the equitable treatment of First Nations children and young people. The fact sheet discusses the following issues: (1) child welfare funding on reserves; (2) 'Jordan's principle', which aims to end jurisdictional disputes; and (3) equitable education funding for children on reserves.

English: <http://www.fncaringsociety.com/home.html>

French: http://www.fncaringsociety.com/home_f.html

Fact sheet: <http://www.fncaringsociety.com/docs/FirstNationsChildrenandElection2008.pdf>

CONGRESS OF ABORIGINAL PEOPLES

This website provides a questionnaire on Aboriginal Affairs Platforms about supporting the needs of off-reserve Aboriginal Canadians. Key questions are about (1) the implementation of Bill C-21, (2) federal recognition of Métis people, (3) ending discrimination against non-status Indians, (4) reforming Canada's Indian Act, (5) Improving First Nation governance, (6) fulfilling the promise of the residential schools apology, (7) ending discrimination against aboriginal veterans, (8) ending discrimination against on-reserve women, (9) resolving federal/provincial jurisdictional disputes for Aboriginal people, and (10) equitable funding.

<http://www.abo-peoples.org/media/decision.html>

INUIT TAPIRIIT KANATAMI

A total of 12 questions that are important to Inuit were sent to five political party leaders and the responses are being posted as they are received.

<http://www.itk.ca/Election-2008-Inuit-Leader-Sends-12-Questions-to-Party-Leaders>

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INDIAN FRIENDSHIP CENTRES (NAFC)

The NAFC developed a list of questions for the political parties about Aboriginal issues.

<http://www.nafc-aboriginal.com/PDF/Federal%20Election%202008%20Questions.pdf>

NEWS

ABORIGINAL ISSUES MISSING FROM ELECTION CAMPAIGN: FIRST NATIONS LEADER

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canadavotes/story/2008/09/20/bc-first-nations-vote.html>

-- 2. AUTISM --

AUTISM SOCIETY CANADA ACTION KIT (also available in French)

This action kit provides information about key issues to advocate for: (1) initiating a national surveillance and reporting for autism, and setting national standards for treatment and service delivery; (2) Increasing funding to provide individualized treatment, services, resources, and professional training required to support individual Canadians living with an Autism Spectrum Disorder; and (3) increasing targeted autism research in Canada. Information about how to advocate and an information fact sheet about ASD are provided.

http://www.autismsocietycanada.ca/index_e.html

NEWS

AUTISM GROUP TAKES FUNDING BATTLE TO THE HUSTINGS

http://chealth.canoe.ca/channel_health_news_details.asp?news_id=26431&rss=67&rid=999999&news_channel_id=11&channel_id=11&rot=3

AUTISM PARENTS SEEK CLOUT IN FEDERAL ELECTION

<http://thetyee.ca/News/2008/09/01/Autism/>

-- 3. CHILDCARE AND FAMILY POLICIES--

CODE BLUE FOR CHILD CARE CAMPAIGN

(also available in French)

This website was created by Code Blue, a Canada-wide campaign to build a real pan-Canadian child care system. The campaign brings together national, provincial, and territorial child care organizations, labour, women's, and social justice groups along with Canadians from all walks of life. The website also provides campaign resources and a child care report card which monitors party positions on Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) throughout the election campaign. The first report card (2008, September 22) shows that "of all the parties, the Conservatives are the most out of touch with today's families".

English: <http://www.buildchildcare.ca/>

French: <http://www.garderiespubliques.ca/>

Child care report card: <http://www.buildchildcare.ca/www/election08-publications/child-care-report-ca>

French: <http://www.garderiespubliques.ca/www/election08-publications/child-care-report-ca>

CHILDCARE RESOURCE AND RESEARCH UNIT

The Childcare Resource and Research Unit website provides regular updates about early childhood education and care in the 2008 federal election including useful facts and documents on ECEC, party website and their platforms on ECEC, and news articles.

http://action.web.ca/home/crru/rsrsrcs_crru_full.shtml?x=121428

NEWS

LEADERS FEUD OVER FAMILY

<http://www.parentcentral.ca/parent/article/501305>

CHILD AND FAMILY ISSUES DOMINATE ELECTION TRAIN

http://news.sympatico.msn.ctv.ca/Child+and+family+issues+dominate+election+trail/Canada/ContentPosting?isfa=1&newsitemid=CTVNews%2F20080916%2Felection2008_harper_main_080917&feedname=CTV-NATIONAL_V3&show=False&number=0&showbyline=True&subtitle=&detect=&abc=abc&date=True

