



Burnaby North - Seymour Conservative Electoral District Association

Partial list of Failures of Justin Trudeau and the Liberals, going back to forming government in 2015

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Foreword

The Canadian counterpart to the U.S.A.’s “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness” and the French’s “liberty, equality, fraternity,” is Canada’s defining phrase “peace, order and good government.” This “motto” derives from section 91 of the British North America Act of 1867. Under each of these uplifting attributes, Justin Trudeau and his Liberals have been dismal failures.

The result of Justin Trudeau’s 2021 “vanity” federal election was the waste of \$610 million for a result not materially different from before the election. Once again, the Conservative Party achieved a higher percentage of the popular vote than the Liberal Party, but obtained fewer seats. Trudeau claimed a new mandate, but was re-elected with the lowest popular vote in Canada’s history, with only 32% support from Canadians who voted (closer to 20% of all eligible voters). I.e., between 2/3 and 80% of the country doesn’t want him as prime minister. A post-election poll by Maru Public Opinion showed 55% of Canadians hoped he would resign and 77% believed the country was more fractured than prior to the “Seinfeldian” election (88% in Alberta).

As we approached the federal election, Trudeau used an industrial-strength leaf blower to shower money over ridings he visited. But, voters continued to tolerate a scandal-plagued leader who theatrically emotes progressive talking points but fails to deliver, evades parliamentary accountability, rejects any semblance of fiscal prudence and is deferential in praise of the country he leads. Doling out hundreds of billions of dollars, finally delivering (late) vaccines at prices he refuses to disclose and vilifying the Conservative opposition did not dent Trudeau’s poll numbers. Finally his ethical outrages and gross ineptitude are biting him. Erin O’Toole described his “enemies” as not only his opponent parties but also the CBC. Assisting Trudeau is a compliant, bought-off mainstream media that reports that Justin shaved his beard, not his substantive failures of policy and governance.

Usually governments are not defeated; they defeat themselves. This government has gone to extraordinary lengths to do just that. Erin O'Toole's Canada's Recovery Plan articulated a stirring vision of Canada's greatness that has been compromised by an autocratic and incompetent government and an intolerant cancel culture. That set the woke mob's hair on fire, but it should have appealed to Canadians who yearn for a leader who proudly supports their values and advances their interests with common sense and passion. I believe that Canadians, in their heart-of-hearts, think that the Conservatives can lead Canada's economic recovery far more effectively than Trudeau's Liberals possible ever could.

As Canada started 2022, it has, as the Canada Strong & Free Network put it: "Off the charts spending, record high debt levels, budding inflation, uncertain interest rates, dampened business investment and a seemingly deliberate effort to strangle the country's energy industry ... at no point in Canada's history has economic and fiscal policy been more precarious. The prime minister may believe that budgets balance themselves or that monetary policy is not important – but we beg to differ."

As Candice Malcolm of True North News, Canada's fastest-growing news organization, put it: "Since the pandemic began, governments have curtailed our freedoms in the name of protecting public health. However, as we've learned over the past two years, many of the restrictions imposed by governments have little basis in science and have proven entirely ineffective in managing the pandemic." I would add, they have deteriorated our standard of living in social and economic ways. It is a matter of record that on occasion the public has been misinformed, that inconsistent rules that made little sense and had been contraindicated by scientists in other countries were applied. Despite these admissions, Trudeau characterized opponents to pandemic regulations as hostile to science, unacceptable, intolerant misogynist and racist.

For 2022 and beyond, events will not be driven by the free market economy but instead almost entirely by Government decisions and their rules. This unusual and troubling fact is the opposite of how free-market capitalism, or market-based democracy is designed to work. Market-based democracy has been remarkably successful over the past 250 years, raising millions out of poverty. This current environment is much more like state-controlled capitalism, such as practiced in communist China, Russia and Venezuela. Throughout history there are few, if any, examples of governments which, entirely by their own accord and without coercion, choose to cede control and power, and which choose to become smaller and less important. Nor do such governments have any successes to show for their controls. Ask the people of the former Soviet Union how they think communism worked out for them or of Venezuela today how they think socialism is working for them.

A quick summary of the foregoing was provided by The Globe & Mail article in Appendix 3.

This situation became much worse in March 2022 when the Liberals and the NDP cooked up a backroom deal that will keep the Liberals in power until 2025, unless Trudeau reneges on the deal, which he will do in a heartbeat if he thinks another election call is in his favour. Candice Bergen calls this the "NDP-Liberal majority" and declared in the HoC: "this backroom deal disrespects Parliament and every single Canadian voter." Cheryl Gallant pointed out: "Monday marked the end of the Liberal minority government. Tuesday was the first day of the Socialist Majority government in Canada. No Canadian ever voted for this abomination. The Socialist Alliance has released its agreement, and it is going to be expensive. The number one priority seems to be interfering in as many provincial jurisdictions as it can. The new Socialist Government is federalizing dental care, pharmacare, long-term care, and child-care [which almost certainly mean delays to implementation. B.C. premier John Horgan, the current chair of the Council of the Federation, which represents the provinces said: "We need to

make sure we fully understand the federal government does not deliver services. The provinces do. This isn't a jurisdictional squabble...this is the way Canada works.]

The socialists' antidote for their climate neurosis is deeply troubling. The socialists are pledging to move ahead with "Just Transition" legislation. "Just Transition" legislation means Justin transitioning Canada from a free-market economy into a Soviet-style command and control economy."

All this said, a poll showed that trust in media and government is at all-time low. The 2022 Proof Strategies CanTrustIndex, which surveyed over 1,500 Canadians in January 2022, showed it's not looking good for the government or the legacy media. Trust in traditional institutions has declined steadily over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, the poll found. According to the survey, governments saw a 10% drop in trust over the course of 2021-2022. Currently, only 22% of Canadians saw governments of all levels as trustworthy – down from 32% last year. More and more people are expressing dissatisfaction with governments' response to the pandemic and are increasingly calling for an end to restrictions. Low trust impacted on all levels of government, with only 33% of Canadians seeing Prime Minister Justin Trudeau as trustworthy.

There is a very short list of beneficial achievements of Justin Trudeau. Many believe the worst Prime Minister Canada ever had was Pierre Trudeau, under whose watch the size of the civil service doubled, government became enormously expensive compared to prior periods, deficits became rampant, causing Canada's cumulative national debt to rise. However, the prize for worst prime minister in Canadian history has been passed to "junior." Canadians are tired of their corrupt prime minister being under constant investigation for ethics violations and for an astounding string of broken promises, empty virtue-signalling, policy catastrophes, opacity and cover-ups (despite promises of open and transparent government but delivering the polar opposite).

Justin Trudeau and his mob of obedient Liberals are the most corrupt, incompetent, opaque, divisive and hypocritical government in Canada's history. Their dishonesty and record of failures will someday catch up to them. At some point, the music is going stop. Then Trudeau and his gang of leftist incompetents will scramble for a chair. But there won't be any available for them.

Scott Hennig, CEO of the Canadian Taxpayers' Federation, said it well: "if parties want to make life more affordable, they need to cut our taxes, balance the budget and toss the money printing machine into the trash. Anything else is lying to Canadians about how much they care about Canadians' cost of living and quality of life."

The list of the egregious failures of Canada's 23rd prime minister, Justin Trudeau is far too lengthy to place in one document. But here is a partial (and growing) categorized list of some of the worst.

Corruption

Trudeau has shown again and again that he thinks that laws don't apply to him. His record is one of scandals (proven ethics violations) and cover-ups of them. Trudeau he has a habit of giving off the impression that he lives, breathes and exists on a different level from the rest of Canada. While he'll happily apologize for the mistakes of others, he seems to believe he can do no wrong and mostly refuses to apologize for his own mistakes. Conservatives continually pummel Trudeau's astonishing lack of respect for moral and ethical behaviour as a politician, party leader and prime minister. They also condemn senior Liberal staffers and advisors who consistently protect this weak and ineffective prime minister, who conveniently looks into the camera and lies to Canadians with a straight face.

- a. Ethics violations – Justin Trudeau is the first PM in Canadian history to be found guilty of 2 violations of the Conflicts of Interest Act; more to come?
- b. In 2016, Trudeau accepted a gift from the Aga Khan, whose charitable foundation receives hundreds of millions of dollars from Canadian taxpayers, for his family to vacation on his private Caribbean residence at Bell Cay in the Bahamas. Michael Taube in the *National Post* points out: “This is a prime example of our national leader’s poor lack of judgment when it comes to morals and ethical behaviour. How could he not even slightly understand what the possible repercussions of accepting this free vacation would be? [How did his staff failed to prevent him from vacationing, in secret and without consulting the ethics commissioner? It was a trip any normal human being would perceive as a conflict of interest and, thanks to the helicopter flight involved, was in clear violation of federal conflict-of-interest law]. Then-ethics commissioner Mary Dawson determined that the prime minister had violated four sections of the Conflict of Interest Act. It was revealed in April 2022 that the RCMP had considered charging Trudeau with fraud after this 2016 trip, taking [his ethical violations] to a whole new level.” Trudeau tried to claim they were long-term family friends, as if that made a difference. This, too, turned out to be a lie.
- c. Attended cash-for-access dinners in 2016 with Chinese billionaires despite these being illegal. Appears to have worked – see the section below on the Trudeau’s cozy relations with the Chinese Communist Party.
- d. Scandal and cover-up of SNC-Lavalin influence by the PMO over the Minister of Justice and Attorney General Jody Wilson-Raybould. Caught red-handed, Trudeau refused to apologize for his improper conduct.



