**Medical assistance in dying: conspicuously absent from the federal campaign**

It is regrettable that the issue of medical assistance in dying, which is central to ethical and social debates in Canada, has not been addressed head-on during the current federal election campaign. While issues surrounding advance requests for MAID and access for people with mental illness are of growing concern to the public, the lack of clear positions from party leaders leaves a void in the public debate.

Here are the few positions expressed during the campaign:

**Liberal Party of Canada (LPC)**

**Election platform**<https://liberal.ca/cstrong>
No mention of MAID.

**Mention during the campaign:** none

**Conservative Party of Canada (CPC)**

**Election platform**<https://www.conservative.ca/change>No mention of MAiD.

**Mention during the campaign:***Poilievre says Conservative government won't change medical assistance in dying laws* ([Canadian Press](https://ca.news.yahoo.com/poilievre-says-conservative-government-wont-182233819.html)).

**Bloc Québécois**

**Election platform :**<https://www.blocquebecois.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/blocqcplateforme-2025web.pdf>

Mention of MAID: “The Bloc Québécois will introduce legislation to allow advance MAID requests in the Criminal Code for provinces that have legislated on this issue.”

**Mention during the campaign:**
Bloc Québécois leader Yves-François Blanchet said his party supports advance requests, saying they represent “a legitimate step forward in a tool that is gaining widespread support among Quebecers.” ([La Presse](https://www.lapresse.ca/elections-federales/2025-04-12/les-conservateurs-ne-modifieront-pas-l-aide-medicale-a-mourir-assure-pierre-poilievre.php))

**New Democratic Party (NDP)**

**Election platform**<https://www.ndp.ca/campaign-commitments>
No mention of MAiD.

**Mention during the campaign:** none

**Green Party of Canada**

**Election platform**<https://cdn.greenparty.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/GP_Platform_English_Final-1.pdf>
Mentions of MAiD:

* Create an independent federal oversight body to regulate MAiD, investigate complaints, ensure accountability, and guarantee accessible reporting and appeals processes.
* Mandate that no person be offered or approved for MAiD without first being provided access to appropriate health care, social services, housing, and income supports.
* Pause the planned expansion of MAiD to cases where mental illness is the sole underlying condition, until meaningful mental health care and social supports are in place.
* Ensure robust consultation with Indigenous governments and communities on MAiD policy, consistent with the principles of free, prior, and informed consent.
* **Mention during the campaign:**Press release : The Green Party of Canada supports the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities recommendation that Canada repeal the expansion of MAiD for Canadians whose natural death is not reasonably foreseeable, and appreciates the report’s focus on the underlying systemic hardships that can force disabled people to seek assisted death.
<https://www.greenparty.ca/en/news/greens-respond-to-un-recommendation-on-track-2-maid>