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The Samara Centre's Questions for Candidates



If you are concerned about your future Member of Parliament's ability to be an **independent, empowered, and effective spokesperson for your community**, ask them some of these questions (ordered from easiest to hardest) and show them how much you care about building a healthy and vibrant democracy!

Easy



- 🍁 If you're elected, what's one thing you would do as an MP that would strengthen our democracy?
- 🍁 Have you heard of the Samara Centre for Democracy? Here are their nine ideas for a stronger democracy. Does your party plan to address some of these?

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Harder



- 🍁 When you vote, whose interests will you keep front of mind?
- 🍁 How will I know if you're thinking for yourself or voting along party lines?

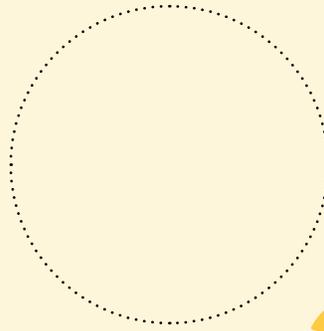
Curveball



- 🍁 How important is it for you to work with MPs from other parties? Give me an example of an issue you want to work on together.
- 🍁 What committees will you try to get on and why?

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The Samara Centre's Stronger Democracy Platform 2019

This election, the Samara Centre is asking candidates to commit to immediate and concrete change.

Here are nine practical and simple ideas for a stronger democracy. They should have cross-party support. They require minimal public spending. Most don't even require legislation. *All that's needed is political will.*

Parliament



To empower independent and thoughtful representatives, the parties should:

- 1- Encourage backbench MPs to debate
- 2- Free committees to do non-partisan work
- 3- Empower MPs to scrutinize government

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Parties



To embrace transparency and share power, the parties should:

- 4- Respect Canadians' privacy
- 5- Clean up nomination races
- 6- Reduce the power of the party leader

People



To open new avenues of participation for Canadians, and help enrich our civic culture, the parties should:

- 7- Empower citizens to set the agenda
- 8- Invest in lifelong civic learning
- 9- Create permanent constituency offices so MPs and citizens can connect

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