

- The first Liberal government mandate produced the "jobs and growth agenda" and put in train the elimination of the deficit;
- The second mandate achieved that objective and this in turn allowed the government to start making investments in health, education and research;
- The third mandate will want to build on that and maintain an equilibrium between economic growth and social responsibility, something which the Prime Minister likes to call "the Canadian Way".
- This very much corresponds to the expectations of the country:
 - The government enjoyed success at the elections precisely because it occupied the center and reflected the expectations of Canadians.
 - Ministers on return from that election were very much conscious, on the basis of their observations, of the need to accord a priority to skills acquisition for a knowledge-based economy, access to education, the management of urban issues, social inclusion, health, etc...