



**GETTING THE  
BASICS RIGHT**

**A PLAN TO DO  
MORE FOR YOU**

**TEAM BONNIE**

# A MESSAGE FROM BONNIE

To the people of Ontario,

We are at a breaking point. After seven years of Doug Ford, Ontario is falling behind. More than 2.5 million people in our province don't have a family doctor, emergency rooms are closing, hallway healthcare is getting worse, housing costs are out of control, and the cost of living is punishing. Instead of doing his job and getting the basics right for you, Doug Ford called a costly early election without even giving the people of this province a true picture of Ontario's economic and fiscal position as we go into a possible trade war with Donald Trump.

**Just trust him? We can't.**

You deserve better. You deserve leadership that puts you first. That's why I'm committed to this plan – a plan focused on getting the basics right for you and making your life a little better and a lot more affordable.

This plan includes no tax increases and no new taxes, and it costs less than Doug Ford's fantasy tunnel.

Growing Ontario's economy starts with investing in our workers, communities and healthcare, not just Doug Ford's rich friends. Ontario's Liberals will invest in the roads, hospitals and schools our communities need, reduce gridlock, and support our economic growth and diversification. When we make life more affordable and create good jobs, we build a stronger future for everyone so we can pay for the healthcare, education and services that we rely on.

We need to get the basics right. Ontario's Liberals will deliver more for you.

**Here's how:**

- Guarantee everyone a family doctor in four years, ensure mental healthcare is covered under OHIP, and support seniors to age with dignity.
- Slash taxes, saving you thousands annually by permanently cutting income tax for Ontario workers and eliminating sales tax (HST) on home heating and hydro bills.
- Build more homes you can afford by eliminating development charges, restoring the dream of homeownership, and bringing fairness back to the rental market.
- Permanently double ODSP so Ontario's most vulnerable are not left behind.
- Clear the school repair backlog, keep kids and educators safe at school, and provide education that prepares Ontario for the future.

Now is the time for leadership that puts people first. I'm ready to deliver real solutions to fix the mess Doug Ford has left behind. I won't walk away when you need me the most.

If you're ready for a better Ontario, vote for Ontario's Liberals on February 27.

With thanks,  
**Bonnie Crombie**

# Healthcare That Works for You

The healthcare system in Doug Ford's Ontario is in crisis: 2.5 million people don't have a family doctor, and if we don't act soon, that number could double in just a few short years. Thousands of people are dying on surgical and diagnostic waitlists. Hallway medicine has gotten so bad people are being treated on gurneys in break rooms, gyms and even on waiting room chairs.

Ontario's Liberals have a plan to get the basics right, and that starts by fixing healthcare for everyone in Ontario. The most important job of any Premier, the biggest line item for any provincial budget, is healthcare. It's time to get it right.

# Guarantee Everyone a Family Doctor for You In Four Years

- Give every person in Ontario access to a family doctor by attracting, recruiting, retaining and integrating 3,100 family doctors by 2029.
- Create two new medical schools and expand capacity in existing medical schools, doubling the number of medical school spots and residency positions.
- Deliver team-based care with evening and weekend appointments, integrated home care for seniors, and accessible mental health services for children, youth and teenagers.
- Accelerate the process to integrate at least 1,200 qualified and experienced internationally trained doctors over the next four years through [Practice Ready Ontario](#).
- Eliminate fax machines, enhance virtual care, introduce centralized referral systems with patient portals and implement interoperable electronic medical records to let doctors and other healthcare professionals focus on patients instead of paperwork.
- Incentivize family doctors to serve in rural and northern communities and mentor the next generation to prevent future shortages.

# End Hallway Healthcare

- Help hospitals hire and retain the staff they need by paying nurses, PSWs and other supportive healthcare workers a living wage and providing them with additional training and professional development opportunities to stay in the public system.
- Eliminate wage discrepancy across the system, regardless of whether you work for a hospital, in-home care or in long-term care.
- Invest in the real infrastructure we need, including expediting hospital repairs and expansions, as part of our plan to build Ontario's economy and prepare us to withstand looming tariffs from the United States.



