

Draft Questions for Candidates Participating in All Candidates Meetings

Hello, my name is _____ and I live in your riding.

Script #1 – A personal frame to set up your question

Tell a story about yourself, perhaps about the stress and daily grind you experience due to poverty, and how this affects you and your family.

Then tell the candidates how a basic income guarantee would have a positive impact on your life and the life of your family (increased stability, less stress, opportunities it could provide, etc.)

Question: Do you support a basic income guarantee for working-age adults in Canada?

Script #2 – A societal frame

We need innovative solutions to address growing and ongoing crises in our society - in our economy (affordability, food insecurity and housing), healthcare (mental illness and addiction), labour markets (AI and other technological advancements) and climate change (wildfires and floods) that can decimate lives and livelihoods.

A basic income guarantee is one solution that provides income security sufficient to lift people out of poverty and to prevent people from falling into poverty - helping them to meet their own challenges and needs when they and their families are in crisis.

An income guarantee will also reduce the need for government to improvise solutions (like the COVID CERB program) in response to economic, environmental, and health crises as they arise.

Question: Do you support a basic income guarantee for working age adults, age 18-64, that would create an income floor, so no one is left behind living in poverty?

Script #3 - The PEI basic income demonstration project frame

Support for a federal Basic Income Guarantee is growing.

Did you know that all provincial parties in the PEI Legislature support a basic income guarantee for PEI? An important [report](#) has changed the conversation about the feasibility and affordability of a BIG for PEI, and a federal/PEI Working Group is now meeting to begin discussions about how a 5 to 7-year demonstration project in PEI could be implemented.

Question: Do you support implementing a demonstration project in PEI to evaluate how a basic income guarantee impacts lives and economies, and how such a program could be delivered across Canada?