

## 20. Debate Resolutions

**“It is better to debate a question without settling it than to settle it without debate.”** *Joseph Joubert*

The following resolutions may be used for formal parliamentary debates or as an opportunity for inquiry and discussion. Once the issue has been explored, students from opposing sides should attempt to reach a consensus.

- Be it resolved that the minimum wage be renamed poverty wage.
- Be it resolved that support for youth in foster care be extended from 18 years to 21 years.
- Be it resolved that the right to adequate housing is being violated in Canada.
- Be it resolved that the government institute a guaranteed annual income.
- Be it resolved that social assistance (welfare) be raised to match the LICOs (Low Income Cut-Offs).
- Be it resolved that rent controls be removed.
- Be it resolved that the government provide universal day care
- Be it resolved that it be illegal to sleep on the street in Canada.
- Be it resolved that no family should have to pay more than 30% of their income for shelter.
- Be it resolved that the government eliminate homelessness within the next 10 years.
- Be it resolved that “if the federal government treated the Provinces the way the Provinces treat the Cities there would be civil war.” (Glen Murray, former Mayor of Winnipeg, 2004)
- Be it resolved that “a man who dies rich, dies in disgrace.” Andrew Carnegie
- Be it resolved that “poverty is the worst form of violence.” Mahatma Gandhi
- Be it resolved that communities that are willing to pay an additional 10% property tax, can avoid having social housing projects in their neighbourhoods.
- Be it resolved that the top 20% of Canadian income earners be required to pay a charity tax of 15%.

## Senior Years makeChange 2 Resources

### Online

2006: Housing Policies of Political Parties	<a href="http://www.housingnow.ca/english/partyPolicies.asp">www.housingnow.ca/english/partyPolicies.asp</a>	The National Coalition On Housing and Homelessness
Affordable, Available, Achievable: Practical Solutions to Affordable Housing Challenges	<a href="http://www.bot.com/ContentIslands/PublicPages/MenuPages/advocacy/policysubmissionsreports.asp">www.bot.com/ContentIslands/PublicPages/MenuPages/advocacy/policysubmissionsreports.asp</a>	Toronto Board of Trade
Federation of Canadian Municipalities	<a href="http://www.fcm.ca">www.fcm.ca</a>	Excellent resource for teachers
GIMME SHELTER! Homelessness and Canada's Social Housing Crisis	<a href="http://www.socialjustice.org/publications.php?filter=inequality">www.socialjustice.org/publications.php?filter=inequality</a>	Centere for Social Justice.
NHHN 2005 Housing Report Card	<a href="http://www.tdrc.net/05-NHHN-Housing%20Report%20Card.pdf">www.tdrc.net/05-NHHN-Housing%20Report%20Card.pdf</a>	National Housing and Homelessness Network
One Per Cent Solution	<a href="http://www.tdrc.net">www.tdrc.net</a>	The Toronto Disaster Relief Committee
Something Has to Give: Food Banks Filling the Policy Gap	<a href="http://www.cafb-acba.ca/documents/Budget_submission_ENG.pdf">www.cafb-acba.ca/documents/Budget_submission_ENG.pdf</a>	Canadian Association of Food Banks
The Right to Adequate Housing	<a href="http://www.equalityrights.org/cera/docs/Adequate%20Housing%202%20page%20E.pdf">www.equalityrights.org/cera/docs/Adequate%20Housing%202%20page%20E.pdf</a>	CERA - The Centre for Equality Rights in Accommodation
Hunger Count 2006	<a href="http://www.cafb-acba.ca/documents/Hunger-Count_2006_EN_WEB.pdf">www.cafb-acba.ca/documents/Hunger-Count_2006_EN_WEB.pdf</a>	Canadian Association of Food Banks
Looking West Survey 2007: Urban Policy Priorities and Assessing Governments	<a href="http://www.cwf.ca/V2/cnt/publication_200704111550.php">www.cwf.ca/V2/cnt/publication_200704111550.php</a>	Canada West Foundation