# Protect Public Health Care From American-Style Privatization

- Crackdown on Ford's for-profit healthcare by regulating temporary nursing agencies.
- Bring nurse practitioners (NPs) into the public system and ban private-pay NP clinics.
- Investigate Ford's privatization plans, including a full review of Health Minister Sylvia Jones' mandate letters and audit how Ontario is using the more than \$20 billion in federal health transfers it receives every year.
- Develop a Francophone Healthcare Strategy to ensure Franco-Ontarians are able to access care in their first language.

# Expand Mental Health and Addiction Services

- Introduce universal mental healthcare under OHIP by expanding the [Ontario Structured Psychotherapy Program](#), covering conditions like anxiety, depression, and eating disorders, hiring more social workers, and defining standards and coverage so that all people in Ontario have a basic form of coverage they can count on.
- Provide wraparound support to help people recover from addictions, including rapidly building supportive housing units.
- Act decisively and collaboratively with those on the frontline to bring deaths caused by opioid use down to zero in four years through expanded treatment, recovery and rehabilitation.

# Support Seniors To Be Independent and Restore Confidence In Long-Term Care

- Guarantee needs-based home care through Family Health Teams, boosting annual home care funding by 25%.
- Help seniors age at home gracefully by creating a Seniors' Home Care Tax Credit, saving up to 25% of up to \$10,000 in medical expenses a year.
- Repeal the coercive Bill 7 and ensure LTCs are held accountable for mismanagement, non-compliance, and neglect of direct care under a four-hour minimum standard per resident, per day.

# Eradicate Poverty In Ontario

- Permanently [double the Ontario Disability Support Program \(ODSP\)](#) benefits and index it to inflation so that Ontario's most vulnerable are not left behind.

# An Ontario You Can Afford

Real people in Doug Ford's Ontario just can't get ahead. They are struggling to afford the basics, with more than one million people turning to food banks last year alone. Young people can't afford to rent let alone buy a first home, and seniors are priced out of downsizing when it's time to move out of the family home.

Ontario already has the second-worst unemployment rate in the country after seven years of Doug Ford's failed policies. We need to grow and diversify our economy to protect against the immediate threat of tariffs from the United States and longer-term structural changes to come. Bonnie Crombie has a real plan to put more money back in your pocket every single month and to help ensure Ontario is ready for the looming economic storm to come – and any to head our way in the years to come.



# Grow Ontario's Economy and Fight Donald Trump

- Backstop Ontario businesses with a new Fight Tariffs Fund that gives them access to lower-than-market interest rates (government rates).
- Prioritize infrastructure investment in hospitals, schools, roads, and public transit.
- Ensure Ontario taxpayer dollars support local businesses and jobs by excluding American companies like Elon Musk's Starlink from procurement.
- Work with other provinces to eliminate nonsensical interprovincial trade barriers by adopting a policy of mutual recognition of skills and regulated professions and building a truly Team Canada approach to growth and diversification.
- Cut youth unemployment by half by creating 40,000 new paid co-op, internship and apprenticeship positions through tax credits for employers who hire young people.
- Launch an Ontario Growth Strategy to ensure Ontario becomes a competitive place to attract talent, set up and grow a business, afford fixed costs such as clean energy and rent, and have best-in-class consumer protections.
- Negotiate in good faith and eliminate the practice of using the notwithstanding clause to trample on workers' rights.
- Offer a \$150,000 bonus to patriotic nurses and doctors who are currently practicing in the U.S. but want to come home and support our publicly-funded healthcare system.

# End the Backroom Deals and Reinvest in Healthcare

- Lead an across-government effort to spend taxpayers' money wisely and invest the savings back into economic stimulus and health care.
- Investigate all of Doug Ford's giveaways, handouts, and sweetheart deals for his rich friends, including the:
  - \$1.9 billion spent on speeding up the sale of booze by multinational corporations, big grocers, and foreign retail giants
  - \$100 million deal with Elon Musk (noted Donald Trump insider) and Starlink
  - Snap closure of the Ontario Science Centre on land primed for development
  - \$2 billion sell-off of Ontario Place to a foreign-owned spa
  - Sweetheart deal to open ServiceOntario outlets in private American-owned stores
  - \$8 billion Greenbelt giveaway to his friends and donors, an issue that is currently being investigated by the RCMP
  - Dozens of crony patronage appointments at public institutions like the LCBO, Ontario Power Generation, the Judicial Appointments Advisory Committee and more
  - MZO's Doug Ford gave to his rich buddies

