

ELECTION MYTH-BUSTING GUIDE

Equipping you for those tough conversations on public services

We've all been there: that family dinner, backyard BBQ, or coffee break where someone starts spouting myths about public services. But don't worry — we've got your back. Here's your survival guide for those sometimes awkward but important conversations, with the facts you need to bust the myths and defend public services.

MYTH 2

"Privatization is more efficient! The private sector does everything better."

Reality Check: In reality, privatization often means we pay more while corporations pocket the profits. The private sector's goal is profit, not public service.

MYTH 4

"Public sector workers have it too easy. Cushy jobs, big pensions, zero accountability."

Reality Check: Public service workers are the backbone of essential services — whether it's processing EI claims, ensuring food safety, or responding to emergencies. Many positions are underfunded, understaffed, and facing increasing workloads as demand for services grows.

MYTH 1

"We've got way too many government workers. We should be cutting jobs, not adding them!"

Reality Check: So you're fine with waiting months for a passport? Fewer food safety inspections? Slower wildfire response? When public service jobs get cut, essential services suffer — it's that simple.

MYTH 3

"Cuts won't really affect regular people. It's just trimming the fat."

Reality Check: Tell that to the parent waiting for parental benefits, the family whose town is hit with flooding, or the business owner who relies on federal support programs. Cutting jobs means cutting the services people rely on.

MYTH 5

"The government should just cut waste instead of raising taxes."

Reality Check: You can't run a country on wishful thinking. Public services need funding to work properly. Cutting so-called 'waste' often means cutting the very services people rely on — like the workers who process EI claims, inspect food, or keep borders safe. When those jobs are cut, it's everyday people who feel the impact with longer wait times, less oversight, and fewer essential services.

How You Can Help

- ✓ **Speak up:** Share these facts with friends, family, and coworkers.
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