Reasons to NOT VOTE for Doug Ford

* Has chronically underfunded public and secondary education, colleges and universities.
* Lack of investing in renewable energy.
* No subsidies for purchase of electric vehicles.
* Spent 7.3 billion in annual energy subsidies from the pockets of taxpayers and rate payers.
* Has increased the debt by 116 billion dollars – now debt is 439 billion dollars.
* Lack of government accountability.
* Lack of money for health care.
* Privatizing health care.
* Froze the wages of healthcare workers.
* For profit nursing homes – had the most Covid deaths.
* Lack of care for seniors.
* Not enough mental health care support.
* Substance abuse prevention is lacking.
* Destroying prime farmland for industry.
* Shows no respect for wetlands and forests and the wild life that live there.
* Cut the number of Toronto city council sets almost in half, creating absolute chaos
* Prevented MPP Michael Harris from running in the 2028 election for Kitchener-Conestogo and replaced him with Mike Harris Jr., the son of the former premier Mike Harris.
* Wants to get rid of the 18% of students from foreign countries at med schools and only have Ontario students.
* Tried to destroy the Green Belt.
* RCMP is now investigating the Greenbelt removal process.
* Discovery that political staff emails related to the Greenbelt land swap had been deleted.
* Schemed to give preferential treatment to well-connected Greenbelt speculators.
* Lack of initiatives on climate action.
* Cut renewable energy projects.
* No incentives to purchase electric or hybrid vehicles.
* Gutted conservation authorities and cut funding to programs that limit the spread of invasive species.
* Lack of infrastructure money for maintenance
* Determined to plow ahead with Highway 413, a project that will destroy streams and wetlands and disrupt the habitat of at least 29 at-risk species.
* No mention of affordable housing.
* Not enough for poverty alleviation.
* Lack of clean water access for Indigenous people.
* Indigenous reconciliation is not happening.
* LCBO paper bags – totally unnecessary.
* Removed 6 members from standing committees who opposed him and asked tough questions.
* Eye examinations reduced to 18 months for healthy people, once a year for anyone with health conditions such as glaucoma, diabetes, etc.
* Taking away Regional Planning Authority – loss of environmental protection and flood prevention.
* Using non-governmental emails and personal phone calls for government business.
* Cuts in education – school with major leaks in roof – no money for repairs.
* Public school with portables, but is building a Catholic school instead.
* Our MPP’s can’t vote for what their constituents want. Have to follow the party line.
* Spending $225 million of taxpayers’ money to put alcohol in convenience stores and closing beer stores.
* $375 million rebate to privately run beer stores.
* $300 million license rebates to retailers.
* $74 million wholesale discount to grocery giants.
* $10 billion on the unnecessary highway 413.
* Destroying 800 hectares (1976.84 acres) of rich bountiful farmland.
* Endangering 85 waterways.
* $650 million for Ontario Place redevelopment scheme.
* Not interested in affordable housing – young Ontarians are leaving Ontario.
* Let the Science Centre decay and now it is closed.
* Allowed Ontario Place to be shuttered and left to rot. Now it will be a private spa.
* Appointed largest number of ministers and parliamentary assistants in the history of Ontario.
* Underfunded social services by 4 billion dollars.
* Spent a quarter of a billion dollars to break a beer store contract a year early.
* Spent 25 million on a campaign promoting a fiction that health care is improving.
* Emergency departments are closed down. System is overburdened, understaffed and underfunded.
* Cancelled waste water surveillance that was successful in providing advance warning of Covid 19 and tracking other infectious diseases, including influenza and RSV.
* Cancelled public labs so citizens have to pay for water testing.
* Appointed Steve Clark as house leader – ignoring his Greenbelt debacle.
* No affordable housing plan.
* Took away planning from the Region. Small municipalities have no planners.
* Took away third-party appeals.
* Wants to move the Ontario Science Centre to the spa region.
* Assembled the largest provincial cabinet in history, giving raises to more MPPs.
* Limited wage increases to the LCBO to 1%.
* Rob Flack says that the government is behind the Wilmot land assembly, Mike Harris blames the Region – How is Doug Ford involved?