- e. Scandal and cover-up of WE Charity’s potential receipt of a \$456 million contract to administer the Canada Student Summer Grant program (or was it \$912 million)? The WE organization had eagerly showcased and promoted the Trudeau brand to arenas full of enraptured future voters. This should have led to a trifecta of ethics violations, largely due to his family’s involvement on the payroll. Trudeau claimed they were unpaid appearances. Later these were proven to be lies. Then finance minister Morneau was found to have made three ethics violations concerning WE and was forced to resign. Then Trudeau prorogued Parliament to avoid questions by the Ethics and Finance Committees (and subsequent filibustering of these committees).
 - i. The awarding of the giant contract was without competition. Trudeau tried to claim that no other organization had the competence to administer the contract. After the fiasco unfolded, the contract was canceled and handed to the civil service. Trudeau admitted no impropriety.
 - ii. The Rebel News received documents from an Access to Information request in December 2020, 20 months late (in violation of the regulations). They show that Sophie Trudeau asked for diplomatic clearance to attend a 12,000 person WE event in London in March 2020, which turned to be a superspreader – she contacted COVID at the event. Sophie received support for transportation, vendors, and access to a Government of Canada credit card after the U.K. government would not foot the bill for a private event hosted by WE (which events, by the way, have an almost cult-like nature, based on the videos). A last-minute event at the Canadian

embassy was tacked on to the London trip to justify the government spending and resources spent on Sophie. The documents show that RCMP hired “Chauffeur services” for Sophie. There were extensive emails relating to hotel accommodations that had the appropriate spa amenities. Upon her return to Canada, Global Affairs was directed to arrange “airport courtesies and facilitate immigration procedures with CBSA” for “Madame,” including that she be exempted from screening. Once again, the rules don’t apply to Trudeau.

- iii. In August 2021, new developments were unearthed in the year-long WE Charity investigation conducted by The Office of the Procurement Ombudsman (OPO). Ombudsman Alexander Jeglic found a number of contracts exhibiting a troubling pattern of favouritism towards WE. These contracts were dated prior to the government’s controversial decision to award the charity a \$43.5 million pandemic grant to oversee the \$456 - \$900 million federal Summer Student Service Grant, which was ultimately axed following public outcry. In the Procurement Practice Review of Non-Competitive Contracts Involving We Charity report, OPO found six contracts that had been awarded to WE Charity by four federal departments since 2017. The contracts were all awarded without competition. The report states that “one of the fundamental principles of federal contracting set forth in the Government Contracts Regulations...is openness and the requirement to solicit bids from potential suppliers when awarding government contracts. There are, however, a limited number of exceptions where contracts can be awarded without soliciting bids through a competitive process.”
- f. Former Minister Sajjan knew about the General Vance allegations of sexual misconduct since 2018; he did nothing. It is sure Trudeau knew too – and lied about that (said he heard about the allegations on Global News!). This is yet another cover-up by the Liberals. Trudeau has not, and will not, fire the two people who had direct knowledge of the sexual misconduct allegation against General Vance. He wouldn’t fire Katie Telford or Sajjan. We simply can’t trust Trudeau to run an ethical government.
- g. Former Finance Minister Bill Morneau proposed tax changes that would have adversely affected small business enterprises (SMEs) and entrepreneurs. He famously called them “tax cheats” in 2016. The controversy, shepherded by Pierre Poilievre, who painted Morneau as a rich scion going after small business owners, came during question period on Nov. 30, 2017, when Poilievre was focused on Morneau’s family company shares and how they may have been affected by certain policy announcements. “Is it just a coincidence that both he and his father sold millions of dollars’ worth of shares a week before he introduced tax increases that helped drop their value?” Poilievre demanded, raising an allegation Morneau had repeatedly denied as baseless.

- h. Bill C-10. Sweeping powers for regulation of the internet are opposed by almost everyone. Original language would not have regulated ordinary Canadians at all; but in April 2021 the heritage committee removed this exception from the bill. The Conservatives moved to put it back. The Liberals (backed by the NDP and Bloc) used closure to limit debate on this controversial bill and passed it into law despite massive objections by the Opposition and many academics and legal experts across Canada, including the former head of the CRTC. It is obvious they wish to use it to silence their critics, which is unconstitutional for them to do. Bill C-10 will not directly regulate Canadians but it does empower the CRTC to require tech providers to do their dirty work. The bill does not supervised online speech directly but indirectly threatens to strangle it. Michael Geist, internet law guru, calls it “an unconscionable attack on the online free expression of Canadians... Is there any reason for Canadians to trust that their online speech will be safeguarded?”
- i. Bill C-36. This would amend the Criminal Code so that if someone believes another person might possibly spread hate propaganda, that person can be hauled in front of a provincial court. What that legislation could do is punish Canadians who, in exercising their right to peaceful, free expression, might offend a member of a protected, marginalized group. If someone with a marginalized identity experiences commentary he or she finds offensive by calling it “hate speech”, he or she can claim the offence is an attack on his or her identity rather than being legitimate expression. But guess who gets to define “hate speech?” Members of the public won’t necessarily understand the nuance of what makes up hate speech, but will be able to bring forward anonymous complaints on the basis of whatever definition bureaucrats make up. There are fines involved. Make no mistake – this is Liberal oppression of free speech.

Bill C-36, which would bring back hate speech legislation that had been repealed eight years ago because it granted excessive power to the Human Rights Tribunal. The new provisions go much farther, including amendments to the Criminal Code that effectively penalize thought crimes.

Both the Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms (JCCF) and the Canadian Constitution Foundation (CCF) have condemned the bill as dangerous and infringing on Canadians’ rights. “Bill C-36 is not subtle legislation: it is a blatant attack on freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression, as well as other Charter provisions,” said JCCF Litigation Director Jay Cameron told True North News. According to Cameron, the law’s “anticipatory of hate provision” in section 810.012 is particularly concerning from a legal perspective. The section, which amends the Canadian Human Rights Act, would allow anyone

A rule of thumb for legislation watchers is to ignore what the minister says when introducing a bill and instead actually read the bill. – Vaughn Palmer, Vancouver Sun

who has fear that a “hate propaganda offence or hate crime” will be committed to bring charges against another person.

Bill C-36 would give unelected tribunal bureaucrats even greater control over free speech. “It essentially proposes to put bureaucrats in charge of parsing and policing speech on the internet,” wrote CCF Executive Director Joanna Baron in a recent op-ed.

Those found guilty of breaking the proposed law could face up to \$50,000 in fines, probation, and in the worst case scenario even imprisonment for uttering statements perceived as “hateful.”

“The truth is that Bill C-36 is about preventing disagreement with woke orthodoxies.

“Not only is ‘hate’ not clearly defined in Bill C-36, but it allows a person to be punished and even incarcerated because of something someone imagines that they might say. This is an attack on the presumption of innocence, and is entirely unconstitutional, not to mention frighteningly despotic and totalitarian,” said Cameron.

Allum Bokhari, the senior technology correspondent at Breitbart News wrote:

“How does a bill C-36, which is itself a ‘hate’ document, ever even get proposed, let alone get one reading? Legislation making its way through the Canadian Parliament would allow citizens to be taken to court and penalized if they are suspected of simply intending to post ‘hate speech’ online. How does one prove ‘intent’ when the act has not happened?

The proposed law encourages Canadians to report other Canadians to the authorities for intent to post hate speech online, and allows courts to punish Canadian citizens for things they haven’t done yet.

Alarming aspects, in ascending order:

- 1) Fuzzy and circular definition of ‘hateful’ speech (‘involves detestation...stronger than dislike’)
- 2) Encouraging citizens to report on one another — creepy
- 3) The ability to punish people for something they haven’t actually done yet!

Under this bill, if a person were found guilty, a judge could order the accused individual to enter into recognizance to be ‘of good behavior’ for up to 12 or 24 months (for a repeat offender). If the person refuses, the judge could order him or her to:

- provide ‘a sample of a bodily substance’ at regular intervals or on demand
- ‘return to and remain at his or her place of residence at specified times’
- ‘wear an electronic monitoring device, if the Attorney General makes that request’
- prohibiting him or her from consuming alcohol.

Under Bill C-36, people could be taken to court and penalized if they’re suspected of being ABOUT TO post something hateful online. An individual would be able to report another PREEMPTIVELY for something he or she hasn’t said yet.

If a Canadian citizen ‘fears on reasonable grounds that another person will commit’ hate speech online, or ‘an offence motivated by bias, prejudice or hate based on race, national or ethnic origin, language, colour, religion, sex, age, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or any other similar factor,’ he or she may lay the information before a Canadian court.

While this legislation hasn’t been passed so far, it’s noteworthy that it was proposed at all, and the people who did so are currently in power. But it has the backing of Justin Trudeau. We’ve seen draconian crackdowns by Trudeau’s government against his own citizens, as the Canadian “Freedom Convoy” brought the country to a standstill in a protest against coronavirus vaccine mandates and other restrictions.

