

There was little attempt at publicly justifying or explaining away the travel, just a consensus through their actions that the public's angry questioning of whether we're really "all in this together" had hit its mark.

On Tuesday, [Prime Minister Justin Trudeau](#) said he shares the "frustration and indignation" that many Canadians expressed at politicians and others who took vacations outside of the country during the [COVID-19 pandemic](#).

Speaking for the first time since the drip-drip of news reports revealed [more than a dozen Canadian politicians](#) of all stripes took off for sunny climes despite public health warnings against non-essential travel, Trudeau lamented that "so many Canadians" have sacrificed and followed the rules – but "folks who should have known better" did not, including two members of his Liberal caucus.

"It is unfortunate to see a number of politicians not take their own advice," he said. Trudeau said he was "disappointed" in the two Liberal MPs, Kamal Khera and Sameer Zuberi, who lost their parliamentary and committee responsibilities as a result.

He's not the only one.

New Democrat Jagmeet Singh was the first federal leader to act, the day after Ontario's now-former finance minister Rod Phillips was fired Dec. 31 for his trip to a luxury beach resort at St. Bart's.

The NDP quickly scanned the whereabouts of its MPs as reporters asked questions, and discovered Niki Ashton was in Greece.

Ashton had travelled there to visit her ill grandmother but hadn't notified Singh or the party whip of the trip. On Jan. 1, Singh stripped the prominent New Democrat of her cabinet critic duties for transport and for women and gender equality. He expressed sympathy, but in a statement the party said, "Canadians, rightfully, expect their elected representatives to lead by example."

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