



GLOBAL NEWS DELIVERS 2019 FEDERAL ELECTION SPECIAL *DECISION CANADA* OCTOBER 21 WITH LEAD ANCHOR DAWNA FRIESEN

Live *Decision Canada* Election Special Begins at 7 p.m. ET Online and in Select TV/Radio Markets, and at 9 p.m. ET Nationally Across All Platforms

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Anchor Dawna Friesen leads Global News' election night coverage.

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TORONTO, October 16, 2019 – As Canadians prepare to cast their ballots and decide the country's future on **Monday, October 21**, Global News today announced plans for its 2019 federal election special, ***Decision Canada***. Led by Global News Anchor **Dawna Friesen**, *Decision Canada* delivers results and analysis Canadians can trust, live on select Global television and radio affiliates from **7 p.m. ET** and nationally across all affiliates from **9 p.m. ET**. *Decision Canada* can also be streamed live from 7 p.m. ET on any connected device via Canada's #1 privately-owned news website*, Globalnews.ca; as well as Global News' YouTube, Facebook and Twitter pages.

Marking the network's most comprehensive election night coverage ever – airing on more properties than ever before – *Decision Canada* will broadcast from Global News' brand new state of the art Toronto election studio featuring a stunning 70-foot panoramic digital display. Supported by Global's roster of trusted journalists reporting from all key battleground ridings and party headquarters, unbiased and unflinching analysis will be led in-studio by Dawna Friesen, alongside the network's most experienced political correspondents: Ottawa Bureau Chief and Host of *The West Block* **Mercedes Stephenson**, Chief Political Correspondent **David Akin** and Senior National Affairs Correspondent **Eric Sorensen**; all complemented by **Darrell Bricker**, CEO of leading polling company Ipsos.

"With the political and social climate in the country becoming increasingly polarized, Canadians need voices they can trust to navigate this election," said Ward Smith, Senior Vice President, Global News. "As our exceptional reporting throughout the campaign has proved, there's no one better than Dawna Friesen

and our Global News team to deliver the facts, provide balanced analysis, and cut through the spin on election night.”

Also joining the action in-studio are two expert panels from across the country and political spectrum. Global News Anchor **Farah Nasser** moderates a panel of Global News Radio personalities who will offer insight into what matters most to the Canadians they speak to every day on-air, featuring: **Charles Adler** (Charles Adler Tonight), **Danielle Smith** (770 CHQR), **Supriya Dwivedi** (640 Toronto) and **Ryan Jespersen** (630 CHED). While a panel of experienced pundits will provide diverse perspectives from the political world, including: NDP MP **Nathan Cullen**; former Premier of Saskatchewan **Brad Wall**; former Ontario Liberal MPP **Nathalie Des Rosiers**; former press secretary to Elizabeth May, **Camille Labchuk**; and journalist and human rights advocate **Amira Elghawaby**.

Decision Canada will air live from 7 p.m. ET on select Global television and radio affiliates – Global Halifax/New Brunswick, Global Durham, Global Peterborough, Global Kingston and 980 CKNW – and nationally from 9 p.m. ET across all Global-affiliated television and radio stations. Live local coverage segments will feature prominently throughout individual affiliates’ *Decision Canada* broadcasts, with familiar personalities supplying the results and hyper-local insights that are most important to audiences in each market. Additionally, tailored results will be continuously displayed on screen in each local television market.

Nonstop updates for all ridings will be available well beyond the final result across Global News’ national and local affiliate social media channels, as well as Globalnews.ca. While the next morning, a full breakdown of election night and what the results mean for Canada going forward will air from 6 a.m. local time on *Global News Morning* broadcasts across the country.

For more information and additional Global News election coverage, visit Globalnews.ca.

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