Also disturbing is Bill C-11, the Online Streaming Act (OSA). This will empower the federal government to censor controversial and unpopular speech on the internet. The stated purpose of the OSA is not particularly controversial: to bring influential streaming services like Netflix, Disney, and Spotify under the authority of the CRTC. However, under the OSA, the CRTC’s new authority will not be limited to these large entertainment giants. Rather, the OSA will empower the CRTC to assume jurisdiction via regulation over any “program” (audio or audiovisual online content) that is “monetizable” because it “directly or indirectly generates revenues.”

Disturbingly, The Trudeau government is once again trying to silence its censorship critics. The federal Heritage committee is examining C-11, but it's planning to limit testimony on the government's censorship bill to just 20 hours. That doesn't allow enough time for concerned citizens and experts to make it clear to lawmakers just how dangerous Bill C-11 is. When our rights to free speech and free expression are on the line, there shouldn't be a limit on input from the public and experts, but that's what's happening with Bill C-11 under Trudeau.

Bill C-36 along with C-11 and C-18 will mean that we Canadians will be censored. Fake news will prevail and the government will pay for favourable coverage. Do we want Trudeau, or any prime minister, along with a bunch of unelected bureaucrats to have the final say on what counts as appropriate content for Canadians? These bills are the legislation of cancel culture.

- j. Suing the Speaker of the House of Commons. The suit demanded that Anthony Rota, the only independent-thinking Liberal MP left standing, conceal documents revealing why two scientists from China were dismissed by a top-security Winnipeg virology lab. Meanwhile, the RCMP is investigating whether materials that can create lethal viruses were surreptitiously transferred to China, including to the Wuhan lab, which many suspect produced the COVID-19 virus and inadvertently leaked it to the world. In response, Mr. Rota filed a notice of motion in Federal Court, stating: "the House — by virtue of its parliamentary privileges — has the power to send for the 'persons, papers and records' it deems necessary to its functions. This constitutionally entrenched power is fundamental to our system of parliamentary democracy, and to Parliament's critical role in acting as the 'grand inquest of the nation' and in holding the executive branch of government to account. The executive and the judicial branches do not have the jurisdiction to question, overrule, modify, control or review the exercise of this privilege by the House. Under our system of democratic government, the House has unfettered discretion and authority in exercising this power. A contrary determination would be inconsistent with an essential feature of Canadian parliamentary democracy and the separation of powers," it says.

The attorney general's application "seeks to engage the court in exceeding its legitimate sphere of activity and to interfere with the exclusive jurisdiction of the House over the exercise of its privileges," the Speaker argues. The court lacks the constitutional jurisdiction to do so and the application should therefore be struck out, the notice says.

This is yet another unprecedented attack on parliamentary democracy. It is typical of Trudeau's disdain for Parliament. He's been getting away with this nonsense for years.

- k. The CBC, of all sources, reported in June 2022 that Justin Trudeau's government has adopted 72 secret orders-in-council (OICs) — hidden from Parliament and Canadians — since coming to office in 2015. The indication that a secret OIC even exists is a missing number in the Privy Council's orders-in-council database. More than half of the secret OICs adopted by the Trudeau government have arrived since April 2020, a month after the COVID-19 pandemic began. Eleven have been adopted so far in 2022. The Liberals criticized the Conservatives in 2015 for the number of secret OICs they adopted, Trudeau's government has adopted more than twice as many over its years in office.
- l. Formation of the NDP-Liberal majority of March 2022. Trudeau already leads the most left-wing government in Canadian history. The NDP-Liberal agreement, however, could move Trudeau into the stratosphere when it comes to the woke left. At the 2021 elections, the Liberals received 20.3% of the votes of registered voters, the Conservatives 21.0%, the NDP 11.1%. The fact that this is the smallest margin of victory for a minority government in Canada's history and that the Conservatives won the popular vote (again) did not, of course, translate into enough seats in the HoC to govern (they got 119). That went to the Liberals at 159. The NDP got 25 seats, fewer than the BQ at 32. The NDP-Liberal alliance of March 2022 represents 31.4% of Canadian voters. Trudeau claims this provides stability and

predictability of government. The figures are that 68.6% of Canadians registered to vote voted against this cooked-up backroom socialism deal.

More importantly, 88.9% of Canadians did not vote for the NDP. The NDP have given Trudeau the one thing that the voters did not – a majority. It is another example of Trudeau's corruption and self-serving behaviour, not what Canadians want. Singh, for his part, rather than getting the socialized medicine and housing affordability he espouses, will wind up with a cozy pension after 6 years of service, exposing his left-wing economic hypocrisy. Chris Selley in the *National Post* put it this way:



“Why did it take a formal agreement with the wackadoo orange ideologues for the Liberal Party of Canada to announce supposedly ground-breaking new achievements in Canadian health care? Isn't that what the Liberals are supposed to be all about? Why not do it themselves and take all the credit?”

Trudeau's Liberal government will now continue its reckless wasting the taxpayers' money. It will end up being a spending spree never seen before. Michael Taube of the *National Post* said: “It would be a seismic political shift that could potentially readjust the era of Big Government to Massive Government, and state interference to state overlordship. Anyone who still supports the cherished principles of small government, low taxes and more individual rights and freedoms” – i.e. the Conservatives – will have a hard time recognizing Canada.

- m. Blacklock's Reporter announced in March 2022 that the Liberals gave \$600,000 in 2021 to influencers to praise the government. An Inquiry Of Ministry tabled in the House of Commons revealed that various ministries had hired media personalities to compliment the government on social media. Taxpayers forked over \$610,900 to social media influencers last year for them to sing the praises of the Liberal government.
- n. Using government jets to numerous Liberal fundraisers during “holidays.” Trudeau flew the government Challenger jet 65 times in 2019 costing \$1.67 million. About 60% of this was government business. The rest was his private jet excursions that included 7 family trips – at a cost of \$372,500 and 19 Liberal fundraisers. According to Elections Canada, Trudeau raised \$2.264 million for the Liberals in 2019.
- o. The *Globe and Mail* reported that 97% of Liberal members of parliament use money from their government-funded office budgets to pay a company called Data Sciences, owned by Tom Pitfield. Pitfield, a childhood friend of Trudeau's, was in Trudeau's wedding party in 2015 and also vacationed with the Trudeau family on the Aga Khan's Bahamas island. Canada's ethics commissioner, Mario Dion, has asked Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to explain his role in the contracts. Dion said the criteria for questioning Trudeau have been met after receiving a complaint from Conservative Member of Parliament Michael Barrett, who requested a formal ethics probe into payments made to Data Sciences.

Preston Manning, in his book *Do Something* said this: “Ethical leadership, codes of ethics, rigorous enforcement mechanisms and the support of an ethical community can all contribute to raising the ethical tone of our politics and governance. But there is no substitute for the personal character, integrity and trustworthiness of individuals in key positions.” Justin Trudeau has failed miserably by his multiple ethical fiascos, including the one he avoided (the WE scandal) by proroguing Parliament.

Incompetence

Vaccines failures

- a. The government totally mishandled acquisition of vaccines for the global COVID pandemic, first with China, then to obtain timely supplies. Total deaths from COVID-19 in Canada were the 7th worst in the developed world, with 70% occurring in long-term care facilities. Canada experienced 500 deaths per million. Why? Post-SARS, the Conservative government studied and planned for future pandemics. But the Trudeau Liberals de-activated the pandemic early warning system, failed to maintain stockpiles of PPE and moved slowly to deal with its impact.

SUMMARY: Trudeau government bungling by Public Health Agency Canada of COVID response:

- Dismantled our early warning system.
- Trashed our PPE and did not replace it.
- Gave what PPE we did have to China.
- Then ignored Canadian PPE protective gear suppliers and instead advanced \$105 million in payments to suppliers that were not ever fulfilled.
- Then PHAC imported a whole bunch of PPE from China which proved to be defective and unusable.
- Refused to stop incoming flights from Wuhan.
- Put all his vaccine eggs into one basket by partnering with, of all countries, the Chinese Communists, the one country that was arbitrarily detaining two of our citizens and is obviously hostile to our country.
- Failed to disclose to the public about that vaccine deal being reneged upon by the Chinese Communist Party.
- He was so busy helping Liberals stuff their pockets with his COVID spending that he failed to place orders for alternative vaccines, so when he finally went hat-in-hand to other countries begging for vaccines, Canada was left at the back of the line among G20 and many other countries.
- Trudeau tried to blame the Conservatives for the absence of domestic vaccine production capacity. The fact is that Connaught Labs was privatized decades ago and is still in business. The failures are entirely Trudeau's. That's why we were so far behind other countries.
- Failed to close the borders in any timely way.
- Then he blamed all his failures on the provincial premiers.
- By April 2021, Canada outpaced the U.S. in coronavirus cases per capita. These were the real consequences of Trudeau's failed vaccine strategy. The effect was not just on hospitals and ICUs, but also businesses were shut down, workers lost their jobs or had hours cut and children could not go to school. The elderly suffered particularly.

The COVID daily death count is at Trudeau's doorstep. Budget bribing will not make up for the lost lives.

- i. The Liberal government left Canada helpless and unprepared for the pandemic and then wasted 100 days waiting for Communist China to provide vaccines that never came. Since then, the vaccine rollout is in slow motion, while third wave is beginning. All Americans will be eligible for vaccination by May 1. Nowhere near this in Canada. The virus surges in major cities and long-term care facilities. It took 10 months to start testing returning air travellers. Meanwhile Trudeau gives himself a pat on the back! The root cause of the sharp rise in COVID cases in the

3rd wave clearly lies with the federal government's failure to obtain vaccines in a timely manner therefore drastically delaying the vaccination rollout.

