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Our taxes fund a wide range of public services that help make Canada's quality of life better than many other nations.

In fact, middle-income Canadian families enjoy public services worth about \$41,000—or 63% of their income.

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Even households earning \$80,000–\$90,000 a year enjoy public services benefits equivalent to about half of their income.

Public services: they're the best bargain available to Canadians.

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Canadians are often sold tax cuts as though they're the best bargain a government can offer its citizens but the opposite is true.

The tax cuts implemented by federal and provincial governments over the past 15 years have reduced the living standards of the majority of Canadians.

The majority of Canadians would be better off if their governments had invested in improving and expanding local public services instead of cutting taxes.

75% of Canadians would be better off if their provincial governments invested in public services instead of broad-based income tax cuts;

80% of Canadians would be better off if the federal government hadn't cut the GST;

88% of Canadians would be better off without federal capital gains tax cuts.

Tax cuts aren't free money. They cost us in vital public services that help make Canada the envy of many nations.

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