PARTIES MUST PUT CANADA IN THE RUNNING ON CHILD CARE

<http://www.buildchildcare.ca/www/election08-publications/pressrelease-reportcard>

INTERNATIONAL "RACE" TO HIGHLIGHT CHILD CARE URGENCY: CANADA COMES IN LAST

<http://www.buildchildcare.ca/www/election08-publications/media-advisory-inter>

EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE KEY TO CANADA'S ECONOMIC FUTURE

<http://www.childcareontario.org/news/wp-content/uploads/2008/09/election-flyer.pdf>

FAMILY FIRST: CANADA AM: JODY DALLAIRE, CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

<http://watch.ctv.ca/news/election-2008/family-first/#clip93632>

2008 ELECTION CALL: CHILD CARE KEY TO CANADA'S ECONOMIC FUTURE

http://action.web.ca/home/ocbcc/alerts.shtml?x=121375&AA_EX_Session=2ad763289467c67b7461f221311c20df

WHAT POLITICIANS (FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL) ARE SAYING

http://www.buildchildcare.ca/www/News/What_politicians_fed

HARPER EXTENDS SELF-EMPLOYED MATERNITY LEAVE

<http://www.thestar.com/FederalElection/article/499419>

TORIES WOULD EXTEND MATERNITY LEAVE TO SELF-EMPLOYED

<http://election.globaltv.com/topstorydetail.aspx?sectionid=223&postid=46186>

AFTER PARENTAL LEAVE – CANADA STILL NEEDS CHILD CARE

<http://www.buildchildcare.ca/www/election08-publications/press-release---afte>

DAYCARE PROMISES TOP OPPOSITION PARTIES' AGENDA

<http://www.canada.com/edmontonjournal/news/story.html?id=ece5c13f-4fa1-478c-b767-2ceea4041586>

LIBERALS, NDP VOW BILLIONS FOR DAYCARE

<http://www.parentcentral.ca/parent/article/500676>

LIBERALS ANNOUNCE BUILDING OF NATIONAL EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE

<http://news.therecord.com/sections/Election2008/article/416271>

NDP CHILD CARE PLATFORM PUTS CHILDREN AND FAMILIES BEFORE POLITICS

<http://www.ccaac.ca/pdf/media/NDPCCPlatform.pdf>

LIBERAL CHILD CARE ANNOUNCEMENT: HITS AND MISSES

<http://www.ccaac.ca/pdf/media/LiberalCCannounce.pdf>

CONSERVATIVE TAXABLE ALLOWANCE WON'T DELIVER QUALITY CHILD CARE

<http://www.ccaac.ca/pdf/media/ConTax.pdf>

-- 4. CHILD AND FAMILY POVERTY --

CAMPAIGN 2000

(also available in French)

This website provides an overview of Campaign 2000's national poverty reduction strategy and initiatives. It also includes links to the 2007 report card of child and family poverty in Canada "It Takes a Nation to Raise a Generation: Time for a National Poverty Reduction Strategy".

English: <http://www.campaign2000.ca/>

French: <http://www.campaign2000.ca/fr/>

MAKE POVERTY HISTORY

(also available in French)

This website is urging people to "Vote to Make Poverty History". Make Poverty History supporters are organizing all candidates meetings in many ridings, distributing posters and brochures, and making sure candidates share their plans to combat poverty. The "Vote to Make Poverty History" action kit includes ideas on how to make poverty an issue in this election. This website also includes a "Make Poverty History" blog and posters.

English: <http://www.makepovertyhistory.ca/en/home>

French: <http://www.makepovertyhistory.ca/fr>

NEWS

WHERE THE MAJOR NATIONAL PARTIES STAND ON TACKLING POVERTY

<http://www.thestar.com/FederalElection/Issues/issuesprofile/422103>

WHERE OH WHERE HAS THE POVERTY STRATEGY GONE?

<http://poverty.thespec.com/2008/09/>

POVERTY ON ELECTION RADAR

<http://telegraphjournal.canadaeast.com/city/article/413943>

ODD WAY FOR AN ELECTION TO BEGIN

<http://www.thestar.com/FederalElection/article/497792>

-- 5. CHILD HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE --

CANADIAN PAEDIATRIC SOCIETY (CPS) FEDERAL ELECTION ADVOCACY KIT

(also available in French)

The CPS is highlighting that child and youth advocates need to be vocal and involved to ensure they are part of the public debate for the 2008 Federal Election. This website provides a summary of the issues, briefs from other child and youth health organizations, information about "what you can do", and 2008 Federal Election contact information.