# Build More Homes You Can Afford

- Cut taxes on housing and restore the dream of homeownership by:
- Eliminating the Ontario Land Transfer Tax for first-time homebuyers, seniors downsizing and non-profit homebuilders.
- Scrapping Development Charges on new housing, cutting costs by as much as \$170,000 on each new family-sized home.
- Introducing the Better Communities Fund to help municipalities cover infrastructure costs.
- Bring affordability, predictability and fairness back to the rental market by:
  - Getting more co-op and rental apartments built by removing punitive and discriminatory extra taxes like Community Benefits Charges.
  - Introducing fair, phased-in rent control.
  - Resolving new landlord-tenant disputes in under two months and clearing the 53,000-case backlog at the Landlord-Tenant Board urgently.
  - Establishing the Rental Emergency Support for Tenants (REST) Fund, a provincial rent bank to provide short-term, interest-free loans for tenants facing financial emergencies to prevent evictions and homelessness.
  - Modernize building codes and subjective design rules (ex. setback, step back, angular plane), establish a provincial catalogue of pre-approved housing designs, create more housing near transit and arterial roads following best practices adopted by other jurisdictions like British Columbia and speed up the conversion of underutilized offices and commercial spaces to homes.



# Protect Rights as a Consumer

- Undertake a comprehensive review of provincial auto insurance practices and premiums, which have become the most expensive in Canada, in order to bring costs down for consumers, improve accident care and better protect owners from auto theft.

# Slash Taxes, Saving You Thousands Annually

- Introduce the [More For You Tax Cut](#), delivering \$1,150 in permanent financial relief for Ontario families. This includes permanently cutting taxes for Ontario workers on taxable income between \$51,446 and \$75,000 by 22%, from the current 9.15% to 7.15%; as well as eliminating sales tax (HST) on home heating and hydro bills.
- Reduce and/or eliminate personal income tax for low-income workers by indexing the [Low-Income Workers Tax Credit](#).
- Create a permanent tax credit worth 20% of the installation cost of energy-saving technologies at home, such as heat pumps.
- Make it easier for small businesses to compete with big box stores by slashing [small business taxes](#) by 50%, delivering up to \$18,000 of tax relief to the roughly 450,000 businesses that employ almost three million people.



# A Better Future for You

Ontario's education system used to be one of the best in the world. But in Doug Ford's Ontario, our kids are falling behind. Our public schools are crumbling under a \$21.78-billion repair backlog, and our graduation rates are falling and test scores plummeting. Meanwhile, our recent post-secondary graduates are drowning in debt and our colleges and universities are underfunded. Thousands of international students were sold a false bill of goods and leveraged as a funding source instead of being treated as kids looking for an education.

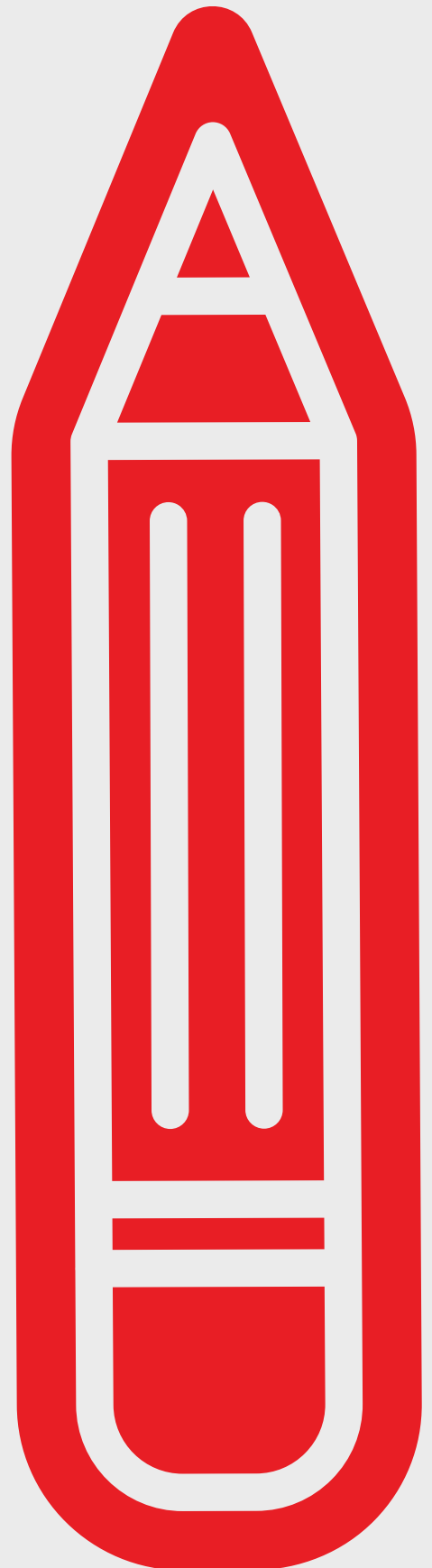
It's time to put education back at the centre of our economic plan for Ontario and give our kids the best start in world-class schools. Bonnie Crombie will work with educators, parents, boards and post-secondary institutions to rebuild our education system.