- ii. Health Canada threw \$150 million at test kits for COVID-19 that didn't work. The contract was awarded March 27, 2020 and the lab found poor performance" by May 1. Government memos illustrate failure to test the kits before giving the company grants and contracts. Then kits have yet to return to the market.
- iii. Then we had vaccine passports. During WW2, passports were introduced immediately in the Netherlands by the NAZI occupiers.
- iv. The Auditor General confirmed what we already knew - the Liberal government was slow to react to reports of the COVID-19 pandemic. When the Liberals called over a million Canadians home in 2020, they had not implemented the necessary tools to monitor returning travellers, and they didn't have the ability to enforce quarantine. It's clear that the Liberals were not only unprepared to respond to the COVID-19 crisis, but also they underestimated the threat of the virus and downplayed the risk of the pandemic. They put Canadians' health and well-being, the economy, and our prosperity in jeopardy. Canadians deserve better; they needed to know that they can count on their government in a time of crisis. We must never again be caught as unprepared as the Liberals were when COVID hit in 2020. This is why Canada's Conservatives put forward a recovery plan to secure the future of our country. Conservatives will secure our country by making Canada self-reliant in required medicines and PPE and ending our dependence on foreign countries like China.
- v. As late as March 29, 2020, Health Minister Patty Hadju was claiming that "the risk of spread of [COVID-19] within Canada continues to remain low." Hadju later went on to dismiss those skeptical of China's COVID-19 statistics as "conspiracy theorists," emphasizing the need to "work together as a globe." When China confessed that its numbers were wrong, Hadju doubled down and refused to admit she had made a mistake by trusting the communist regime. Despite China's false data, the Trudeau government continued to trust the regime.
- vi. Giving away our PPE to China, of all countries, and failing to procure adequate PPE supplies thereafter.
- vii. The Liberals shut down an emergency warehouse in Regina in 2019 and threw away 2 million N95 masks and 440,000 medical gloves into a landfill and never replaced them.
- viii. On several fronts, Canada trailed behind the US in its early pandemic response, including issuing travel warnings to Wuhan, China, implementing public health screenings and finally implementing travel restrictions.
- ix. Conservatives were calling for the use of masks at border crossing and airports since January 2020, while Health Minister Patty Hajdu was claiming that border closures were ineffective at curbing the virus, before flip-flopping a few days later. Both Andrew Scheer and Erin O'Toole never denied the existence of the pandemic. O'Toole came out in support of masks before the Public Health Agency of Canada recommended them. During a March 28 2020 briefing, Dr. Theresa Tam said: "Right now there is no need to use a mask for well people."
- x. Trudeau has blamed everyone for Canada's trickle of COVID-19 vaccines but himself.
- xi. Trudeau and his ministers even blamed Brian Mulroney for the privatization, or "the selling off", of Connaught Laboratories. What he fails to mention is that Connaught Labs didn't go anywhere. It's now part of Sanofi Pasteur, the world's largest manufacturer of vaccines. The Connaught

Campus in Toronto accounts for one-fifth of the company's global vaccine sales. Experts in Canada's innovative pharmaceutical industry say Trudeau's attempt to pin the blame on Mulroney or Stephen Harper is ironic, because were it not for Mulroney, the innovative industry likely wouldn't exist here at all. Paul Lucas, retired president and CEO of GlaxoSmithKline, heard federal Liberal Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs Dominic LeBlanc say in a CTV interview that GlaxoSmithKline had closed its manufacturing facility for vaccines during Harper's Conservative government. This is false. "This facility didn't close, it's still producing most of the flu vaccine for Canada on an annual basis" said Lucas. "I've been very concerned and frankly upset about the lies that are coming from the federal government about this whole (COVID vaccine) file," says Lucas, who was integral to the production and distribution of the Canadian vaccine for the H1N1 pandemic in 2009. All of the vaccine for that outbreak was produced in the GSK factory in Quebec City. "Trudeau has badly botched Canada's COVID-19 vaccine procurement," states Lucas. "First, he blamed Harper for Trudeau's own failings. Then he blamed Mulroney and then he blamed the provinces. Then he actually turned on his own vaccine task force. Then he blamed the companies — Pfizer for delaying the delivery of its vaccines in January," explains Lucas. "So, you know it's been a blame game from their end, and he's got, you know, 50% support of the population in Ontario, so that's absolutely astonishing to me," says Lucas, "because people are dying because of his government botching this so badly."

- xii. A U.S. zoo was on track to vaccinate its at-risk animals before many Canadian adults could expect to get their first COVID-19 shots.
 - xiii. A *Statistics Canada* report stated that the consequences of government-enforced lockdowns killed more Canadians under age 65 than the COVID-19 virus itself. In a report titled *Provisional death counts and excess mortality*, the government agency reviewed the number of deaths between January 2020 and April 2021 and concluded that 5,535 Canadians under the age of 65 died because of "indirect consequences" due to the pandemic. Over the same time period, 1,380 Canadians in the same age group died because of COVID-19 itself.
- b. Canadians have suffered through some of the strictest lockdowns in North America. While some restrictions have been lifted, many Canadians are trapped in Covid purgatory. Unvaccinated Canadians aren't able to board a plane or a train, many have lost their livelihood and the federal government refuses to lift travel mandates that have caused chaos at Canada's airports. While Canadians continue to feel the chilling effects of heavy-handed government measures, the elites remain maddeningly out of touch with the concerns and anxieties of Canadians.

Several Other Egregious Failures

- a. 2015 Cabinet ministers appointed based on sex not on competence, experience (now, also must be lapdogs to Trudeau). Preston Manning said in his 2020 book *Do Something*: "Surely it goes without saying that in a democracy the more competent our elected representatives and legislators are, the higher will be our quality of government, with immense benefits to the governed and the nation. But conversely, do we really appreciate the high price we pay in terms of misspent tax money, poorly framed laws, inferior public services and unwise policy decisions when incompetence is a distinguishing characteristic of a legislature, a cabinet, a leader and a government?...We should not only realize the price paid for such incompetence but also fear it to the point where we insist that competence must be an essential characteristic for anyone we consider for elected office... Canada is currently suffering from such incompetence: a Prime Minister, who may be well-meaning and charismatic on a superficial level, but who lacks the knowledge, experience and judgment required to effectively lead a

government challenged on the fiscal, economic, trade, energy, environment, unity and international fronts.”

The next four bullet points are thanks to Sabrina Maddeaux: *The National Post* September 14 2021:

- b. “Trudeau attacks Conservatives over “failed trickle-down economics”, saying they want to make the rich richer and that “it never does and it never has” trickled down. He has uniformly talked about strengthening the middle class and congratulates himself continually for fulfilling his 2015 promise to have their backs. Except that he didn’t – not even close. While the middle class was already shrinking before the Liberals took office, the trend has accelerated at light speed under their watch. In 2019, four years after Trudeau’s 2015 promise, the OECD reported middle-class shrinkage in Canada was larger than average when compared to other member nations. In 2020, the Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) released a study that showed the top one percent of Canadians own over 25 per cent of the country’s wealth. During the pandemic, the wealth gap only grew worse, with Canada’s billionaires raking in unprecedented profits.
- c. “Then there’s the housing crisis, which spiralled out of control as Trudeau’s government stoked demand, pushed forward with unsustainable immigration targets, and refused to stop foreign speculation and money laundering. Home ownership, traditionally a middle class right-of-passage in Canada, is now all but completely out of reach for anyone not already in the market. By 2022 the situation had reached crisis proportions. Housing prices have been rising since the millennium, with only a slight correction around 2008 — and have skyrocketed since 2015. But Ottawa is largely responsible for setting immigration targets, which it has increased year-over-year. Indicators have been blinking red for years as the Liberals were specifically aware of the looming mismatch between supply and demand. And by 2022 prices were generally settling well above asking price and buyers were conditioned to expect to pay more. This changes the psychology of the market, which quickens housing inflation. Renting also a nightmare as vacancy rates in some cities have risen again since the pandemic began and this has come with dizzying rises in rents. The Trudeau government has been intimately, specifically, and particularly responsible for this housing crisis.
- d. “Speaking of trickle-down economics, it’s Trudeau who oversaw perhaps the biggest trickle-down economics experiment in Canadian history: the Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWs). The program handed out billions to the country’s wealthiest companies, many of whom still continued to lay off employees while paying C-suite bonuses and investor dividends. If Trudeau knows trickle-down economics don’t work, why flood profitable corporations with taxpayers’ money? Either this was an elephant-sized oversight or Trudeau is once again saying what voters – particularly NDP swing voters – want to hear with little intent to follow through. Trudeau pushed almost half a billion dollars into the Canadian economy and acted as if this would have no effect (on inflation, employment and investment).
- e. “Trudeau can point all he wants at his Minister of Middle Class Prosperity, but that doesn’t change the fact Canada’s middle class is disappearing at an ever-quicker pace. This isn’t just some natural phenomenon; it’s the direct result of policy choices, many of which were made by Trudeau himself.”
- f. Trudeau targets legal gun-owners while ignoring criminals who actually commit the crimes. Trudeau made a cabinet decision to ban thousands of guns and buy them from licensed firearms owners without a vote in Parliament (notice another example of Trudeau’s disdain for Parliament). He made it illegal to buy, sell or use 1500 types of so-called military assault rifles – despite the fact that fully-automatic military rifles have been illegal in Canada for decades. The Liberals estimated that the projected cost of the program is \$400-600 million. Shades of the Liberals’ long-gun registry, which was estimated to cost \$2 million but ended up costing \$2 billion before Stephen Harper put the program