English: <http://www.cps.ca/English/Advocacy/ElectionAdvocacyKit.htm>

French: <http://www.cps.ca/francais/defensedinterets/Elections.htm>

JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH FOUNDATION (JDRF): PROJECT HEAD START ELECTION CAMPAIGN TOOLKIT

(also available in French)

The JDRF's grassroots election strategy aims to: (1) introduce electoral candidates to you, JDRF and our organization's mission, (2) maximize volunteer participation in local election campaigns, and begin the process of relationship building; and (3) motivate people at a grassroots level and establish a truly national grassroots network. JDRF wants "politicians to clearly understand the human and economic costs of diabetes; the key differences between type 1 and type 2 diabetes; that our support for them depends on their support for us; and that their support for increased research dollars is key to accelerating the pace of research". Talking points for discussions with candidates are provided as well as

questions to ask candidates. The toolkit also includes letter writing campaign templates and a sample letter to the editor for local newspapers.

English: http://www.jdrf.ca/index.cfm?fuseaction=home.viewpage&page_id=230E75FA-D433-0765-83B6333858F79D6B

French: http://www.jdrf.ca/index.cfm?fuseaction=home.viewpage&page_id=230E75FA-D433-0765-83B6333858F79D6B&toggelF=1

CANADIAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION (CPHA) (also available in French)

The CPHA website provides an election primer that is designed to provide easy access to the parties' platforms, to highlight CPHA's priority issues, and to provide tools to help voters engage candidates in their ridings.

English: <http://www.cpha.ca/en/programs/statements/election2008.aspx>

French: <http://www.cpha.ca/fr/programs/statements/election2008.aspx>

CANADIAN FEDERATION OF NURSES UNIONS (also available in French)

The Canadian Federation of Nurses Unions (CFNU) is a national voice for nurses. CFNU is encouraging all nurses to let their voices be heard this election. The CFNU website offers election resources such as: how to make nurses' issues election issues, information for organizing an all candidates meeting, and flyers with facts that will help nurses vote for the party that promises to invest in more nurses. Facts about the current system and nurses' solutions are provided. The website also includes a summary of the parties on nurses' issues. CFNU has written to all the party leaders asking them to answer some key questions and the responses are provided.

<http://www.nursesunions.ca/content.php?doc=224>

The parties on nurses' issues: <http://www.nursesunions.ca/content.php?doc=231>

REGISTERED NURSES' ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO (RNAO) FEDERAL ELECTION PLATFORM

RNAO released a federal election platform "Putting Health First" that outlines RNAO positions on: poverty, the environment, food safety, health care, and nurses' issues. In a press release (2008, September 18) RNAO President Wendy Fucile explains that: "Registered nurses know that issues such as poverty, affordable housing and the environment are crucial in determining one's health...It's a national disgrace that one in 12 children live in poverty in this country. Our recommendations look at what needs to be done now to reverse this inequality".

<http://www.rnao.org/>

WELLESLEY INSTITUTE

The Wellesley Institute is a Toronto-based non-profit and non-partisan research and policy institute that focuses on developing research and community-based policy solutions to the problems of urban health and health disparities. The Wellesley Institute website provides backgrounders, data, and key resources on a number of issues regarding housing and homelessness, health reform, community health, and other social determinants of health. It includes a federal election issues page and a blog.

<http://wellesleyinstitute.com/housing-homelessness-and-2008-federal-election>

CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION REPORT – ELECTION 2008: WHERE THE PARTIES STAND – OR NOT

This resource provides an overview on where the parties stand on health care issues.

<http://www.cmaj.ca/cgi/rapidpdf/cmaj.081460v2.pdf>

CANADIAN COALITION FOR THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN (CCRC)

The CCRC website provides an election factsheet and questions for candidates about children's rights.
<http://www.rightsofchildren.ca/>

THE LUNG ASSOCIATION

The Lung Association (2008, September 18) launched an election effort to raise awareness of lung disease, highlighting that lung disease is a leading cause of emergency room visits for children. The Lung Association is looking for all political parties to commit to: (1) funding for the National Lung Health Framework, Canada's first-ever national action plan on lung health; (2) strong legislation to clean up the air Canadians breathe; and (3) increased funding for research into the causes and exacerbations of lung disease.

http://www.lung.ca/media-medias/news-nouvelles_e.php?id=120

PHYSICAL & HEALTH EDUCATION CANADA

(also available in French)

This website provides a summary of the issues with physical education in Canada, PHE Canada's position, what you can do, an online discussion, and follow-up to the issues. Election tools are also provided such as sample questions to ask candidates about physical education, a fact sheet, letter template, and log sheet.

