



Key Policy Ideas for Saskatchewan

As Saskatchewan readies for an election, the following are some of the key policy ideas that Saskatchewanians should consider their government adopting to propel the province forward.

Parental Rights in Education

Saskatchewan should continue reinforcing parental authority in education, recognizing parents as the primary decision-makers for their children's moral and intellectual development. Ensure parents are notified of significant changes in their children's school life, including gender identity choices, and push back against ideologies imposed in classrooms that sideline parental input.

Energy Independence and Resistance to Federal Overreach

Saskatchewan must reject federal efforts to phase out the hydrocarbon industry, such as the "Just Transition" plan. Champion the rights of its energy sector, resisting federal eco-Marxist schemes that aim to cripple its economy. By focusing on local control over resources, Saskatchewan would prioritize economic stability and job security in energy.

Fiscal Responsibility and Reducing the Tax Burden

A market-oriented Saskatchewan government would lower taxes on businesses and individuals to stimulate economic growth. Ensuring balanced budgets without accumulating excessive debt. This involves cuts to unnecessary government programs and services, prioritizing essential functions while leaving more money in the hands of citizens.

Minimizing Federal Influence in Provincial Affairs

Saskatchewan must continue resisting federal overreach and pass legislation that prevents the enforcement of any federal law or regulation that violates provincial jurisdiction and the rights of its citizens. This would protect individuals and safeguard provincial autonomy under Canada's constitution.

Defending Freedom of Speech and Association

Saskatchewan can become a bastion for free speech, protecting individuals, businesses, and post-secondary institutions from overreaching federal policies that impose ideological conformity to Ottawa. Saskatchewan could roll back laws or guidelines that limit freedom of expression, ensuring that provincial legislation respects individuals' rights to speak and associate freely without fear of retribution.

Reducing Government Intervention in the Market

Saskatchewan can foster an even friendlier business environment by cutting red tape and streamlining regulations. This would include minimizing bureaucratic hurdles for new enterprises, lowering corporate taxes,

and removing obstacles to investment in critical sectors such as agriculture, mining, and technology. Saskatchewan should focus on strengthening its robust free-market economy.

Promoting Charter Rights and Reasserting Provincial Authority

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, Saskatchewan should lead efforts to rehabilitate the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Ensure that Saskatchewan institutions respect individual liberties, including freedom of movement and bodily autonomy. A market-oriented government would also assert its authority over health and social policies, using the Notwithstanding Clause where necessary to prevent judicial overreach.

Reform in Healthcare

The government should embrace market-based reforms in healthcare, allowing for more private-sector innovation to alleviate the burden on the public system. This could involve introducing private options in diagnostic services and elective surgeries, ensuring quicker access to care and better outcomes while maintaining universal healthcare for critical services.

Environmental Policies Based on Economic Freedom

Saskatchewan must reject radical federal environmental policies like plastic bans and carbon taxes, which disproportionately hurt its agricultural and energy sectors. Instead, pursue a balanced approach that incentivizes technological innovation and environmental stewardship without sacrificing economic prosperity. Favour free-market solutions to reduce emissions and increase energy efficiency over punitive measures.

Education Reform to Include School Choice

Introduce school choice policies, allowing parents to choose between public, private, and charter schools through vouchers or tax credits. Decentralize education and introduce competition, improving the quality of education by making schools more accountable to parents and students.

Protecting Agricultural Interests and Free Markets in Food Supply

Saskatchewan must defend its farmers and ranchers against federal overregulation, such as environmental policies that increase costs without meaningful results. Push back against Ottawa's policies on agricultural products and grocery price controls, protecting free-market principles to ensure affordability and access to quality food.

As you consider your vote, ask your riding candidates about these policy ideas

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- f) Subsidiarity (services delivered as close to the people as possible)
- g) Empowerment (enable citizens to choose)
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- i) Civic society (cooperation and community)

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