

The 4 Pillars - Notes

In the fall of 2016, the first of a series of citizen surveys started going out across the country, to leaders and centres of influence within the faith communities of Canada.

The surveys asked questions about what the faith community leaders believed were the issues and challenges that they were facing in their communities.

What were their 'priorities'? What was important to them and the people they served?

Their responses included (but were not limited to) issues such as; ***Human trafficking, prostitution law, pornography addiction, euthanasia and the vulnerable, drug use and marijuana edibles, abortion, education, conscience protection, freedom of religion, the protection of all children, gender theory, debt and taxation.***

It is from these initial survey responses and subsequent opportunities for faith leaders to provide input that the **4 Pillar priorities** were identified.

The **1st Pillar**, and the single largest issue expressed as a concern by far was that...

Parents have the right to raise their children the way they want.

Parents just wanted to be free to raise their children with the same values and in the same faith tradition. That was all. So simply expressed but clearly a priority to those who responded. A desire to raise your children the way you want.

The **2nd Pillar** represented over a large number of the responses was that...

Those WE elect to serve US in civil government MUST respect and defend our right of belief and freedom of religion.

Again, so simply put, but of such great importance to those who participated in the surveys. And it was interesting that leaders really felt that those elected to serve us, MUST respect and defend our right of belief and freedom of religion.

Not "should" but rather MUST.

The **3rd Pillar** was that...

The laws and policies of civil government must provide for the safety and security of the citizens, especially the vulnerable that live among us in our communities.

So, the laws and policies of government, at the very least, must check the box of being safe, and provide for the security of ALL citizens, but ESPECIALLY the vulnerable among us.

People like the homeless, drug addicted, the shut-in elderly and the lonely. The young girl who is told by her doctor she is pregnant. People who feel as though there's no hope. The people that are frustrated by mobility challenges or chronic conditions.

All of these citizens must FIRST be protected by ANY policy or laws that is passed by civil government.

And finally, the **4th Pillar**, a very important issue to our children. That...

It is inappropriate for civil government to heap debt upon the backs of our children and future generations.

So, spending money today, calling it an investment in our children's future, when what it really is, is structural debt that will carry an interest rate long into the life of our kids, is unacceptable fiscal policy.



These 4 Pillars are the foundation of the Conservative Update Leadership Election Platform affirms our belief that;

1. Parents have the right to raise their children the way they want.
 2. Those we elect to serve us in civil government must respect and defend our right of belief and freedom of religion.
 3. The laws and policies of civil government must provide for the safety and security of the citizens, especially the vulnerable...and,
 4. That it is inappropriate for civil government to heap debt upon the backs of our children and future generations.
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