“out of its misery!” More than a striking lack of accountability by the Liberals, and terrorizing law-abiding citizens, targeting sport-shooters and farmers, using them as political cannon fodder, the money could be used for more police to crack down on gangs and stop illegal gun imports into Canada. Blacklock’s Reporter published in January 2022: “Cabinet has no idea how many firearms are smuggled into the country from the United States, according to Public Safety Minister Marco Mendicino’s department. Staff in an internal briefing note also contradicted public claims of widespread gun seizures at the border: “The total number of firearms successfully smuggled into Canada is unknown.” In February 2022, The National Post published this headline: “Guns used in crimes are coming from the U.S., not legal gun owners: police chiefs; Costly federal buy-back program 'is certainly not going to deal with the crime problem we're facing.” Testifying before the Commons public safety committee, Toronto Police Deputy Chief Myron Demkiw said that of the crime guns last year that investigators could trace, 86% were smuggled into Canada from the United States — a trend he said has been on the increase since 2019. Demkiw told the committee that, aside from addressing key causes of criminality in the community, money and effort should instead be spent on stemming the flow of illegal guns into Canada. In March 2022, Cabinet for the first time actually acknowledged its national ban on “military style assault weapons” includes hunting rifles. Enforcement of the ban proposed by Emergency Preparedness Minister Bill Blair is now delayed 18 months amid Indigenous complaints and cost overruns.

- g. The Parliamentary Budget Officer says the gun grab could cost \$756 million. That’s over \$500 million more than what the Liberal Party told voters it would cost during the last election. It gets much worse. The government and PBO don’t know the full costs. Neither could figure out the most expensive element: the cost of all those government bureaucrats managing the program.
- h. This ridiculous program has all the hallmarks of another government boondoggle (probably a \$5 billion one), which will not make Canada any safer. And remember – without a vote in the House of Commons. Trudeau’s gun buyback won’t do anything to make Canadians safer, despite the government’s radio ads to the contrary, but it will inflate our tax bills. By early 2022, over \$2.2 million has been spent on this boondoggle without a single gun being bought back. To add insult to injury, Trudeau announced a handgun “freeze” for Canada in May 2022. This applies only to law-abiding, legal gun owners. It will have no effect on weapons smuggled in and used by criminals.
- i. Worse, The Liberals stated they “will require long-gun magazines to be permanently altered so they can never hold more than five rounds.” The problem is, that’s not going to work. Because most rifles and handguns don’t have detachable magazines – they’re internal, part of the device. The government’s proposal, as written, would render literally millions of the most mundane .22 target plinkers and most deer hunting guns illegal. This is exactly the kind of “gun grab” against hunters that the Liberals insist they aren’t contemplating. As *The Line* published: “So either the Liberals have decided that they are going to ban many millions of lever- and bolt-action rifles, the design of which hasn’t really changed all that much since the late 19th century, or they released a sloppy promise and are now trying to figure out how they can back away from it without having to admit that they screwed up or look like they’re backing down to the gun lobby. We honestly suspect it’s the latter. But nothing would really surprise us at this point.”
- j. The Trudeau government is spending billions of our taxpayer dollars in an attempt to confiscate legal guns from licensed Canadian gun owners as a political tool to pretend he is doing something to reduce crime. In March 2022, the Liberals quietly published an update that the amnesty period for their arbitrary firearms ban that was due to expire next month, will be extended for an additional year and a half. Raquel Dancho, Conservative Shadow Minister for Public Safety, and Pierre Paul-Hus, Conservative Shadow Minister for Public Services and Procurement, released a statement on this

Liberal mess: “The reality is a that majority of shootings causing death in Canada are attributed to illegal guns from the U.S in the hands of gangs and criminals. The Liberal firearm ban is a logistical nightmare that will cost Canadians billions of dollars while doing little to nothing to get guns away from gangs and criminals or stop the flow of illegal guns entering Canada. It is shocking that in the two years since they implemented this ban that targets firearms collectors, sport shooters, hunters, and Indigenous Canadians, the Liberal government still hasn’t figured out how to administer their flagship campaign promise. In that time, the Liberal government has been unable to tell firearms owners how their buyback boondoggle will work or how much it will cost, who will be certified to accept and dispose of confiscated firearms, and they still have not established what to pay owners for their confiscated property. Now the Liberals are nearly doubling the amnesty period and stretching out their failed campaign promise beyond 3 elections, leaving the entire process in limbo. Instead of pushing it off for yet another election, the Liberals should scrap their arbitrary firearm ban and their plans for a buyback program and provide those resources to our police officers, border officials, and grassroots youth diversion programs. The government must focus on making our streets safer by targeting the true source of gun violence in Canada: illegally smuggled guns in the hands of gangs and criminals.”

- k. Shamefully, 52 long-term drinking water advisories remain in 33 First Nations communities. Trudeau has wasted 6 years of our country’s history virtue-signalling rather than actually delivering to Indigenous peoples. This is another election promise failure.
- l. Infrastructure failures. An Auditor General’s report confirmed what Conservatives have been saying for years – Justin Trudeau’s infrastructure plan is failing Canadians. This devastating report from the Auditor General determined that half of the funds the government has committed to infrastructure are actually the legacy funds of the previous Conservative government. They have put their name on someone else’s homework. The report concludes that the Trudeau government does not have basic accountability measures in place to determine if their infrastructure plan is meeting its objectives, that billions of dollars are going unspent, and that Liberals are failing to quickly get funds to critical infrastructure projects. The fact is the Liberals have no idea if their infrastructure plan is even working. Billions in lost projects due to lapsed funds is bad news for workers who have missed out on three construction seasons. Instead of focusing on his failed Infrastructure Bank, Justin Trudeau should have ensured that his infrastructure program was running properly. The Liberals never back up their announcements with real action.
- m. Canadian Infrastructure Bank set up by Trudeau has cost taxpayers billions of dollars but not a single project has been completed
- n. Liberal Minister of Fisheries incompetence. Department of Fisheries has shut down all commercial and sports salmon fisheries in BC, decimating over ten thousand jobs and ruining a multi-billion dollar industry. The ruling ignores the science that many species are not at risk and ignores the proposals to mark hatchery fish, which can be safely harvested while protecting wild genetic stocks. This is the Liberal equivalent of “shutting down the Kitsilano Coast Guard station” only with an order of magnitude worse effect.
- o. Making DFO’s failure and out-of-touch policies worse, they blindsided the BC spot prawn industry, a gold standard of sustainability, abundance and good management, by declaring an arbitrary rule change, without consultation, preventing flash freezing at sea. This destroys the non-local and export markets for the fishing families, many of whom are First Nations, who derive more than 50% of their annual income from the spot prawn industry. Fisheries and Oceans Canada said it will “work collaboratively” with harvesters on the change. But it has not. It absolutely blindsided this industry, without any hint of collaboration, because of all the fisheries, this one doesn’t have a history of

conservation problems. The outcry was so intense and DFO's rationale so flawed, DFO was forced to back down – at least for the 2021 season.

- p. Failed to deliver on Trudeau's 2015 election promise to eliminate all First Nations boil water advisories. Hundreds of reserves do not have clean drinking water. First Nations peoples have had a flood of promises and speeches of condolence, but surely a little action on a clearly resolvable problem might be welcomed for a change. As Rex Murphy said: "Before we exult our commitment to net-zero in 2050, let us try no "boil-water" advisories in 2021."
- q. Kenneth P. Green, Senior Fellow, the Fraser Institute, reports: "The Trudeau government's war on plastic waste (and plastics more generally) is deeply misguided. For Ottawa to declare a war on plastics is to literally declare war on modern life. According to a Scientific American article, 93% of all plastics dumped into the sea every year come from 10 rivers in Asia and Africa. Canada doesn't even merit a thin line in the pie chart of global plastic pollution." Blacklock's Reporter in March 2022 headlined: "Plastic Ban Costly, Ineffectual." They reported: "A costly federal ban on six types of single use plastics will do little to save the environment, say independent researchers. The most commonly discarded plastic is not covered by Environment Minister Steven Guilbeault's ban, data show: 'This ban fails to target litter categories that appear to make up most single use plastic litter found in Canada.'"
- r. Before leaving the subject of incompetence, there is the matter of the 2021 Trudeau new cabinet appointments. Pierre Poilievre put it this way: "You've got a finance minister [a former journalist with no background in finance] who has given us hundreds of billions of dollars of inflationary deficits, with more to come; you've got the housing minister that gave us the worst housing bubble in Canadian history, keeping his job; and of course you've got a radical Greenpeace activist [now Environment Minister] who believes in much higher energy prices and shutting down industries that employ hundreds of thousands of people in charge of our environment. It's the costliest cabinet ever, which means more inflation, higher costs for fuel, food and housing.