English: http://www.phecanada.ca/eng/story_detail.cfm?id=478

French: <http://www.phecanada.ca/fra/>

NEWS

HEALTH CARE GRABBING ELECTION SPOTLIGHT – TO CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION'S DELIGHT

http://www.cma.ca/index.cfm?ci_id=10042956&la_id=1

KEY ELECTION ISSUES: ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

<http://network.nationalpost.com/np/blogs/posted/archive/2008/09/07/key-election-issues-health-care-and-public-vs-private.aspx>

LACK OF DEBATE FRUSTRATES LOCAL DOCTOR

<http://lfpres.ca/newsstand/canadavotes/news/2008/09/23/6847566-sun.html>

DION'S ONE-DAY PROMISE TO HEALTH CARE TOPS \$1.3B

<http://www.winnipeg.sun.com/canadavotes/news/2008/09/16/6785211.html>

NDP JUMP INTO HEALTH CARE POOL WITH \$1B PROMISE

<http://www.ottawasun.com/canadavotes/news/2008/09/16/6777076-sun.html>

-- 6. DISABILITIES --

ONTARIO MARCH OF DIMES

This website provides information about the major party platforms regarding people with disabilities. A message from the President and CEO about current issues, an ability plan for Canada, and tackling the Canadians with Disabilities ACT are also provided.

http://www.marchofdimes.ca/dimes/people_with_disabilities_caregivers/advocacy/current_issues/Party+Platformforms.htm

INDEPENDENT LIVING CANADA

(also available in French)

This website provides an overview of where the political parties are now in addressing poverty and disability.

English: <http://www.ilcanada.ca/article/elections-2008-443.asp>

French: <http://www.ilcanada.ca/article/élections--2008-442.asp>

COUNCIL OF CANADIAN WITH DISABILITIES (CCD)

CCD will be monitoring party positions on issues of Canadians with disabilities and will be distributing an analysis of party platforms as they relate to Canadians with disabilities in the final week of the campaign.

<http://www.ccdonline.ca/election2008/>

-- 7. ENVIRONMENT --

CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK (CEN)

(also available in French)

The CEN website provides a list of organizations that are currently offering useful resources, information, and insightful commentary about environmental issues.

English: <http://www.cen-rce.org/election08.html>

French: <http://www.cen-rce.org/elections08fr.html>

NEWS

KEY ELECTION ISSUES: ENVIRONMENT AND THE 'GREEN SHIFT'

<http://network.nationalpost.com/np/blogs/posted/archive/2008/09/07/key-election-issues-environment-and-the-green-shift.aspx>

SIX QUESTIONS ON THE ENVIRONMENT

<http://www.thestar.com/comment/article/501898>

ENVIRONMENT

http://www.ctv.ca/servlet/ArticleNews/story//20080906/environment_issue_080906/20080906?&s_name=election2008

-- 8. FRANCOPHONES --

FÉDÉRATION DES COMMUNAUTÉS FRANCOPHONES ET ACADIENNE DU CANADA (FCFA)

(in French)

This website provides excerpts from interviews the FCFA's and FCFA members' point of view on the election campaign. It also includes a questionnaire that was sent to the five major parties about their vision and intentions about francophone issues and official languages. The candidates' responses are provided as well as an electoral toolkit.

http://www.fcfa.ca/index.cfm?Repertoire_No=-786718320&Voir=menu_liste3&M=2302

NEWS

EN FRANÇAIS: A WEEKLY LOOK AT WHAT QUEBEC'S FRANCOPHONE PRESS IS SAYING ABOUT THE FEDERAL ELECTION

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/RTGAM.20080920.WFrancais20/BNStory/politics/>

-- 9. NEWCOMERS AND IMMIGRANTS --

IMMIGRANTCHILDREN.CA

This website provides alerts and news on announcements by the political parties, NGOs, and media that address issues of immigrant children and families.

<http://immigrantchildren.ca/election-fall-08/>

ONTARIO COUNCIL OF AGENCIES SERVING IMMIGRANTS (OCASI)

OCASI is polling leaders of Canada's four major political parties on issues that are important to immigrant, refugee, and racialized communities in Ontario. This website provides links to the questions sent to each of the parties and responses as they are received.

<http://www.ocasi.org/index.php?qid=982>

ELECTION RESOURCES IN 18 LANGUAGES

“In the last federal election 1 in 3 eligible Ontario voters did not cast a ballot, and the number gets worse with traditionally marginalized populations such as immigrants and refugees” (Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants, 2008, September 24). The Community Social Planning Council of Toronto (CSPC-T) produced a simplified voter guide called “Toronto Votes” that explains voter eligibility, the voting process, and the importance of voting. It also includes non-partisan factsheets in 18 languages on issues that are critical to Toronto residents including health care, poverty, childcare, and housing.

