

fighting for you!

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What is this election about?

Here's what Jack Harris said the day the election was called:



"It's about using the same old tricks with government money to try to win over the electorate."

"It's about a government and a premier who would like to rule with little or no opposition."

"We want to make it an election about an unemployment rate that seems always to be double the national rate..."

"We want to make it an election about... the number of seniors and children living in poverty..."

"We want to make this election about issues and policies and people."

"Every New Democrat you elect is another voice fighting for what ordinary people think is important. Together, we can turn this election into a clear message to government."



Some politicians say this election is about getting a mandate.

Jack Harris and the NDP say it's about fighting to make the things that matter most to you — education, health care, and jobs — the government's priorities.

We think that you can make this election about the kind of Newfoundland and Labrador we can build together.

Fighting for education!

Like you, we want all our children to have a high quality education in neighbourhood and community schools. And we want our young people to have the skills and opportunities for jobs right here at home.

- Put savings from education reform directly back into classrooms.
- Reinstate grant programs for post-secondary students and rebuild our public college system.

Fighting for health care!

We want health care that meets the needs of the people of the province, from diagnosis to long-term treatment: in doctors' offices, in hospitals, and at home.

- Shorten waiting lists and restore quality of care in our hospitals.
- Reverse the drift to a two-tier American-style health system.

Fighting for jobs!

Like you, we want more meaningful long-term employment in the province. The best way to stop out-migration is to give our people good reasons to stay here.

- Ensure that government incentives are used to produce good jobs that last.
- Encourage development of secondary industries related to our natural wealth.

Fighting for resources!

We want resource development to be more than a feel-good issue, or a reason to call an election. Newfoundland and Labrador is a rich province: agreements signed with large corporations or other provinces should be fair deals, not fast deals.

- Resource development agreements cannot be presented as done deals, but should be debated, studied and voted on in the House of Assembly.

That's what you should expect from the people you elect. And that's our pledge to you.

This time, make them pay attention.

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