Ignoring Canada's Military

s. Military Incompetence

- i. Stiffing veterans by telling them "they are asking for more than we can afford right now" as he ran tens of billions in (unannounced) deficits.
- ii. De-emphasized Canada's defence obligations by neglect and defunding of the military. Canada has more coastline than any other country on earth, yet has a peanut-size navy and virtually no presence in the increasingly important Arctic. We don't even have any battleships to keep belligerents offshore. Canada's allies (and its enemies) have taken notice, which will diminish our influence over international defence policy and participation in western alliances. Germany, Australia and Finland are taking their security seriously. Canada continues to be a NATO laggard, failing to meet the organization's goal of spending 2% of GDP on defence. Former U.S. president Donald Trump put pressure on Canada for not living up to our obligations. Trudeau's defence minister admitted in 2017 that at \$18.9 billion a year, the Canadian military was "chronically under-funded." Indifference to security, and sovereignty, flows from Trudeau's belief, expressed in a 2015 interview with the New York Times, that Canada is the world's first "post-national state" and has "no core identity." Canada's defence budget is only 1.4% of GDP, compared to Australia's at 2.1% of GDP.
- iii. Canada's neglect and indifference to its military responsibilities is unacceptable, given Russian aggression and the fact that China is looking for an opening to gain control of the Arctic, bidding for mines and scouting the territory. As a result, Australia has become part of an ambitious

trilateral deal with the United Kingdom and United States to purchase a fleet of submarines — a strategic masterstroke designed to discourage China from blocking shipping lanes, choking 14 other economies and invading Taiwan. Canada was completely ignored.

Similarly, the polar region needs policing, as Russia has invested heavily in infrastructure, development, offshore oil and mineral exploration, search and rescue capabilities, military posts and surveillance operations up and down its coastline. Its Northern Sea Route is operational, but not yet commercially successful. Canada, meanwhile, has done virtually nothing to develop or protect its interests in the North. Russia has officially claimed 1.2 million square kilometres of the Arctic as its territory, including land that is claimed by Canada. Such claims are made under rules set out by the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and adjudication is still underway.

Canada's previous Conservative government placed a premium on increasing this country's military presence in the Far North. This is a commitment that likely would have continued if Conservative Leader Erin O'Toole, a former Canadian Air Force captain, had won the 2021 election. The Tory platform recognized the threat posed by Russia and recommended investing in air and maritime surveillance capabilities, building two naval bases in the Arctic and expanding the country's satellite monitoring assets to improve our early-warning systems. Yet these matters appear to be of little interest to Trudeau.

- iv. Procurement – Trudeau politicized the shipbuilding program started by Harper by cancelling Polar 8 contract with Seaspan and redirecting it to a Quebec shipyard which had failed to meet the criteria when awarded to Seaspan.
- v. Cost of naval new ships more than doubled.
- vi. Bought 30-year old F-18s from Australia for about a billion dollars while there was still no plan to replace aging CF-18 fleet (there was a plan to buy F-35s under Harper starting in 2006). Startlingly, in March 2022, seven years after vowing in a 2015 campaign pledge not to purchase F-35 jets (cancelling all the multi-hundreds of million dollar aerospace industry development work led by the Harper Conservatives), the Liberals announced they are now buying 88 of them. Almost 14 years ago we were all told by the Department of National Defence this was the only plane that fit our needs as a next generation fighter aircraft. The Harper Conservatives announced an order of 65 F-35s in 2010. That should have been the end of it. All the lessons of past procurement disasters should have told everyone with any serious aspirations of national leadership that reversing this contract could cripple an air force that was already flying planes past their best-before date. Instead we got 5 years of hand-wringing that put on display the worst of Ottawa's ability to talk only to itself. The Harper government was stung by criticism over the cost and accusations it had rushed to sole-source the deal.

The Conservatives cancelled the plan to buy the 65 F-35s and chose to hold a competition instead. In the next election, the Trudeau Liberals ran against purchasing the F-35, won the election, and did nothing to pick an alternate successor plane, as the CF-18s got older and older.

Mitch Heimpel of *The Line* pointed out: "Canadian politicians refuse to tell the public one simple truth — military procurement is expensive. There isn't an inexpensive version of this. That doesn't mean we should accept any and all costs just because it's going to be expensive. It *does* mean that politicians have to stop trying to sell us on there being an inexpensive, or perfect, version of this. ... No amount of rubber bands and paper clips replaces jet engines and submarines, no matter how many times we pretend they will. Indeed, the longer you delay, the more it'll cost — the weapons generally get more expensive, and you end up spending more money to wring every last

bit of use out of what equipment you already have, instead of replacing it in an efficient, orderly way. So, let's recap: We are, in fact, so bad at procurement that we ran a process for years, and then cancelled it. And then pledged not to buy the jets we'd originally pledged to buy. We then bought seven old Australian F-18s so we could keep our elderly and dwindling CF-18 fleet from experiencing a "capability gap" caused mostly by not just buying the F-35s in the first place. Then, almost 12 years after announcing we were indeed going to buy the F-35, after all the drama above, we've announced we will buy the F-35, after all. Eighty eight of them, in fact. In so many ways, the F-35 saga is another symbol of seven years of Trudeau governance. In 2015, the Liberals could not have been more clear in their campaign platform, which included a whole section titled "We will not buy the F-35 stealth bomber-fighter. What were Ministers Anand and Tassi out saying when the F-35 announcement was made? 'Best plane' and 'best price.' Which was true in 2008 when we were first told it was the only fighter that met our needs. It was still true when the Harper government blinked in 2012, and still true when Justin Trudeau was accusing the government of "whipping out" our CF-18s while on the opposition benches in 2014. Remained true in 2015 when the Liberals campaigned against it, too, and every year since. We have no reason to believe that what is supposed to be a \$19-billion announcement for 88 planes to begin delivery in 2025 will actually end up being any of those things. Don't be surprised if we spend more money to get fewer jets at a later date. But we are now well past the point of being able to blame anyone other than ourselves for cost overruns or late deliveries. The Canadian government failed the Royal Canadian Air Force in this procurement. That is beyond dispute. These guys need the planes. They have for years."

Mitch Heimpel's colleague at *The Line*, Matt Gurney, called this the purest example of procurement dysfunction we've ever seen, and added: "The entire affair is a disgrace, and as Mitch wrote here, a long-running one. There are no good guys to be found. But the award for making it excruciatingly clear just how thoroughly we're willing to throw Canadian soldiers, sailors and aircrew under the bus if doing right by them is in the least bit politically awkward really does go to Justin Trudeau for his purchase of the Australian F-18s, the billion-dollar move to buy time he had no intention of doing anything with."

- vii. Freeland's 2022 budget announced that the NDP-Liberal government has no plan to increase defence spending, despite the promise to spend \$6 billion in the Canadian Armed Forces, there is no confidence that this NDP-Liberal socialist government will follow through on any of its commitments. The CAF are short 10,000 soldiers; there's no plan to develop and maintain the personnel the CAF desperately needs. The Liberals have spent the last six years starving the military. The Liberals have lied about investing billions of dollars in promised defence funding. We don't even know where the money earmarked for equipment purchases go, when purchases don't go through. According to the most recent Public Accounts, the Liberals lapsed \$1.2 billion in defence spending in 2021 alone. A report released in March 2022 shows that from 2017 to 2021, there was a cumulative shortfall of almost \$10 billion between what DND spent on capital and what was originally planned under the Liberals' Strong, Secure, Engaged defence plan.
- viii. Trudeau's lack of action in responding to allegations of sexual misconduct by high-level CAF appointees shows that he doesn't take seriously women's complaints about their treatment and safety. Former Supreme Court Justice Louise Arbour's May 2022 review report stated: "The top ranks of the Canadian Armed Forces are "incapable" of recognizing the "deficient" parts of a culture that keep sexual misconduct and abuse of power entrenched." In her 403-page report, Arbour describes an institution that is fundamentally out of sync with the values of Canadian society, and which poses a "liability" to the country. "Firmly entrenched in its historical way of life,

the military has failed to keep pace with the values and expectations of a pluralistic Canadian society, increasingly sophisticated about the imperative of the rule of law,” Arbour wrote. “Operating as a totally self-regulated, self-administered organization, entirely reliant on deference to authority, it has failed to align with the ever-changing, progressive society we live in. This disconnect is a liability for the CAF and for Canada.” Experts call this an existential crisis for the CAF. Arbour said change is essential. But will the Trudeau Liberals have the political will to act?

