



# Canadian Prime Ministers

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Prime ministers are listed chronologically.

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Answer	Details
John <u>Macdonald</u>	Conservative; first prime minister of Canada (1867-1873); passed the Manitoba Act, which led to the <b>Red River Rebellion</b> ; resigned over the <b>Pacific Scandal</b> , involving over 100 Conservative politicians taking bribes over a rail contract
William Lyon Mackenzie <u>King</u>	Liberal; longest serving prime minister in Canadian history; served three terms, including at the start of the Great Depression and throughout World War II; led the Liberal Party and helped create the Canadian welfare state
Lester <u>Pearson</u>	Liberal; won a Nobel Peace Prize for resolving the <b>Suez Crisis</b> ; led the adoption of <b>universal health care</b> and the Maple Leaf flag
Pierre <u>Trudeau</u>	Liberal; served as prime minister for most of 1968-1984; invoked the <b>War Measures Act</b> during the <b>October Crisis</b> , in which the <b>FLQ</b> , Québécois separatists, kidnapped and killed Pierre Laporte; went for a "walk in the snow" to decide on his retirement; claimed to have said "fuddle duddle" instead of cursing in parliament; father of Justin Trudeau
Stephen <u>Harper</u>	Conservative; served from 2006-2015; oversaw the merger of the Progressive Conservatives and Canadian Alliance into the <b>Conservative Party</b> ; withdrew Canada from the <b>Kyoto Protocol</b>
Justin <u>Trudeau</u>	Liberal; son of Pierre Trudeau; prime minister 2015-2025; named the first gender-balanced Cabinet in Canadian history; invoked the Emergencies Act the Freedom Convoy trucker protest during the COVID pandemic
Mark <u>Carney</u>	Liberal; prime minister 2025-

