

# Gun-control advocates urge Canadians to vote for Liberals or Bloc

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The husband of Maryse Laganière, who was killed by Marc Lépine at Polytechnique college in 1989, attends a news conference in Montreal, Thursday...

A man who was wounded in the 2006 shooting at Montreal's Dawson College doesn't want Canadians to vote for the NDP. Hayder Kadhim and several people who were affected by the Dawson shooting and the 1989 Montreal Massacre held a news conference in Montreal on Thursday.

The gun-control advocates are urging voters to cast their ballots for the Liberals or the Bloc Quebecois because they helped defeat a Conservative bill last September that would have abolished the long-gun registry.

NDP members were free to vote as they saw fit.

"What's unfortunate from the NDP is that Jack Layton came to Dawson once and promised us to have a strong position about gun control in his party," Kadhim said.

"But unfortunately in September I witnessed with my own eyes, that he didn't hold his promise."

On Sept. 13, 2006, Kimveer Gill stormed Dawson and opened fire.

One student, 18-year-old Anastasia De Sousa, was killed, and many others were injured before Gill turned the gun on himself.

The news conference was held at the home of the parents of Anne-Marie Edward, one of 14 women who were killed in the Ecole Polytechnique massacre in 1989.

Jim Edward, Anne-Marie's father, says he simply doesn't feel comfortable with Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

"I find the man scary and I just think that Canadians, Quebecers should vote other. .don't vote Conservative," he said.

The Conservatives say the money spent to keep the registry running is unjustified and that the database carries incomplete and unreliable information.