Fiscal mismanagement

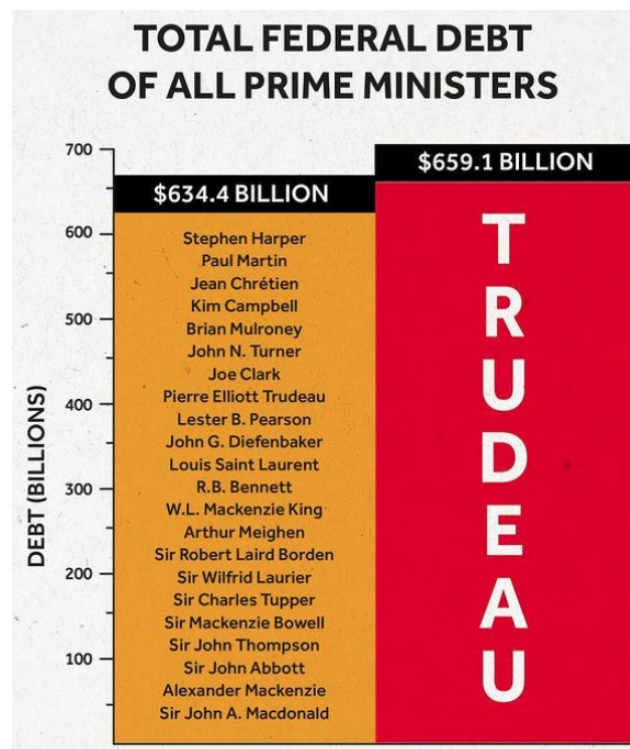
- a. Higher taxes (not lower as they promised). For six years now the federal government has repeated the lie that it lowered personal income taxes for the middle class, even during the 2021 election campaign. But a January 2022 Fraser Institute study finds that the opposite is true. In 2015, the Liberals campaigned on cutting income taxes for the middle class, particularly for families with children. But once in government, the Liberals reduced the middle-income tax rate from 22.0 to 20.5 per cent on earnings between \$49,020 and \$98,040. However, they simultaneously eliminated the Conservatives’ tax credits for children’s fitness, education, textbooks, public transit and income-splitting for couples with young children. This increased income taxes payable by most Canadians. In fact, the 2022 Fraser Institute analysis of these tax changes (lowering the tax rate and eliminating tax credits) found the following for families with 2 children:

Family income range	% of families	Paid an average of this much more in income tax
\$1 - 68,554	57	\$199
\$68,555 – 99,337	89	\$602
\$99,338 – 132,294	89	\$902

Even many low-income families experienced an increase in personal income taxes because they lost the benefit of tax credits. Trudeau and the Liberals (Ms. Freeland and her predecessor Mr. Morneau) have completely failed the middle class.

The Liberals raised the marginal personal income tax rate in 2016 for Canada’s highest income earners from 29% to 33%. Trudeau said this was to improve “tax fairness.” Six years later, several politicians have proposed further tax increases in the form of wealth taxes, higher taxes on capital gains, and increasing the top income tax rate even further. Unfortunately, this ignores important facts about the tax system including the distribution of taxes paid by the wealthiest families. According to a recent study published by the Fraser Institute, the top 20% of income-earning families in Canada already pay nearly two-thirds of all federal and provincial income taxes (63.2%) while earning less than half of the country’s total income (44.1%). These families are the only income group in Canada that pay a larger share of income taxes than their share of income. The remaining 80% of Canadian families pay less in taxes than their share of total income. For example, the bottom 20% of income-earning families pay 1.0% of personal income taxes while earning 5.5% of total income. The study further revealed that the majority of lower-income Canadian families with children are paying higher federal personal income taxes as well. This is because in 2015 the government reduced the second-lowest personal income tax rate, but also eliminated a number of tax credits which more than offset the savings from the tax rate reduction. As a result, 60% of taxpaying families with children in the bottom 20% of income earners pay more federal personal income tax.

- b. Moreover, in 2016 the federal government in conjunction with nine participating provinces (excluding Quebec) agreed to increase the tax for the Canada Pension Plan starting in 2019. As a result, once the hike is fully implemented in 2025, 98.8% of middle-income families will experience a tax increase.
- c. While on the subject of the CPP, Canada had plans to raise the age of eligibility for government retirement programs, to ensure those programs remain sustainable, as do most advanced countries worldwide since life expectancy is increasing. Those plans were quickly scuttled in 2015 when the Liberals took power. According to a 2022 Fraser Institute study, almost three-quarters of industrialized countries around the world are increasing the age of eligibility for government retirement programs. Some countries, like Denmark, Finland, Italy, the Netherlands and Portugal, are even now linking and annually adjusting their eligibility age to changes in life expectancy. Not so the Liberals. Their approach – increase workers’ and employers’ contributions to the CPP, which has a reported average rate of return of 3.95% or less, far worse a performance than the stock markets in general.
- d. Deficit lies – Trudeau: “the budget will balance itself”, “small (<\$10 billion) deficits, balance by 2019.” As the deficit soars past \$1.3 trillion, how delusional and inept was Trudeau? Further, as Trudeau continues his historically high spending, financed by borrowing, the government presents it as costless to Canadians, which is dishonest. But debt has costs. The Trudeau Liberals obfuscate the ultimate costs.
- e. The Trudeau Liberals have added more debt than all the previous Prime Ministers of Canada COMBINED.



The spending spree (which started pre-COVID) has led to heights never seen before in Canada. The Liberals have outspent more in a single year than anything during WW2, the Korean War, or the recessions of the 1980s, 1990s and the 2000s – and that’s after accounting for inflation and population growth.

A 2022 Fraser Institute study measured Ottawa's spending in the years leading up to the COVID pandemic. It turns out that Canada was in far worse fiscal shape than necessary when COVID first hit! Between 2015 and 2020 the government ran five consecutive deficits, adding over \$112 billion to the federal debt. During that period, federal program spending grew by 36%! Had that growth been restrained to match inflation and population growth, the government would have instead recorded surpluses nearly every year and avoided taking on all this new debt before COVID.

- f. The important point is that governments are mechanically incapable of actually creating capital or wealth, despite what modern monetary theory would have us believe. MMT is an academic rationalizing for transformative economic policy (i.e. printing money). Note that we had no opportunity to vote for MMT. It is the private sector, especially entrepreneurs starting businesses, employing people and making payroll that creates capital and wealth.
- g. Coupled with blasting out billions of our children's dollars as if that will have no long-term negative effect on our economy, Trudeau made the preposterous claim that the government "decided to take on debt so that Canadians won't have to." Coming from a Prime Minister who claims he doesn't spend time worrying about monetary policy, this statement should not be surprising but certainly demonstrates his level of ignorance about how the world actually works, not to mention whose money it is he is spending.
- h. The government tries to change language to take the spotlight off itself. Trudeau and his finance ministers always use the words "invest" and "investments" when they blast out their billions in outlay announcements. What they are doing is **overspending**. Let's call it what it is.
- i. The Trudeau government continues to rationalize its debt-financed spending claiming that Canada has the "lowest level of debt in the G7." This is simply not true: the Trudeau government is lying to us – it uses the assets of the Canada Pension Plan and the Quebec Pension Plan to distort the gravity of Canada's indebtedness. CPP and QPP assets are those of their contributors, not the governments'. The Fraser Institute released a June 2021 report which shows Canada's debt ranking falls from best in the G7 under the Harper Conservatives to 5th worst of 29 advanced countries when total debt is measured.
- j. Trudeau government weakened Canada's economy long before COVID-19. They drove away hundreds of billions in investment. Even before COVID, Canada's growth rate of business investment—a key driver of higher living standards—neared a 50-year low (The Fraser Institute). Coupled with these disastrous outcomes, their studies back up the unfortunate fact that productivity growth in Canada has completely stalled, innovation has lagged and many of our companies are no longer global leaders.
- k. After no budget since early 2019, Chrystia Freeland announced on April 19 2021 a budget awash in red ink, forecasting a \$154.7 billion deficit for 2021, a massive letdown for Canadians. Yet it contained no realistic recovery plan. The announced "stimulus" spending will likely be too late with minimal benefits. And there was no thought of balanced budget and how future generations will pay for these massive debts.
- l. Note that prior to this budget, the HoC Finance Committee voted in March to raise Canada's debt ceiling from \$1.168 trillion to \$1.831 trillion as part of Trudeau's bill C-14. There's no end in sight for Trudeau's spending.
- m. Making matters worse was the throne speech following the 2021 general election, which outlined Trudeau's updated key priorities. It exposed the Trudeau government's economic ignorance – there was not a single mention of "entrepreneurs" or "entrepreneurship" nor their crucial role in economic recovery and growth. Then speech completely ignored the dismal state of federal finances. The federal

government continued to mislead Canadians about our national debt. The terms “deficit” and “debt” weren’t mentioned once despite a recent analysis by the Parliamentary Budget Officer estimating that Ottawa would not balance its budget until 2070. In the throne speech of