# Fix the Schools Your Kids Go To

- Clear the school repair backlog and install heating, air conditioning and air filtration systems in every classroom by doubling annual capital funding for schools.
- Build 90 new schools over the next four years and ensure that no school needs to use portables.
- Allow schools to address their unique staffing and infrastructure needs by expanding funding, eligibility and flexibility for the Safe Schools Grant program.

# Keep Kids and Educators Safe At School

- Allow every elementary, middle or high school student to have support and supervision in the classroom by establishing a lower student-to-teacher and education-worker ratio.
- Hire more mental health professionals, educational assistants, Early Childhood Educators (ECEs), social workers, child and youth workers and other staff, lowering the ratio of students to education workers in the Core Education Funding.
- Close the funding gap of \$1,500 per student in the K-12 sector and ensure future commitments are tied to inflation.
- Clear the special education-related waitlists and assessment backlogs so students have access to appropriate resources and support.
- Commit to mutual respect and collaboration between the Ministry of Education, students, parents, teachers, unions and administrators starting with a commitment to not blindsides educators with Friday afternoon announcements.
- Feed every elementary and secondary school kid a free and healthy lunch every school day by quadrupling funding for school food programs.



# Provide Education that Prepares Ontario for the Future

- Re-introduce a one-year teaching degree to expeditiously address the teacher shortage.
- Hold school boards accountable for spending new and existing funding on priority outcomes such as helping students develop skills for the future, advancing student success and making schools safe.
- Strengthen French education across Ontario by supporting community and cultural partnerships, training, inter-board cooperation and hiring additional French educators.
- Expand access to STEM, robotics, coding, skilled trades, entrepreneurship, economics, financial literacy and civics courses.
- Provide opportunities for skilled trades and health care workers through union-led training programs.

# Fix Doug's Post-Secondary School Disaster

- Eliminate interest on OSAP loans and raise the income threshold for repayment to \$50,000.
- Cap international student enrollment at 10% for each Ontario college and university, and expand campus resources and affordable student residence options.
- Fund colleges and universities fairly to help them avoid being heavily dependent on international student enrollment.
- Establish a province-wide policy mandating post-secondary institutions to increase their focus on IP generation and commercialization, and business adoption of skills, technologies, and ideas.



# A Community that Works for You

People just don't feel safe in Doug Ford's Ontario. Violent crime is at a two-decade high, our transit systems aren't working as they should, and our neighbourhood parks have been taken over by encampments. Ontario is a province of natural beauty and bountiful farmland, but those shared resources are under threat from Ford's rich friends and insiders.

It's time for a province where we build the roads, bridges and transit we need, protect our environment and clean up our streets and our parks. Bonnie Crombie has a plan to protect what matters most in Ontario and make our cities feel safe again.

