



## THE CONSERVATIVE RECORD OF SHAME

### AFGHANISTAN

The government ended politically damaging committee hearings into the Afghan detainee issue by shutting down Parliament entirely. They fought against the Speaker's historic ruling before finally agreeing with the Liberals - just before the session ended - to give MPs access to previously classified documents regarding the transfer of Afghan detainees.

### SECRECY

While the Conservative government was elected on a platform of transparency and accountability, the Information Commissioner found this government to be the most secretive in history when it comes to answering Access to Information requests, and they continue to withhold fiscal and departmental spending information from the Parliamentary Budget Officer.

### IDEOLOGICAL CUTS AND INTIMIDATION

Cutting funding to major arts festivals, women's groups, environmental research and energy efficiency programs, the Conservatives continued to use

government resources to attack elements in society that don't support their ideology, instead of governing for all Canadians.

### STALLED CRIME AGENDA AND CUTS TO VICTIMS

Despite claims that they are the party of law and order, the government stalled its own crime legislation by proroguing Parliament. Instead of standing up for victims of crime, the Conservatives cut 41 percent of the budget to Grants for the Victims of Crime Initiative and another 34 percent - \$2.7 million - in Contributions for the Victims of Crime Initiative.

### ENVIRONMENTAL FAILURE

The Conservatives eliminated the popular ecoENERGY Retrofit Homes program and gutted environmental assessment laws. A government appointed advisory panel ranked Canada near the bottom of G8 countries when it comes

to climate change and the economy, and an Environment Canada report confirmed that Canada's GHG emissions will continue to rise every year through to 2012 - contrary to Conservative targets.

### ISOTOPE SHORTAGE

March 11 marked the one-year anniversary of the shutdown of Chalk River, and still the government has no solution to this crisis. They refused to put any money in Budget 2010 for a new multi-use reactor, and are instead leaving it to the private sector to take over for the MAPLE reactors.

### Nothing meaningful in the Budget on:

- **Healthcare;**
- **Postsecondary education;**
- **Culture;**
- **Aboriginal education;**
- **Literacy;**
- **Affordable Housing;**
- **Poverty;**
- **Climate change;**
- **Clean energy technology;**
- **Pensions; and**
- **Assisting new Canadians.**



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1. Do you agree with Stephen Harper's decision to spend \$1.2 billion on the G8/20?  Yes  No
2. Do you agree that Stephen Harper showed poor judgment in managing the G8/20?  Yes  No
3. Whom do you trust to provide you with an effective responsible and progressive government?
  - Joe Volpe and the Liberals
  - Stephen Harper and the Conservatives
  - Jack Layton and the NDP
  - Elizabeth May and the Green Party

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