* Closing safe injection sites by March 2025.
* Cancelled waste water testing before the Ontario Minister of Health had even begun negotiations with the federal government about taking over wastewater surveillance.
* No Covid vaccinations available despite a larger summer wave of Covid.
* Buried in Ford’s annual budget are [hydro subsidies that have reached](https://www.thestar.com/politics/doug-ford-should-stop-subsidizing-our-hydro-bills-because-hes-starving-health-care-and-education/article_01947df6-f777-11ee-a812-5b45ee123520.html) record levels — $7.3 billion this year alone to disguise the true cost of electricity from both voters and investors.
* With Ford’s Tories at the helm, Ontario’s unemployment rate of 7.1 per cent is far higher than in most other provinces, notably neighbouring Quebec (5.7 per cent) and Manitoba (5.8 per cent).
* It gets worse in the big cities: Toronto’s unemployment rate has reached eight per cent; Windsor’s is worst of all at 9.2 per cent.
* Wants to not allow bike lanes if a lane of traffic has to be used.
* Removing bicycle lanes on Bloor Street, Yonge Street, and University Avenue in Toronto.
* Planned to build 1.5 million homes by 2031, requiring 150,000 new housing starts every year. Only 10,114 new homes started as of June 2023.
* Has delayed the release of crucial funding for homelessness programmes.
* Failed to reform the laws surrounding rent increases, evictions, the rate of social assistance.
* 59,100 homeless Ontarians are on Ontario Works and the Ontario Disability Support Programme.
* 234,000 Ontarians are actively or at high risk of homelessness.
* **\*Ford’s Privatization Sins**
* \*Service Ontario outlets moving to big chain stores.
* \*LCBO under pressure from private beer and wine outlets.
* \*Ontario Place -back room deal for a mega spa.
* \*Ontario Science Centre – closed abruptly.
* \*Private construction firms have turned public infrastructure into big business.
* \*Ontario Hydro isn’t the public utility it once was.
* Bill 212 – will destroy the Greenbelt for Highway 413, even though Ford said he would not touch the Greenbelt – no environmental assessment either.
* Removing bicycle lanes at an estimated cost of $ 48 million.
* Taking away planning authority from the Region and giving it to municipalities.
* the process around the [redevelopment of the Ontario Place](https://www.cp24.com/politics/queens-park/2024/12/03/ontario-auditor-general-to-release-reports-on-ontario-place-opioids/) site was unfair and the government did not follow established rules and best practices around the redevelopment of the site.
* Costs estimates for the project have also ballooned to $2.2 billion, more than five times the initial estimate back in 2019.
* The decision to prohibit [supervised consumption sites](https://www.cp24.com/politics/queens-park/2024/12/03/ontarios-opioid-strategy-outdated-auditor-general-says/) within 200 metres of schools or child-care centres was made without proper planning, impact analysis or public consultations.
* 10 supervised consumption sites will be shuttered by the end of March.
* The province has also failed to effectively implement Ontario’s 2016 Opioid Strategy and it does not have “effective processes in place to meet the challenging and changing nature of the opioid crisis in Ontario.”
* Ontario spent $103.5 million on [government advertising](https://www.cp24.com/politics/queens-park/2024/12/03/ontario-spent-highest-ever-amount-on-government-ads-auditor-says/) for the year ending March 31, more than three times the $33.7 million it spent the previous year, the auditor found.
* Will cost more to build a new Ontario Science Centre at Ontario Place than it would have to maintain the original site closed earlier this year. Cost has increased by nearly $400 million.
* Went against the government’s own rules for the development process for Ontario Place by communication with only some participants.
* Ignored financial concerns about Therme group with no verification that they actually owned six spas mention in their submission.
* Lack of transparency, accountability and fairness to all participants for Ontario Place spa.
* Taxpayers are subsidizing the Therme Mega Spa for over 2 billion dollars.
* Plans to defy the Charter of Rights to defy the Charter of Rights with legislation to allow cities to clear encampments, even if there are no shelter spaces available.
* Unemployment is higher than Winn’s government.