# Build Infrastructure and Protect the Environment

- Invest in municipal and regional road repair and maintenance, widen provincial highways in congested areas, upgrade winter maintenance of key provincial highways, fix and repair bridges and add turning lanes where needed.
- Reduce gridlock and invest in much-needed provincial projects, such as upgrading and expanding the Ottawa LRT, electrifying and increasing GO service throughout the GTA and southwestern Ontario, and expediting the delivery of planned transit projects in Kitchener-Waterloo, Toronto, Mississauga and Brampton.
- Axe Doug Ford's carbon tax and develop a Made in Ontario environmental action plan in conjunction with the federal government and other provinces that protects Ontario's land, water, air, biodiversity and communities.
- Protect prime farmland, including the Greenbelt and champion a sustainable agri-food sector to support farmers and rural communities.
- Leverage the Better Communities Fund to keep municipalities whole and keep your property taxes low.

# Clean Up Crime and Make Transit Safer

- Train more officers to get crime and drugs off our streets and launch special Bail Courts for high-risk and repeat offenders involved with illegal drug and fentanyl trafficking, firearm offences, robberies, home invasion, carjacking and auto-theft.
- Hire an additional 300 special constables for TTC, OC Transpo, Metrolinx and other major transit service providers across the province.
- Connect people to mental health resources and community support by establishing the CARE Fund (Crisis Assistance and Response Enhancement Fund) to double investment in Mobile Crisis Intervention Teams.
- Provide transit services with operational funding for safety equipment like cameras.
- Install platform doors in all TTC subway stations.
- Safeguard communities and assist policy to monitor and catch criminals by introducing the SAFE Rebate (Supporting Access to Funding for Equipment) that offers up to \$500 rebate for homes, \$5,000 rebate for small businesses and \$10,000 rebate for religious/cultural institutions to purchase safety equipment that deters auto-theft, robberies and other criminal activities.
- Ban organizing or participating in hate-motivated activities or protests that incite violence or intimidation within 100 metres of the property line of any vulnerable social infrastructure (ex. place of worship, school, childcare centre, or hospital) anywhere in the province, and impose a maximum fine of \$100,000 for each violation.

