

# Stephen Harper

**Conservative Party**

**Born:** Apr 30, 1959, Toronto, Ontario



## POLITICAL CAREER

■ **1993:** Wins seat in parliament for right-wing **Reform Party**, but quits in 1997 to work for conservative lobby group

■ **2002:** Becomes leader of opposition as head of **Canadian Alliance** party. Pushes through union of Alliance and **Progressive Conservative Party** to create **Conservative Party**

■ **2004:** Loses election to Liberals

■ **2006:** Becomes Prime Minister, ending 12 years of Liberal rule

## KEY ELECTION PROPOSALS

■ Emphasizes need for steady hand during financial turmoil, with only small spending and tax cut measures

■ Advocates carbon emission limits on big industry but strongly opposes Liberal carbon tax plan

■ Pushes crackdown on crime, including giving adult sentences to teen murderers