

Facts Still Matter

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Facts Still Matter in Ontario

It's more of the same from Patrick Brown first thing this Monday morning. In both his interview with Metro Morning and his press conference at Queen's Park, Patrick Brown showed yet again that he'll say anything to anyone to get out of a tight spot. It's time he fesses up and understand that Facts Still Matter in Ontario.

He claimed: *"Let me say never in my parliamentary career and never will I vote for any motion that inhibits a woman's right to choose. I've always been a supporter of a woman's right to choose."*

Fact: That's Patrick Brown in the photo below voting for anti-choice Motion 312 in the House of Commons, which the Canadian Medical Association called a "backdoor path to enacting restrictions on abortion." It was a free vote – Patrick Brown himself chose to vote for it.



Patrick Brown's stance was so firm on this issue that fellow Conservative MP Stephen Woodworth said:

"In 2012, Patrick voted for my human rights motion, M-312, asking for Parliament to study the declaration in the Criminal Code of Canada that a child only becomes a human being at the moment of complete birth... There was tremendous pressure on Patrick to oppose M-312, but Patrick never wavered in his support. It is refreshing to encounter a leader with the courage of his convictions." [Statement by Stephen Woodworth, May 1, 2015]

(Source: <https://beta.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/doctors-call-on-ottawa-to-reject-backdoor-attempt-to-recriminalize-abortion/article4482594/?ref=http://www.theglobeandmail.com&>)

He claimed: *"That motion was not about inhibiting a woman's right to choose."*

Fact: It was. Conservative Minister of State and Chief Government Whip Gordon O'Connor said "the ultimate intention of this motion is to restrict abortions in Canada at some fetal development stage."

(Source: <http://www.ourcommons.ca/DocumentViewer/en/41-1/house/sitting-111/hansard>)

He claimed: *"Even before I ran for leadership of the PC Party I was attending pride flag raises in Barrie."*

Fact: He attended other rallies in Barrie as well. That's Patrick Brown in the photo below.



(Source: Barrie Advance)

He claimed: *"But ultimately what I'm about is I want to make sure that families can make ends meet and get ahead."*

Fact: Patrick Brown voted against free tuition, voted against saving families 25% off their hydro bills, voted against saving families money thanks to OHIP+, and voted against a basic income pilot. He's also against phasing in a \$15 minimum wage over 18 months.

(Source: http://www.ontla.on.ca/web/house-proceedings/house_detail.do?Date=2017-5-17&Parl=41&Sess=2&locale=en#para932; http://www.ontla.on.ca/web/house-proceedings/house_detail.do?Date=2017-5-31&Parl=41&Sess=2&locale=en#para862)

He claimed: *"So for the last year I went around Ontario talking about my four pillars of economic development to get Ontario back on track...[which includes] affordable hydro rates."*

Fact: It's been over 200 days since Patrick Brown promised to release his energy policy. Since that time, his party voted against Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan, saying "no" to a 25% on average reduction for families, small businesses and farms. Lower-income Ontarians and those living in eligible rural and northern communities will see even greater reductions, as much as 40% - 50%.

(Source: <https://www.thestar.com/news/queenspark/2017/04/03/brown-nixes-plan-for-tory-hydro-policy-on-rates-this-year.html>, http://www.ontla.on.ca/web/house-proceedings/house_detail.do?Date=2017-5-31&Parl=41&Sess=2&locale=en#para862)

He claimed: *"Well, the membership is saying to us that we want the Conservative Party, the Progressive Conservative Party, to have a credible plan on childcare, that a lot of families in Ontario can't afford childcare right now, that there's a lack of spots, and frankly there's a difficulty for-- an affordability crisis for a lot of Ontario families."*

Fact: Patrick Brown said that he "applauds the Liberal government" for listening to parents when we banned child care wait list fees, yet voted against a budget that is giving 24,000 more children access to child care this year and additional financial supports for families. If he really believes that Ontario is having an "affordability crisis" he should be voting for more spaces and more funding for families.

(Source: <http://www.ontariopc.com/News/Details/Statement-by-Ontario-PC-Education-Critic-Patrick-Brown-on-Regulations-to-Ban-Child-Care-Wait-List-Fees>)

(Source: <https://news.ontario.ca/mof/en/2017/04/helping-ontario-families-access-affordable-child-care.html>)

He claimed: *"I support rent control..."*

Fact: Patrick Brown said that his party will revisit Liberal rent-control changes if it forms the government after next year's election. Fellow Conservative MPP Sam Oosterhoff has also said that "after bombing, nothing destroys a city sooner than rent control."

(Source: <http://tvo.org/article/current-affairs/the-next-ontario/landlords-sound-the-alarm-on->

[rent-control](#); Hansard, Thursday, April 27th, 2017)