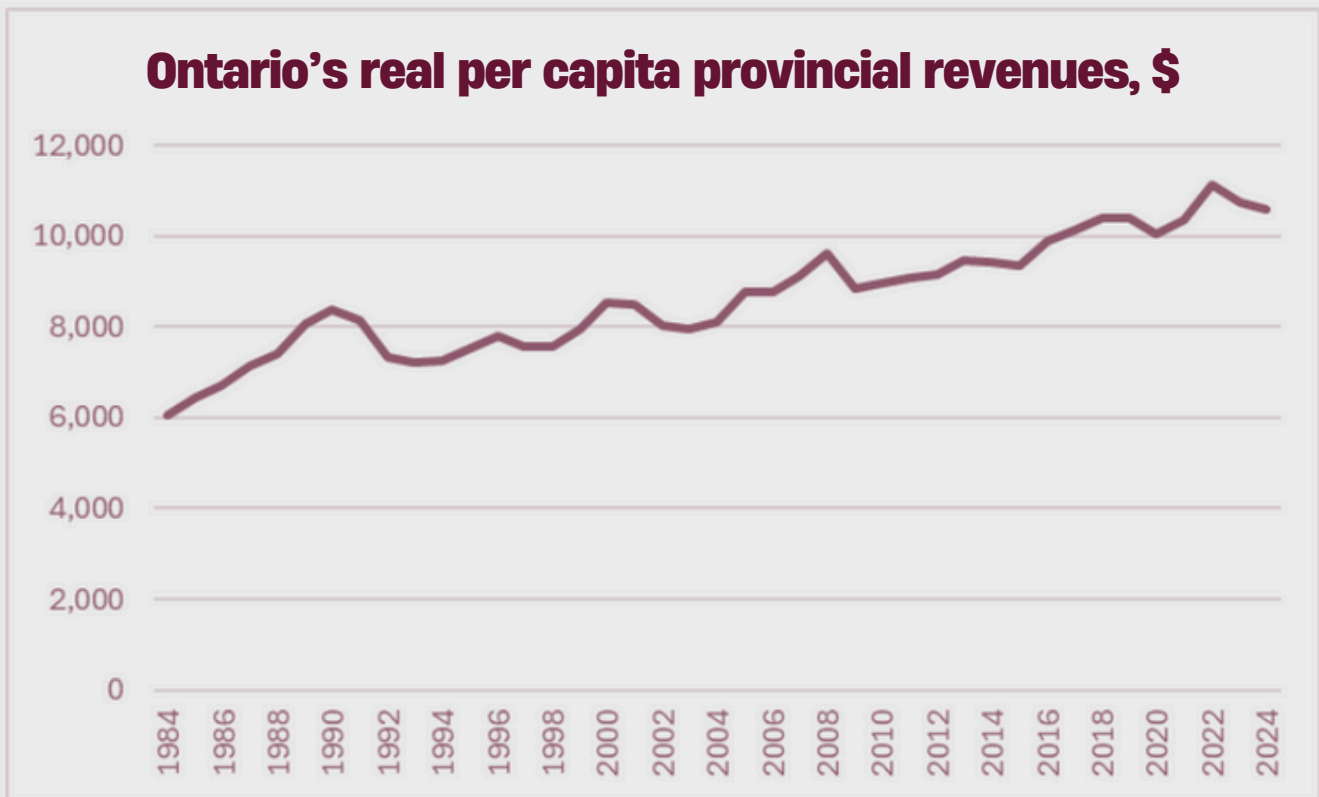
# The Cost of Getting the Basics Right

A Plan To Do More For You

Doug Ford's self-serving election means there has been no update to Ontario's economic and fiscal outlook as we go into a possible trade war with Donald Trump. No one knows what the public finances look like because he won't tell anyone before you vote.

In a reckless rush to save his own job, the Premier announced more than \$8.8 billion in new spending in the final hours before calling this election. That is on top of his \$150 billion fantasy tunnel, which he has committed to pursuing on multiple occasions.

Ontario is now taking in the highest per-capita provincial revenues in its history, even after adjusting for inflation. In other words, in Doug Ford's Ontario, you are paying the most in provincial taxes and fees, per person, ever – more than under Bob Rae, Mike Harris, Dalton McGuinty and Kathleen Wynne.



Source: Adapted from Finances of the Nation



Ontario's Liberals will change that by reducing your tax burden and investing in the basic public services that will help you and your family get ahead. As committed during the campaign, we are presenting a plan that is costed, prioritizes tax reduction and gets the basics right.

This plan includes no tax increases and no new taxes, and it costs far less than Doug Ford's fantasy tunnel.

	<b>Average per year (\$ million)</b>	<b>4-year cumulative total (\$ million)</b>
New areas of spending		
<b>Healthcare that works for you</b>	7,353	29,414
<b>An Ontario you can afford</b>	6,557	26,228
<b>A better future for you</b>	1,881	7,525
<b>A community that works for you</b>	475	1,901
Savings		
<b>Savings, value, efficiency and reallocation of existing spending</b>	(7,111)	(28,442)
<b>Net change in new spending (spending less savings)</b>	9,156	36,626

To support these investments, Ontario will:

- 1.Undertake an ambitious Saving Annually through Value and Efficiency (SAVE) process that will aim to achieve 2.5% of annual savings and value enhancement for Ontario taxpayers.
- 2.Create an Office of Cost Control which will have the responsibility for oversight on all major public sector procurement projects and spending at both the municipal and provincial level, including reviewing the significant overspending on recent transportation projects. We will also leverage the best available Canadian innovation, technology and artificial intelligence (AI), cut down on outsourcing, improve efficiency and project delivery, and better focus the province on what it can do best.
- 3.Ensure accountability for the promises being made by providing regular updates to the public on progress.

Because our plan will reduce taxes for people of Ontario, attract and retain new business investment, accelerate housing construction and help the most vulnerable in our society escape poverty – Team Bonnie will position Ontario to achieve stronger economic growth. We will build prosperity that is more broadly shared and able to fund the healthcare, education and services you and your family rely on.

Stronger economic growth means more sustainable government finances. As illustrated in the 2024 Fall Economic Update and Fiscal Review, a 50 basis point improvement in economic growth would result in a surplus of more than \$11 billion per year as of 2026-27. This would more than offset the new investments and tax cuts outlined in our plan. And since Doug Ford has broken his promise from 2018 to cut your taxes, Ontario's Liberals will also amend the Taxpayer Protection Act to require political parties to disclose to the Chief Electoral Officer all plans they have for tax reduction before an election and impose consequences on governments who do not keep these commitments when in office.

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