<http://www.socialplanningtoronto.org/voting/>

NEWS

RESCUING IMMIGRANT BABIES

<http://www.thestar.com/article/492473>

IMMIGRATION MUST BE AN ELECTION ISSUE

http://policystudies.ca/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=191&Itemid=27

DION PROMISES IMMIGRATION POLICY CHANGES

<http://edmontonsun.com/canadavotes/news/2008/09/13/6758541.html>

-- 10. WOMEN --

NATIONAL CALL TO ACTION: ELECTION 2008 – DON'T PLAY WITH WOMEN'S RIGHTS

(also available in French)

The Ad Hoc Coalition for Women's Equality and Human Rights organized a “National Call to Action” on September 28, 2008 for those concerned about women's equality and reproductive rights. “Days of Action”, designed to educate, mobilize, and demonstrate, are currently being planned in Montreal, Ottawa, Regina, Toronto, and Vancouver.

English: <http://www.womensequality.ca/action.html#Sept28>

French: <http://www.egalitedesfemmes.ca/#.html>

CANADIAN AIDS SOCIETY

(also available in French)

This website, hosted by the Canadian AIDS Society, provides a position statement about HIV Testing of pregnant women and questions to ask local candidates about women's issues such as: women and poverty, violence against women, supporting women's organizations, and child care.

<http://www.cdn aids.ca/web/election2008.nsf/pages/women>

CANADIAN FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (CFUW)

This website provides resources for hosting an all-candidates debate or meeting including: 2008 federal election questions, a poster, meeting rules, and an evaluation form.

http://www.cfuw.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1552&Itemid=154

NEWS

A HARPER MAJORITY GOVERNMENT WOULD PASS ANTI-ABORTION RESTRICTIONS

<http://www.arcc-cdac.ca/action/list-antichoice-mps.html>

LAYTON PLEDGES TO BOOST FOR WOMEN'S GROUPS

<http://www.thestar.com/FederalElection/article/499146>

ELECTING MORE WOMEN

<http://www.thestar.com/article/505529>

----- II. ELECTION RESOURCES -----

11. ELECTIONS CANADA

(also available in French)

The Elections Canada website provides information for voters such as registering to vote and identification that is required at the polls. It also includes information for young voters, aboriginal voters, media, and information about the political parties and candidates.

English: <http://www.elections.ca/home.asp>

French: <http://www.elections.ca/accueil.asp?textonly=false>

12. 2008 FEDERAL ELECTION CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE: LONDON, ON

The City of London asked all Federal Candidates in London to complete and return a questionnaire addressing number of issues of municipal interest and concern. The candidate responses are being made available as they are received.

http://www.london.ca/d.aspx?s=/Mayors_Office/election_fed08.htm#Candidate_responses

13. COMMUNITY SOCIAL PLANNING COUNCIL OF TORONTO: FEDERAL ELECTION 2008

The Community Social Planning Council of Toronto's website provides information on the voting process, factsheets on the issues, and information on community election events.

<http://www.socialplanningtoronto.org/voting/>

----- III. LINKS TO POLITICAL PARTIES -----

14. BLOC QUÉBÉCOIS

http://www.presentpourlequebec.org/dossiers/Enjeux/pdf/EnoncePolitique_anglais.pdf

French: <http://www.presentpourlequebec.org/dossiers/Enjeux/>

15. CONSERVATIVE PARTY OF CANADA

<http://www.conservative.ca/EN/4739/>

French: http://www.conservative.ca/?section_id=4739&language_id=2

16. GREEN PARTY OF CANADA

<http://www.greenparty.ca/en/policy>

French: <http://www.greenparty.ca/fr/policy>

17. LIBERAL PARTY OF CANADA

http://www.liberal.ca/platform_e.aspx

French: http://www.liberal.ca/platform_f.aspx

18. NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY (NDP)

<http://www.ndp.ca/workingfamiliesfirst>

French: <http://www.ndp.ca/lesgensdabord>

19. LINKS TO ALL OTHER REGISTERED POLITICAL PARTIES

English: www.elections.ca/content.asp?section=pol&document=index&dir=par&lang=e&textonly=false

French: www.elections.ca/content.asp?section=pol&document=index&dir=par&lang=f&textonly=false

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<http://election.globaltv.com/>

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<http://www.thestar.com/election>

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<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics>