

Rainbow Resource Centre's

Get Amplified! Report

2SLGBTQ+ Manitoban's 2023 election priorities and concerns | August 17, 2023

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BACKGROUND

Summary

In recent months, Rainbow Resource Centre reached out to Manitoba’s 2SLGBTQ+ community to find out, when it comes to issues that impact, what will they be thinking about as they head to the ballot box this election. On October 3, Manitoba picks a new government. For many in the 2SLGBTQ+ community, this election feels poignant particularly because of issues such as the rise of anti-queer/anti-trans rhetoric, the growing waiting list for access to gender affirming care, and the escalating need for social supports for our community, particularly in rural Manitoba.

The Get Amplified campaign is designed to use the voices of our community to amplify the issues that are impacting us this election, and to ensure the voices of our community are heard at such an important time. This report is being used to create eight days of content that will highlight this community’s top priorities and their concerns as they relate to key topics.

Sample

The feedback form was shared organically on social media and newsletters. (Limits to Meta advertising related to election subject matter prevented us from directing paid ads through social media in rural communities.)

Sample size: 40

Respondents’ Ages:

16 – 19: 3	50 – 59: 7
20 – 29: 10	60 – 69: 3
30 – 39: 8	70 – 79: 3
40 – 49: 4	Unknown: 2

Riding/region representation:

Brandon	1	River Heights	1	West Broadway	1
Brandon East	2	St James, Assiniboia	2	Winnipeg	5
Concordia	1	St. Boniface	2	Winnipeg North	1
East Kildonan	3	St. John's	2	Winnipeg North Centre	1
Fort Garry	1	St. Vital	1	Winnipeg South	1
Fort Richmon	1	Steinbach	1	Winnipeg West End	1
Fort Rouge	3	The Maples	1	Wolseley	2
Keewatinook	1	Transcona	1		
Point Douglas	1	Union Staton	3		

Key Findings

We asked 2SLGBTQ+ Manitobans to share their feelings about seven issues:

- their top priorities as they head to the ballot box this election;
- what they want all parties to talk about when it comes to 2SLGBTQ+ youth;
- what they want all parties to talk about when it comes to 2SLGBTQ+ older adults;
- what they want all parties to talk about when it comes to 2SLGBTQ+ health;

- what they want all parties to talk about it when it comes to schools and sports and 2SLGBTQ+ people;
- what they want all parties to talk about when it comes 2SLGBTQ+ Manitobans in rural communities;
- what they want all parties to talk about when it comes to 2SLGBTQ+ rights;
- and what they need to hear from a candidate to win their vote.

For each issue, we focused on the top three concerns. We demonstrate “why those issues” and “what’s the situation in Manitoba”, and then shared quotes from participants of the campaign.

Overall, the issues are:

- **TOP PRIORITIES:** combatting hate, increasing access to gender affirming care, and community supports (such as combatting isolation in rural Manitoba).
- **2SLGBTQ+ YOUTH:** combatting hate, DEI education (ie for teachers), and increasing access to gender affirming care
- **2SLGBTQ+ OLDER ADULTS:** Greater access to healthcare, resources/safety/training for those who care for 2SLGBTQ+ older adults, and housing
- **2SLGBTQ+ HEALTH:** increasing access to gender affirming care, increasing access to resources/supports for those who care for 2SLGBTQ+ people
- **EDUCATION & SPORTS:** Inclusive sports, better sex education and diversity in curriculum, and enforcing safe spaces
- **RURAL COMMUNITIES:** social supports to combat isolation, combatting hate, access to inclusive care/gender affirming care
- **2SLGBTQ+ RIGHTS:** protecting rights from special interest groups/combating hate, expanding rights, and increased access to DEI training/representation.
- **WHAT DO YOU NEED TO HEAR:** bold leadership, value diversity, and combatting hate.

At Rainbow, we hear Manitobans concerns and we’re amplifying these issues:

- 23.8% of total responses want to hear all parties talking about **combatting hate and safety for 2SLGBTQ+ people**, particularly in schools.
- 21.3% of total responses want to hear all parties talking about increasing access to **inclusive healthcare/gender affirming care**, including mental health supports,
- 18.5% of total responses want to hear all parties talk about increased access to **social supports for safe housing, food security, and combatting isolation**, particularly in rural in Manitoba.

and for extra measure:

- 11.5% indicated want to see all parties working to prioritize **DEI training** for caregivers, educators, and service providers

GET AMPLIFIED – THEMES & METRICS

Below you’ll find a more comprehensive list of the issues, the priorities, and background information:

TOP PRIORITY		
Top Priority (respondents = 39)	Responses	%

Safety / Protect 2SLGBTQ+ rights	18	31
Gender affirming care	11	19
Rising discrimination/hate	9	16
Food/housing security	7	12
social services/supports for 2SLGBTQ+ people	4	8
Health/Mental Health/Suicide	5	9
Representation/education/DEI in schools/workplaces	2	3
MMIWG2S/BIPOC/2Spirit	2	3
	58	100

Combatting Hate

Forty-six percent of responses indicated that, as 2SLGBTQ+ Manitobans head to the ballot box this election, their top priority will be the safety of 2SLGBTQ+ people in this province, with a full third of total responses specifically indicating concerns about the rise of anti-2SLGBTQ+ discrimination.

* 46 = 31 (safety / protect 2SLGBTQ+ rights) + 16 (Rising Hate/Discrimination)

The Situation

Anti-queer/anti-trans rhetoric has boiled up from the United States, disrupting the rights and freedoms 2SLGBTQ+ Canadians. In Manitoba, recent attempts to ban books in schools and libraries, extremist language at public meetings, and escalating acts of vandalism are evidence that anti-2SLGBTQ+ rhetoric is turning into hate-motivated crimes.

Voice of the People

*When it comes to issues that impact 2SLGBTQ+ Manitobans, what is your **top concern** heading into election season?*

Making the rights of those in the 2SLGBTQ community safe from radical opinions similar to what we are seeing in the US. Allan, 54, St. James-Assiniboia

I am concerned about the rising number of homophobic and transphobic events and incidents happening in Manitoba, and I am growing more concerned for my safety as a queer and trans/nonbinary Manitoban. – Riley, 27, West Broadway

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Health/Gender-Affirming Care & Supports

Twenty-seven percent* of responses indicated that, as 2SLGBTQ+ Manitobans head to the ballot box this election, their top priority be the health and wellness of community members; with 19 percent of those responses specifically mentioning greater access to gender affirming care.

* 27 = 8 (health/mental health/suicide), 19 (gender affirming care)

The Situation

The results of a lifetime of targeted stigma, increased likelihood of victimization, and systemic discrimination, means 2SLGBTQ+ Canadians are more likely to develop chronic disease and present at advanced stages of illness. On top of that, with wait-times for gender affirming care exceeding a year in Manitoba, many 2SLGBTQ+ folks are at increased risk of mental health crises and lack social supports when they need it most.

Voice of the People

*When it comes to issues that impact 2SLGBTQ+ Manitobans, what is your **top concern** heading into election season?*

Funding for queer positive therapy and gender affirming care is nowhere near where it needs to be. Our community members suffer with long wait lists. – Queer trans man, 47, St. John's

Gender affirming care has been underfunded for years and is in desperate need of resources. Wait times are incredibly long and that can really be detrimental to gender diverse Manitobans such as myself. – Skye, 25, Kildonan-River East

Research

Casey, B. (2019) The Health of LGBTQIA2 Communities in Canada: Report of the Standing Committee on Health <https://www.ourcommons.ca/Content/Committee/421/HESA/Reports/RP10574595/hesarp28/hesarp28-e.pdf>

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Social Supports

Twenty* percent of responses indicated that, as we head to the ballot box this fall, the top priority of 2SLGBTQ+ Manitobans will be issues related to funding for social services and programming, with 12 per cent of those responses most concerned with 2SLGBTQ+-inclusive housing and food security programs.

* 20 = 12 (food security/housing) + 8 (social services/supports)

Situation

2SLGBTQ+ people are often put in dangerous living conditions where they are unsafe and under-socialized. In Canada, one out every three homeless youth identifies as 2SLGBTQ+. For 2SLGBTQ+ seniors, fear of discrimination or lack of inclusive programs in retirement or long-term care communities can mean going back into the closet to get the care they deserve. Queer/trans new Canadians are often housed in ethnic communities with those who oppressed them in the countries they fled.

Voice of the People

*When it comes to issues that impact 2SLGBTQ+ Manitobans, what is your **top concern** heading into election season?*

Housing for low-income people, including street people, refugees and other low-income people. – Thomas, 67, Fort Rouge

2SLGBTQIA+ elder housing and mental health support. – Connie, 54, Keewatinook

Research

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2SLGBTQ+ YOUTH

Youth Themes (respondents = 40)	Responses	%
Right-wing agendas in schools/book bans/combating hate	8	19
Education about 2SLGBTQ+ topics/DEI training for staff	7	16
Resources/Funding	5	12
Health/Gender affirming care	6	14
Safety in schools/Safety in rural schools	6	14
Mental health/counselling/supports	5	12
Climate change/housing/training/other	5	11
MMIWG2S & BIPOC / 2Spirit	1	2
	43	100

Combating Hate

When it comes to issues that impact 2SLGBTQ+ youth, 33 percent of responses indicate that 2SLGBTQ+ voters will be listening for all parties to talk about right-wing agendas in schools, book bans, and moves to combat hate; with almost half (14 percent) of those responses specifically concerned about safety in schools, especially in rural Manitoba.

** 33 = 19 (combating hate) + 14 (safety in schools/safety in rural schools)*

Situation

Efforts to ban books from schools and libraries puts kids at the frontline of a culture war where they are more likely to experience bullying, with recent targeted stigma only exacerbating the problem. Moreover, the willful spread of misinformation on social media platforms fuels the rise of hateful rhetoric and empowers people to commit hate-motivated crimes, especially in rural Manitoba, often in public places such as schools.

Voice of the People

*When it comes to issues that impact **2SLGBTQ+ youth**, what do you think all parties should be talking about?*

No child should ever have to grow up in an environment of fear and insecurity. Young people should feel supported, and know that it's normal, healthy, and beautiful to be queer because it's part of being human. – Jack, 32, Winnipeg's West End

Making sure age-appropriate sex/gender education is available to all youth. Allowing experts in the field to determine what is appropriate. – Melissa, 40, St. Vital

Research

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DEI Education and Programming

When it comes to issues that impact 2SLGBTQ+ youth, 28 percent of responses were solution-focused, suggesting more funding for inclusive/affirming youth programming and counselling would be a great place to start. Sixteen percent of those responses specifically recommended mandatory DEI education for teachers, school staff and administration would increase awareness of 2SLGBTQ+ issues.

* 28 = 16 (education about 2SLGBTQ+ topics/DEI training for staff) + 12 (resources/funding)

Situation

Currently, in Manitoba, school budgets for DEI training and programming is limited to as few as 2-3 hours per year. While some school boards prioritize DEI training, there is no requirement for teachers and administration to learn about issues that impact 2SLGBTQ+ youth. Increasing access to DEI training and fulsome sex education benefits everyone, employers attract diverse teams, employees feel safer, schools create supportive environments, and policymakers include diversity in decisions.

Voice of the People

*When it comes to issues that impact **2SLGBTQ+ youth**, what do you think all parties should be talking about?*

Queer/trans history and education belong in our school systems. Education does not equal indoctrination. Learning about queer and trans history and identities does not make one queer or trans, just as learning about cis and hetero identities and history in school didn't make me cis or hetero. – Riley, 27, West Broadway

How to support queer youth so that they can reach adulthood. – E., 27, Fort Richmond

Research

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Health & Gender Affirming Care

When it comes to discussions about youth, twenty-six percent of responses indicated they will be listening for all parties to talk about access to safe healthcare and greater access to gender affirming care

throughout the province. Of those, 12 percent of responses indicated they will be listening for discussions about mental health and counselling supports for youth.

* 26 = 14 (health/gender-affirming care) + 12 (mental health/counselling/supports)

Situation

In Manitoba, wait times for gender affirming care currently exceed a year, however the early stages can be critical for people beginning their gender affirming journey. Not able to access hormone replacement therapies until youth are 16, and with wait times at a year minimum, youth can miss a critical window to explore safe options for gender affirming care that will have life-long positive impacts. During that time, there's a greater need for mental health support, resources, as well as a need for a supportive community – all of which are currently underfunded or difficult to find.

Voice of the People

*When it comes to issues that impact **2SLGBTQ+ youth**, what do you think all parties should be talking about?*

Access to gender affirming healthcare. Not just surgeries and hormones, but speech therapy, laser hair removal, areola tattooing, and ongoing mental healthcare. – Lucy, 35, The Maples

Greater access to counselling and information to those starting to consider transition so that at the age of majority they are well informed of processes and mentally prepared to begin their journey. – Allan, 54, St. James – Assiniboia

Research

Casey, B. (2019) The Health of LGBTQIA2 Communities in Canada: Report of the Standing Committee on Health <https://www.ourcommons.ca/Content/Committee/421/HESA/Reports/RP10574595/hesarp28/hesarp28-e.pdf>

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2SLGBTQ+ OLDER ADULTS

Older Adult Themes (respondents = 33)	Responses	%
Resources/services/supports	7	13
Healthcare (primary, pharmacare, long term care, palliative care)	14	27
Gender affirming care	5	10
Mental health supports	2	4
Safety/Rights in healthcare	4	7
DEI/Accreditation for healthcare	4	7
Housing/food security	10	19
MMIWG2S/BIPOC/2S	1	2
Ageism/representation of older adults	3	6
Rights/Combatting hate	2	4
	52	99

Healthcare

This election, when it comes to discussions about issues that impact 2SLGBTQ+ older adults, 27 percent of responses indicate voters will be listening for conversations about proper, respectful healthcare and supports, no matter where people are on their health journey.

* 27 = 27 (healthcare)

Situation

For the generation that experienced the criminalization of homosexuality, the fight for equal rights, AIDS, and now the rise of anti-queer/anti-trans hate, a lifetime of minority stresses leads to increased risks of life-limiting disease and chronic illness. Compounded with the assumption of discrimination in the health system, 2SLGBTQ+ older adults are more likely to present at advanced stages of disease. Whether it's primary care or long-term care, many 2SLGBTQ+ people fear coming out to their doctor.

Voice of the People

*When it comes to issues that impact **2SLGBTQ+ older adults**, what do you think all parties should be talking about?*

What care looks like for 2SLGBTQIA+ seniors and what the provinces plan is to care for them moving forward. ... Our community continues to age, and we deserve respectful and dignified care that keeps us safe and doesn't force us back into a closet. – Riley, 27, West Broadway

Seniors need more medical attention, but if they're being discriminated against by professionals ... they won't get their basic medical rights. – E., 27, Fort Richmond

Research

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Resources, safety, and training

This election, when parties are talking about older adults, 20 percent of 2SLGBTQ+ Manitobans will be listening for conversations about funding for and the availability of resources, services, and supports for 2SLGBTQ+ older adults, and also increased education for those who care for 2SLGBTQ+ older adults.

* 20 = 13 (Resources/services/supports) + 7 (DEI/Accreditation for healthcare)

Situation

Compared to their heterosexual counterparts, 2SLGBTQ+ older adults are less likely to have children, more likely to live alone, and are more likely to rely on each other for support. Having been more likely over the course of their lifetime to experience victimization than their hetero counterparts, 2SLGBTQ+ older adults are often reluctant to access institutions, like long term care, as they are concerned they will share space with, or rely on the care of, their oppressors.

Voice of the People

*When it comes to issues that impact **2SLGBTQ+ older adults**, what do you think all parties should be talking about?*

Safer, accessible, inclusive services that outline key strategies for partnership agreements that ensure the safety and dignity of 2SLGBTQI+ older adults and elders. Accreditation measures should be in place and tied to funding transfers being dependent on meeting the strategies' priorities. – Gina, 45, River Heights

Research

Community Housing Canada, 2021| LGBTQ2 Vulnerability in the Canadian Housing Sector, <https://chec-ccrl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Experiences-of-LGBTQ2-in-Housing.pdf>

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Housing

A fifth of responses (19 percent) indicated 2SLGBTQ Manitobans hope all parties will be talking about housing for 2SLGBTQ+ older adults, as well as food security.

** 19 = 19 (housing/food security)*

Situation

2SLGBTQ+ people, particularly racialized and gender-diverse cohorts, often struggle with employment, which then translates into challenges with finding safe housing and experiencing food security. For 2SLGBTQ+ older adults, that may result in relying on for-profit, religious-based housing where living openly could lead to discrimination from staff and other residences, and a lack of inclusive programming could lead to a lack of community and increased isolation.

Voice of the People

*When it comes to issues that impact **2SLGBTQ+ older adults**, what do you think all parties should be talking about?*

Affordable housing and safe spaces within seniors communities for 2SLGBTQ+ adults. – Zach, 30, Union Station

Protections and policies that protect aging community members in affordable housing, assisted living and personal care homes. Training for homecare workers to address the special needs of 2SLGBTQ community members. Protections for same sex couples to continue to live as couples for as long as they can. – Allan, 54, Fort Rouge

Research

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2SLGBTQ+ HEALTH

2SLGBTQ+ Health Themes (respondents = 36)	Responses	%
Resources/services/supports	10	19
gender affirming care	12	23
mental health	6	11
Wait lists/times	6	11
Affirming care in every health region.	5	9
Anti-hate policies/DEI training tied to accreditation Canada	10	19
Safe consumption sites	2	4
MMIWG2S/BIPOC/2S	2	4
	53	100

Gender Affirming Care

This election, when it comes to conversations related to 2SLGBTQ+ health, 32 percent* of responses indicated 2SLGBTQ+ Manitobans will be listening for all parties to talk about increasing access to gender affirming care, with a third of those responses indicating the need for affirming care *in every region*, and a further 11 percent of responses specifically mentioning wait times for care.

* 32 = 23 (gender affirming care) + 9 (affirming care in every region)

Situation

Early steps of gender affirming care, including hormone replacement therapy, are relatively simple with proper training. However, many Manitoba doctors feel under-equipped to provide adequate care, particularly in rural Manitoba. As a result, people are referred to programs in Winnipeg, forcing most to travel—which for some might not be possible. However, wait times for affirming care exceed a year right now. Considering it is during this time, risk of mental health crises and concerns about safety are at their highest, more access to gender affirming care would save lives.

Voice of the People

*When it comes to issues that impact **2SLGBTQ+ health**, what do you think all parties should be talking about?*

Transgender health is truly a hot mess right now. Clinic's wait time for intake alone is over a year, to get hormones it's more like a year and a half, for surgery referrals its two years, to get surgery is even longer ... leading to inordinate wait times. - Alex, 26, Fort Rouge

These areas are horribly under resourced. Winnipeg has some resources, but wait times are long. And in more rural parts of the province, there's simply no support. We need to focus on getting support for all Manitobans that need it. – Skye Bruce, 25, Kildonan-River East

Research

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Anti-Hate Policies/DEI Training

At a time when anti-2SLGBTQ+ rhetoric has led to increases in hate-motivated crimes, 19 percent of responses indicate, this election, 2SLGBTQ+ Manitobans will be listening for all parties to talk about firm anti-hate policies and mandatory DEI training for all healthcare staff, including doctors, nurses, and staff.

* 19 = 19 (anti-hate policies/DEI training)

Situation

At every stage of a health journey, 2SLGBTQ+ people are at risk of discrimination and victimization due to a lack of proper education and training for every doctor, nurse, specialist, and staff member a person meets along the way. For example, currently in Manitoba, nursing and medical students receive only a few hours of DEI training *each year*. That means, in healthcare, front line staff may have minimal understanding of the complex intersectionality of 2SLGBTQ+ health.

Voice of the People

*When it comes to issues that impact **2SLGBTQ+ health**, what do you think all parties should be talking about?*

Queer health and mental health should be standard. Every single healthcare professional and mental health professional should be well educated about queer health. We're not some niche specialization, we're everyone and everywhere, and we all need healthcare. – Jack, 32, Winnipeg West End

Many health care providers are unprepared to help their queer patients. Doctors lack training pertaining to their needs and discrimination and stigma makes it harder for queer individuals to find a healthcare provider in the first place. – Rowan, 19, Transcona

Research

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Resources/Services/Supports

Nearly a fifth of responses indicate, when it comes to 2SLGBTQ+ health, voters will be listening for all parties to talk about access to resources, services, and supports that are accessible and inclusive.

* 19 = (resources/services/supports)

Situation

There are 2SLGBTQ+ people in every health region in Manitoba, and yet much of the funding for social supports and health resources for 2SLGBTQ+ people is focused on Winnipeg. Even though it's possible for any doctor to begin gender affirming care therapies, inner city clinic and therapies remain Manitoba's primary source, resulting in exorbitant wait times. Wait times are more than an inconvenience – they result in mental health crises, which result in issues with employment, housing, and safety. Training and resources, as well as mandated affirming care policies, would alleviate pressure on the system and save lives.

Voice of the People

*When it comes to issues that impact **2SLGBTQ+ health**, what do you think all parties should be talking about?*

Respecting what [2SLGBTQ+ people] want, what [2SLGBTQ+ people] need, and not restricting due to a lack of understanding. – DB., 32, Steinbach

EVERYTHING! There is such a lack of care when it comes to mental health, health services, as well as resources in general for the community. Especially the BIPOC community. – Connie, 54, Keewatinook

Research

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EDUCATION & SPORTS

Education & Sports (repondents = 35)	Responses	%
Inclusive sports	17	42
Required DEI education for all educators	5	12
Safe spaces	4	10
Better Sex Ed/Diversity reflected in curriculum	7	17
Increasing funding	1	2
Pushback against book bans	2	5
Mental health/trauma	2	5
Regulations of publicly funded private schools	3	7
	41	100

Inclusive Sports

When it comes to discussions related to 2SLGBTQ+ people in education and sports – nearly half (42 percent) of the responses indicated voters will be listening for all parties to talk about inclusive sports, especially when it come to the protection of transgender players' rights.

** 42 = 42 (inclusive sports)*

Situation

When we talk about the rise of anti-queer and anti-trans rhetoric in Manitoba, we often focus on book bans and hate-motivated mischief in the public forum. 2SLGBTQ+ youth are often stigmatized in sports, or may feel they can't report incidents of discrimination because they don't feel safe. But barriers to sport begin at the changing rooms, where sex-segregation can put gender non-conforming youth at risk of victimization.

Voice of the People

*When it comes to issues that impact **2SLGBTQ+ Manitobans related to education and sports**, what do you think all parties should be talking about?*

The 2SLGBTQ+ community is underrepresented in sports. I suspect most folks playing sports would agree that sports are important to their wellbeing. [...] Nobody should be excluded from that! And yet, again, the 2SLGBTQ+ community is underrepresented in sports. Why? They don't feel safe, and they don't feel like they belong. – anonymous, Fort Rouge

A greater focus on creating safe spaces for all involved in the 2SLGBTQ communities. Retrofitting community centres to foster those guidelines and training for those in team leadership positions to protect 2SLGBTQ participants. – Allan, 54, St. James-Assiniboia

Research

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Better Sex Ed./Diversity in Curriculum

Focusing more on the education system, 17 percent of responses indicated 2SLGBTQ+ Manitobans will be listening for all parties' positions when it comes to better sex education and what they think about diversity being represented in curriculum.

** 17 = 17 (Better Sex Ed/Diversity reflected in curriculum)*

Situation

For many people, especially those living in rural Manitoba, conversations about gender and sexuality outside the heteronormative binary are rare and can be dangerous at home. Proper sex education empowers youth to make informed decisions about STBBIs, contraception, birth control, and also

boundaries, and improves understanding of healthy sexual behaviour. Combined with 2SLGBTQ+ representation in curriculum, schools have the capacity to normalize the 2SLGBTQ+ experience.

Voice of the People

*When it comes to issues that impact **2SLGBTQ+ Manitobans related to education and sports**, what do you think all parties should be talking about?*

Curriculum, literature, teachers, and policy need to reflect the diversity of their students. We need to recruit queer teachers and make sure they have the resources they need to make sure all students feel safe. This need to be a priority everywhere but in particular in rural Manitoba where our safety is under attack. – gay cis male, 35, Point Douglas

Parties should be talking about comprehensive Sex Ed. – Arlee, 19, Brandon

Research

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Enforcing Safe Spaces

17 percent of responses indicated, this election season, 2SLGBTQ+ Manitobans will be listening for all parties' opinions on mandatory enforcement of safe spaces – with 7 percent specifically mentioning changes be made to publicly funded private schools.

** 17 = 10 (safes spaces) + 7 (regulations of publicly funded private schools)*

Situation

In 2013, Bill 18 passed in Manitoba, mandating safe spaces for 2SLGBTQ+ youth in all public schools in Manitoba. Despite this, queerphobia/transphobia are alive in the school system – with some reports indicating bullying three times higher against 2SLGBTQ+ youth than cis/straight youth. In recent years, special interest groups have been attempting to erode this mandated space, and remove access to educational resources in school. Bold action needs to be taken to protect safe havens for 2SLGBTQ+ youth.

Voice of the People

*When it comes to issues that impact **2SLGBTQ+ Manitobans related to education and sports**, what do you think all parties should be talking about?*

Inclusivity, respect, education. Creating safe spaces in the education system, providing more policies to protect trans youth, educating the people that works in the school system to understand the issues of the Queer/ Trans community. Creating policies to ensure protection for the Queer/ Trans community. – unknown, 56, Winnipeg

There should be more regulations on discrimination in private schools. Because they are privately funded many don't have a school board to go through for regulations. Religious schools use the fact of religion to not allow students to even have a GSA. – private school grad, 20, East Kildonan

Research

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RURAL COMMUNITIES

Rural Communities (respondents = 34)	Responses	%
leadership	4	9
Health care/GAC	10	22
Safe space/community supports/combating isolation	15	33
Rise of hate/combating hate/public awareness	7	16
Safety in schools/book bans	7	16
MMIWG2S/BIPOC/2S	2	4
	45	100

Social Supports (Combating Isolation)

When asked about issues that impact 2SLGBTQ+ Manitobans in rural communities, 33 percent of responses indicated voters are hoping for increased funding for and access to resources and programming that combats the isolation of 2SLGBTQ+ people in rural communities.

* 33 = 33 (safe spaces/community supports/combating isolation)

Situation

With anti-queer/anti-trans rhetoric on the rise and hate-motivated crime escalating in Canada, 2SLGBTQ+ Manitobans who live in rural communities, whether they choose to or not, can feel vulnerable to attacks. Finding like-minded people may put them at risk of discrimination and violence; conversely, isolation can have many negative impacts on their health. Investing in safe spaces and social supports in rural communities could literally save lives.

Voice of the People

*When it comes to issues that impact **2SLGBTQ+ Manitobans in rural communities**, what do you think all parties should be talking about?*

We simply need more support. As someone who grew up in rural Manitoba, there's simply very few resources to be shared across all that needed it. And often times it wasn't talked about that these resources exist. – Skye, 25, Kildonan-River East

Huge increase to programs to those in rural areas. An overwhelming amount of services are available within Winnipeg, while there is scant or negligible access to programs in Rural areas. Perimeteritis. – Sheila, 56, Brandon East

Research

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Combatting Hate

When asked about issues that impact 2SLGBTQ+ Manitobans in rural communities, thirty-two percent of responses indicated voters are concerned about the rising levels of anti-queer/anti-trans rhetoric, such as attempts to ban books in schools and libraries, and will be listening for all parties to talk about combatting hate and protecting the safety of 2SLGBTQ+ people.

* 32 = 16 (combatting hate) + 16 (safety in schools)

Situation

Though rural communities have long been difficult for 2SLGBTQ+ people, in recent years hate-motivated crimes are on the rise in Canada, and in the last year protests and attempts to ban books in rural communities have further stigmatized 2SLGBTQ+ people and their allies in close-knit communities. Hate is no longer coming, it's here, and hate-motivated crimes in rural communities are escalating.

Voice of the People

*When it comes to issues that impact **2SLGBTQ+ Manitobans in rural communities**, what do you think all parties should be talking about?*

The government needs to stand up to anti queer hate in rural Manitoba. We cannot tolerate it. Allowing rural school divisions to even entertain the idea of book bans is unacceptable. – gay cis male, 35, Point Douglas

Protests and banning due to religious ideals or bigotry. These hardly make it to the news and I find these communities don't really talk about it. – DB., 32, Steinbach

Research

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Access to Inclusive Healthcare/Gender Affirming Care

Twenty-two percent of responses indicated, when it comes to matters that impact 2SLGBTQ+ Manitobans, this election voters will be listening for assurances of greater access to inclusive health care and gender affirming care in rural Manitoba.

* 22 = 22 (healthcare/GAC)

Situation

In Canada, Manitoba has one of the highest percentages of trans or non-binary people living in rural communities and yet access to gender affirming care is only accessible in Winnipeg. Limiting access to this kind of care puts trans and non-binary people at risk, with well over 60 percent of Manitoban trans and non-binary people reporting their suicide ideation in the last year alone. In short, increasing access to gender affirming care in all health regions would save lives.

Voice of the People

*When it comes to issues that impact **2SLGBTQ+ Manitobans in rural communities**, what do you think all parties should be talking about?*

Expanding access to gender-affirming care in rural communities, including funding healthcare in general, training more doctors to be able to administer hormone therapy, adding more mental healthcare supports, and expanding other gender-affirming care procedures and making them available closer to more people's homes. – Leila, 26, Brandon East

More access to gender affirming care in rural communities. It's hard for trans/nonbinary Manitobans to come into Winnipeg for care, especially if they lack a support system and a reliable way into the city. – Riley, 27, West Broadway

Research

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2SLGBTQ+ RIGHTS

2SLGBTQ+ Rights (respondent = 35)	Responses	%
Education/History/Representation	5	12
Protecting Rights (from special interest groups)	11	28
Health care rights	4	10
Youth Rights (bathrooms in schools)	4	10
Anti-discrimination/combating hate	5	12
expanding rights (polyamory/intersex)(2spirit)	7	18
Funding/services/policy	4	10
	40	100

Protecting Rights from Special Interest Groups/Combating Hate

It comes as no surprise that, when asked about issues related to 2SLGBTQ+ rights, 40 percent of responses indicated voters will be listening to all candidates' views on protecting 2SLGBTQ+ rights from special interest groups, with 12 percent specifically stating they will be listening for bold statements about anti-discrimination and combating hate.

** 40 = 28 (protecting rights) + 12 (anti-discrimination, combating hate)*

Situation

Hateful rhetoric and hate-motivated crimes are on the rise across Canada. Here in Manitoba, extremist groups are pushing for books bans in schools and libraries, they're successfully advocating for religious

classes with queerphobic lessons to be included in public schools, and incidents of vandalism and the willful promotion of hatred on social media are all signs that 2SLGBTQ+ people should be concerned about their safety and listening for leadership to take action.

Voice of the People

*When it comes to discussions about **2SLGBTQ+ rights**, what do you think all parties should be talking about?*

Increase fines for hate speech and bullying, increasing punishments as well, I think our community needs service. – Karli, 25, Winnipeg

The fact that our rights are always in jeopardy. There's no time where we feel safe. – Kai, 36, St. John's

Research

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Expanding 2SLGBTQ+ Rights

When it comes to 2SLGBTQ+ rights in Manitobans, this election, 18 percent of responses indicate voters want all parties to talk about advancing or expanding 2SLGBTQ+ rights in Manitoba.

** 18 = 18 (expanding rights)*

Situation

Experience teaches us that in the coming years, we can expect attempts to derail 2SLGBTQ+ rights in Manitoba. Discrimination still happens in housing, healthcare, employment, and schools, and there are still gaps in family law, immigration and refugee law, human rights law, criminal law, and the prison system. There's lots of opportunity for Manitoba to move the needle in the right direction.

Voice of the People

*When it comes to discussions about **2SLGBTQ+ rights**, what do you think all parties should be talking about?*

Creating long term legislation to keep the 2SLGBTQ+ community safe and accessible to supports, more education for the police around 2SLGBTQ+. – Connie, 54, Keewatinook

They need to give up the idea that their acceptance is all we need, and truly make a move to give queer people equal opportunities. Keep queer education in schools, keep queer rights in the medical field, workplaces, and post-secondary education centres. – Ciph, 20, Concordia

Research

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Increase access to DEI education & representation

When it comes to 2SLGBTQ+ rights in Manitoba, voters will be listening for candidates to talk about increasing funding for DEI education programs. With ten percent of responses suggesting, the first step would be mandating queer representation in education curriculum.

* 28 = 16 (education about 2SLGBTQ+ topics/DEI training for staff) + 12 (resources/funding)

Situation

While DEI education promotes fulsome understanding about the broad issues related to 2SLGBTQ+ communities, and gives space for high level discussions about the intersectionality of these issues, by mandating diverse pedagogies throughout Manitoba queer and trans histories and identities could be normalized which would improve the safety and wellness of 2SLGBTQ+ youth, teachers, and parents.

Voice of the People

*When it comes to discussions about **2SLGBTQ+ rights**, what do you think all parties should be talking about?*

[...] DEI training for all candidates and MLA's of any party. – Zach, 30, Union Station

Research

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WHAT DO YOU NEED TO HEAR

What do you need to hear/anything else? (repondents = 53)	Responses	%
Combatting Hate	9	13
Bold leadership	19	28
Value Diversity	7	11
Gender affirming care	8	12
DEI training	6	9
funding/housing/food security	5	8
safety/safe space/programming (incl. In school)	7	11
MMIWG2S/BIPOC/2S	3	4
encourage queer people to vote	3	4
	67	100

Bold Leadership

When it comes right down to it, this election season, 28 percent of responses indicated they are listening for candidates to state clearly that they will protect and serve 2SLGBTQ+ Manitobans.

** 28 = 28 (bold leadership)*

Situation

Though sexual orientation and gender identity and expression are protected in Manitoba, however across Canada, 2SLGBTQ+ communities are seeing the erosion of 2SLGBTQ+ rights at the hands of special interest groups. Now more than ever, 2SLGBTQ+ Manitobans, their families, and allies, are concerned about the rise anti-queer/anti-trans rhetoric and the power these groups have to derail hard-won rights and freedoms.

Voice of the People

When it comes to issues that impact 2SLGBTQ+ Manitobans, **what do you need to hear** from a candidate to win your vote in this election?

I need to hear that a candidate will unequivocally support the protection and advancement of rights for all Manitobans, particularly of BIPOC and Trans folks. – Zach, 30, Union Station

[I need to hear] that they will fight for me and my community now and for the rest of their term in office. That they will take our issues and concerns to those above them and fight for us on a National stage. That they won't do the bare minimum and be passive while we fight for our rights and lives. That they denounce the transphobic and homophobic rhetoric that's been popping up across Manitoban school systems. That they tip their drag queens. – Riley, 27, West Broadway

Research

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Value Diversity/DEI Training

As 2SLGBTQ+ Manitobans head to the ballot box, 20 percent indicated that, to win their vote, they need to hear from candidates that they value diversity, with almost half adding that it would be worthwhile for their ideal candidate to educate themselves with a DEI course.

** 20 = 11 (value diversity) + 9 (DEI training)*

Situation

The diversity of the 2SLGBTQ+ may seem complicated to tackle during an election season, but learning about the intersectionality of the issues this community face would inspire hope in the electorate. For example, when it comes to housing, 2SLGBTQ+ people are overrepresented in groups needing access to safe housing. When we talk about health care, access to gender affirming care in every health region would save lives. This way, when candidates speak to matters that impact queer/trans people, they will speak with confidence, empathy, and vision.

Voice of the People

When it comes to issues that impact 2SLGBTQ+ Manitobans, **what do you need to hear** from a candidate to win your vote in this election?

Genuine interest in helping our community. Not just tokenization of our community during elections. Genuine interest in bringing light to issues that affect our lives. Eg: Inclusive, respectful health care, education etc. – anonymous, 56, Winnipeg

I want to hear actual tangible measurable plans for how they're going to increase access to care, provide safer spaces, and educate the public on queer issues. – Lucy, 35, The Maples

Research

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Combat Hate

Though in many ways all issues related to 2SLGBTQ+ Manitobans has to do with combatting hate, thirteen percent of responses indicated people will be listening for candidates that promise to combat the rise of hatred in Manitoba.

* 13 = 13 (combatting hate)

Situation

Anti-2SLGBTQ+ hate is on the rise across Canada. Here in Manitoba, extremist groups are attempting books bans in schools and libraries, successfully advocating for religious classes in public schools with queerphobic lessons, and willfully promoting hatred on social media, resulting in a rise of hate-motivated crimes - all signs that 2SLGBTQ+ people should be concerned about their safety.

Voice of the People

When it comes to issues that impact 2SLGBTQ+ Manitobans, **what do you need to hear** from a candidate to win your vote in this election?

[I need to hear] their stance on implementing anti hate legislation; their commitment to not voting against adding gender expression to the human rights code; their opposition to hate actions; their ability to lead and not stay silent; their comfort in knowing what 2slgbtqi+ stands for and represents; their understanding of intersectional issues and realities for 2slgbtqi+ Manitobans. – Gina, 45, River Heights

[I need to hear] That they will actually put into laws that books cannot be banned due to their content and some sorts of rights or regulation that protects us. Queers are at risk of violence and death, and we need to have the safety of our government. – Kai, 36, St. John's

Research

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