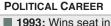
Stephen Harper
Conservative

Party

Born: Apr 30, 1959, Toronto, Ontario



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

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