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The Independent & Free Press posed five questions to the five candidates running for the provincial Halton riding seat. The candidates' responses were limited to approximately 60 words. Family Coalition Party candidate Giuseppe Gori did not respond.

<p><b>The candidates:</b></p> <p><b>Ted Chudleigh</b> (Progressive Conservative)</p> <p><b>Mohan Anand</b> (Liberal)</p> <p><b>Jay Jackson</b> (New Democratic Party)</p> <p><b>Giuseppe Gori</b> (Family Coalition Party)</p> <p><b>Bill Champ</b> (Green Party)</p>	<p><b>Health care is an issue that concerns every Ontarian. What is your party's plan to ensure that Ontario residents have access to reliable, quality health care?</b></p>	<p><b>Education has been a controversial election issue. What are your party's plans for Ontario's education system?</b></p>	<p><b>Here in Halton Hills, the environment, and how it is affected by development, has been an issue brought to the forefront by local residents. What is your party's platform when it comes to the environment?</b></p>	<p><b>What issue do you think Halton Hills residents should consider to be the most important in this campaign and why?</b></p>	<p><b>Why should voters support you and your party in this election?</b></p>
  <p><b>Ted Chudleigh</b></p>	<p>We have committed in our platform— Blueprint— to increase health care funding 20 per cent. We re-balanced the system, and moved more hospital resources into growth areas like Halton, laying the groundwork for more modern, relevant health care. The Bennett Health Care Centre is a result. We back a Patient's Bill of Rights so people better understand the system.</p>	<p>We support early childhood learning programs. We support a Charter of Education Rights and Responsibilities to spell out what students, teachers and parents need to do to produce excellence in education. We will improve school safety, provide teachers with more classroom authority, insist on high teaching standards, and enforce student discipline. We want all students tested in core subjects.</p>	<p>Development pressures across Ontario fueled the Living Legacy program, the largest expansion in the provincial park system in Ontario's history, which doubled Ontario's provincial parkland. Our Drive Clean emissions testing program will improve our air quality, especially now that trucks and buses have been added. We have also improved food safety with higher standards and more inspections.</p>	<p>Jobs and tax cuts. Working people pay taxes. Those taxes pay for highly prized services like health care and education. The more people who are contributing to our economy, the better the services we can afford. Properly encouraged with continued tax cuts, we have an economy strong enough to get us out of debt while supporting high quality services.</p>	<p>People should support us because deep down they know we offer the only platform capable of improving Ontario. There is no easy way. We cannot be all things to all people. The time of special interests is past, we act for the good of all Ontarians. Mike Harris provides the strong leadership required to make the necessary decisions.</p>
  <p><b>Mohan Anand</b></p>	<p>Hire 10,200 nurses to bring the number of nurses per capita to the Canadian average. Increase enrollment in medical schools by 15%. Make ambulance service a provincial responsibility. Make emergency waiting time 15 minutes (maximum). Increase the number of hospital beds. Provide new funding for home care and long-term care. Re-open Women's College Hospital.</p>	<p>Repeal Bill 160. Increase local control of education. Change funding formula. Open new schools where needed. Decrease university tuition by 10%. Restore student aid and allow students to earn up to \$1,800 a year. Fund Junior Kindergarten and adult education. Restore advisory status to parent councils.</p>	<p>The Liberal government will introduce and enforce the following Acts: (1) Ontario Clean Air Act (2) Ontario Safe Drinking Water Act (3) Hazardous and Toxic Waste Act. We will address the environmental and ecological issues in all development plans. Enforce laws by hiring 100 inspectors.</p>	<p>In Oakville, Burlington and Georgetown overcrowding in schools, unhealthy portables and busing are the major concerns. This is the result of the funding formula. Access to good health care and overcrowding in hospitals is an overall concern as is the response time to the Ambulance Service Unit. Other concerns include: Increases in property taxes, preservation of green spaces and accessibility to their MPP.</p>	<p>I would take my role as MPP seriously and insist on it being my full-time job. I will be available to inform, consult and assist my constituents. We will restore confidence and create improvements in health care, education and the environment. We will eliminate the deficit in two years and will provide strong economic leadership.</p>
  <p><b>Jay Jackson</b></p>	<p>The NDP would stop the move to American-style, for profit health care and home care by investing an additional \$250 million immediately into home nursing, homemaking and personal support services. We would stop the bidding war for home care contracts that leads to low bids, low wages and poor services. We would guarantee assessment by registered nurses of all emergency cases within 15 minutes of arrival in hospital.</p>	<p>The NDP would cut university and college tuition fees 10%; put money back into our children's education. Repeal Bill 160, keep community schools open, protect early learning (Junior Kindergarten and Early Childhood Education), and adequately support special needs education. We would change the school funding formula so it includes vital school functions.</p>	<p>The NDP believe Ontario needs wildlands protection. Every successful community must have a balance between development and the natural environment. The first NDP government put in place a Planning Act which discouraged urban sprawl. The Harris Conservatives cut that act in their first year. An NDP government would restore the Planning Act to ensure community voices are heard and wildlands are protected.</p>	<p>Health care. The Tories have cut \$1.97 billion from health care. Patients have to leave hospitals quicker and sicker, often with little follow-up care. Nurses and health care workers are overloaded. Homecare is a problem. Patients who leave the hospital early go to the front of the line for home nursing. As a result, frail seniors, chronic care clients and people with disabilities don't receive the assistance they need to be able to stay in their own homes.</p>	<p>I believe in Ontario. It is a great province with a proud history. But I believe Ontario can and must be better. I believe we can have better hospitals, better schools, better colleges and universities, better air to breathe and better opportunities for young people. I believe life in Ontario can be better for working families and I will do everything I can to make that happen.</p>