

Interview Opportunity

Why Elizabeth May should be in the televised debate

Jim Harris, the former leader of the Green Party of Canada (GPC) (2003-2006), is available for comment on the broadcast consortium's decision to exclude GPC leader Elizabeth May from the 2011 televised leaders debates.

In the 2008 election, five unelected and unaccountable TV executives met in secret and made the same decision to exclude Elizabeth May in the televised debates. However, after a week of intense pressure from outraged Canadians, they were forced to reverse their decision.

The vast majority of Canadians believe the GPC should be included in the debates. Even a vast majority of electors who have already decided to vote for another party believe the GPC should be included in the debate.

As the Green Party National Campaign Chair of the 2008 election, Jim Harris was responsible for the campaign which got Elizabeth into the debates.

He is now retired from politics but can serve as an expert commentator on this issue, and other related events as they unfold.

In 2008, the GPC won almost one million votes.

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