- n. Freeland may be the most overrated politician in the Liberal government. Though she is Minister of Finance, she has no financial or business background. When Pierre Poilievre asked her basic questions, such as “who owns the shares in the Bank of Canada?” she didn’t know. The answer is – she does! All BoC shares are held by the Finance Minister. When he asked her the size of the deficit and Canada’s total debt, she didn’t know. The PMO is making all the financial decisions now, not Freeland. And they are ruining the middle class – the group they swore to protect. E.g., the middle class has the highest unemployment rate in the G7. 200,000 jobs have been lost this year. But they don’t care – they just spend.
- o. 5 months after the Liberal government announced more support for cash-strapped small businesses in the form of government-backed loans, tens of thousands of business owners still haven’t been able to access that help, says one prominent business group. Remember that Trudeau and Morneau called small business enterprises (SMEs) and entrepreneurs “tax cheats” in 2016. This shows the Liberals’ complete lack of understanding of what drives the engine of Canada’s economy, while at the same time the Liberals give themselves raises and provide help to their well-connected friends to get rich while belittling the rest of Canadians.
- p. Trudeau has presided over the worst business investment growth of the past 5 prime ministers. So Canada entered the pandemic in bad financial shape.
- q. The debt-to-GDP ratio, a “fiscal anchor” that indicates the overall strength of the economy, is now 50.7%, up from 30.5% pre-COVID. The Fraser Institute reports: “This was done without a budget – the budget delivered by the Liberals was March 2019 until its 2021 statement. The rest of the G7 nations have all produced recent budgets.
- r. The combined federal and provincial government debt has gone from \$1.0 trillion in 2007/2008 to a projected \$1.3 trillion in 2021 – equivalent to over 50% of our entire Canadian economy (i.e. GDP). In its July 2021 Fiscal Sustainability Report, the Parliamentary Budget Office warned that the federal government will not return to a balanced budget until 2070 under the status quo (i.e. – by not curbing spending). In its estimate, the PBO says the government is projected to tack on an additional \$2.7 trillion in debt before balancing the budget in 2070. Interest charged will cost Canadians approximately \$3.8 trillion by 2070. The Canadian Taxpayers’ Federation said: “Racking up trillions of dollars in debt and interest is not okay, and that’s why we need to see federal politicians start taking deficits seriously. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau promised Canadians he would balance the books in 2019, but it turns out that we will have to wait about 50 years before we see a balanced budget.”
- s. The Liberal government tries to dismiss the debt problem they’ve created by claiming (falsely) that Canada’s government debt compares favourably with our international counterparts. But that’s simply not true. Canada’s total government debt to GDP ratio is the eighth worst (highest) out of 31 advanced countries.
- t. Abuse of the CERB relief program. A senior Liberal MP said on November 29 2021 “There is no doubt some Canadians abused one of the best-known pandemic relief programs. Claims for \$2,000 Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) cheques were six times the number of COVID jobless: “That is an incredible percentage of the population.”
- u. The CBC reported in December 2021 that the federal government deposited \$25.9 million into the wrong bank accounts in the last fiscal year. The estimate is that more than \$10 million may be gone for

good. According to figures tabled in the HoC, the government sent 22,170 direct deposits totaling \$25.9 million to the wrong bank accounts between April 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021, up from \$6.6 million in the previous fiscal year. The government mislaid \$10.2 million, listed as "not expected to be recovered."

- v. iPolitics reported in February 2022 that over 1,600 people who received Canada Emergency Response Benefit payments — totalling nearly \$12 million — had mailing addresses outside Canada, according to newly tabled government figures. The figures were tabled in the House of Commons in response to an order paper question from Conservative MP Jamie Schmale.
- w. Trudeau has permanently changed federal spending, taxation and debt; future governments, of any party, will be dealing with the actions already taken by Trudeau.
- x. Previous federal governments focused on fiscal prudence (controlled spending, balanced budgets and lower debt) and improving Canada's investment climate (lower and competitive taxes, reducing regulatory burden and freer trade). Trudeau's Liberals have reversed course on nearly all fronts.
- y. Per-person GDP grew 4.8 times faster under Chrétien than under Trudeau.
- z. Economic performance under Trudeau is less than half as good as it was under Harper, and is negative in business investment compared to Harper.
- aa. Private sector job creation was 1.5% under Trudeau; 3% under previous prime ministers (the Fraser Institute).
- bb. The public sector made out like bandits during the pandemic. That's understandable for frontline workers like nurses and respiratory therapists who had to put in hundreds of overtime hours, often at real risk to their own personal health, so they could keep the rest of us healthy. But what about "bureaucrat administrators?" According to Statistics Canada numbers obtained by the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, governments at all three levels hired over 52,000 new bureaucratic administrators during the pandemic. As if Canada didn't already have enough government managers managing managers before? Meanwhile, StatsCan found more than 520,000 private-sector workers lost their jobs during the pandemic. While the private sector was hemorrhaging jobs, the public sector was on a hiring bonanza – more than 180,000 new public workers have been added to tax-funded payrolls across the country since March of 2020.
- cc. Taxpayers will pay a total of \$49.6 billion in interest payments on this debt this year alone, which rises to \$68 billion when municipal governments are added. This is more than the total amount of CPP benefits paid to all Canadians over 65, and just under the total spent on K-12 education across Canada (\$73.1 billion). Should interest rates continue to rise, these amounts could double or triple.
- dd. Despite these damning results, the Liberal government is going to double down on its policies – more spending, new entitlement programs, more debt. This cannot lead anywhere but to higher taxes. The Trudeau Liberals are simply not interested in encouraging growth by attracting business investment.
- ee. Homeownership failure. The dream of homeownership is out of reach for many Canadians. The Liberals' first-time home buyer program has failed to meet promised targets and is clearly not working. Yet Trudeau is doubling down on his failed first-time home buyer program which does not address the housing supply gap in Canada.
- ff. Canadians are paying millions for regional ministers' offices despite the fact that Trudeau stopped appointing regional ministers in 2015. When Trudeau was elected in 2015 he axed the positions, presumably because they were set up under Mulroney, but not heir costly offices. Federal government documents show annual budgets were just under \$3 million for the pointless offices.

- gg.** In 2020, it was revealed that Trudeau had a \$2.5 million mansion erected as a temporary residence for himself and guests on the traditional cottage getaway of the Prime Minister, Harrington Lake, while the main building underwent an extensive \$6.1 million restoration project. Insultingly, taxpayers were billed \$41,545 to study whether an abandoned and dilapidated barn on the property was worth restoring. In total, the restoration project is expected to cost taxpayers up to \$17.8 million.
- hh.** Gave raises to government employees and MPs during the lockdowns while thousands of small businesses and millions of Canadians were suffering and had no hope of receiving raises.
- ii.** Shared Services Canada spent \$27,000 for a red-carpet awards party for itself. It flew in some employees from overseas for the upscale event.
- jj.** Canadian taxpayers paid close to \$10,000 to help author Margaret Atwood promote a new book in Australia.
- kk.** The Canadian Taxpayers Federation reported one of the strangest examples of corporate welfare it has seen: Sales of Tesla cars in Canada continue after the company qualified for a lucrative federal subsidy by producing a lower quality, Canada-only car with a restricted battery range. The updated costs of the program, as of March 2021, indicate that the subsidy had increased to more than \$112 million.
- ll.** The Liberal government spent more than \$17 million to advertise the failed COVID-19 Exposure Notification alert application, according to records disclosed in the House of Commons. The COVID Alert App was meant to serve Canadians to easily alert others of coronavirus disease exposure. Records have shown that 6,324,552 people downloaded the app, while a total of 913,047 people had tested positive for COVID by late March 2021. Of those cases, only 21,048 people used the app to alert others of the diagnosis. The overall ad campaign was controlled by Health Canada, under the hypocritical, incompetent Health Minister Patty Hajdu.
- mm.** A January 2022 report by Blacklocks uncovered an \$81.9 million budget line item titled “promote vaccinations in the public service.” The Treasury Board says it does not have a single document, email or memo explaining this \$82 million budget line item to promote vaccinations in the public service. Board President Mona Fortier could not explain the cost when questioned earlier in the Commons: “No information related to your request exists.”
- nn.** Over the course of the pandemic, the federal government doled out more than \$9 million in relief funding to people who had died prior to the COVID-19 outbreak — and the estates of those who received the money won’t need to pay it back. According to figures disclosed in the House of Commons, cheques for pandemic aid were placed into the accounts of Canadians who had actually died before the COVID-19 Emergency Response Act received Royal Assent on March 25, 2020. At least 4,637 people with addresses outside of Canada also received the benefit.
- oo.** Blacklocks’ Reporter published in April 2022 that the CRA paid nearly a half million in rent subsidies to a phantom company that had no leases and never filed a tax return. The Agency to date has not disclosed the scope of fraudulent COVID relief claims it paid without cursory background checks. Blacklock’s went on to report that the CRA gave millions in taxpayer funds in the form of Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) to hundreds of companies that owed the government backtaxes and eventually went bankrupt. An Inquiry of Ministry requested by Conservative MP Anna Roberts shows that 750 firms that became insolvent received \$145.9 million in emergency funds. (Of those companies) 352 owed back taxes to the CRA when they were sent the CEWS payments,” government staffers wrote.

- pp. Documents show the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) spent \$924,614 on a plan to change its name. It was put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Yet, former CEO Evan Siddall told a parliamentary committee no public funds had been spent on the project. Franco Terrazzano, Federal Director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation (CTF) reported “We caught these bureaucrats red-handed. [They] were denying it but we dug up the proof showing Ottawa was spending tens of thousands of tax dollars trying to figure out how to tax homeowners. ...Mr. Siddall has a track record of misleading the media and the public... More than \$900,000 is being wasted on a pointless project.”
- qq. In late 2021, Stephen Guilbeault, as Heritage Minister, handed Bombardier \$266,600 of federal money for a museum about itself in Valcourt, QC. Bombardier has received billions of taxpayer dollars since the 1960s, both federal and Quebec grants.
- rr. The Globe & Mail reported in January 2022 that Ottawa allocated \$300 million at the beginning of the pandemic for the construction of 15 mobile hospitals. Only four 100-bed units have been completed and they are sitting in storage.
- ss. In January 2022, Blacklocks reported that the Parliamentary “Budget Office Warns on the Debt.” Cabinet spent half a trillion since the outbreak of the pandemic including billions that had nothing to do with COVID, the Parliamentary Budget Office said. There was little sign of restraint, added analysts: “Are we headed for very tight fiscal discipline, or are we headed for mild discipline, or are we headed for no discipline at all?”

Justinflation

- a. In January 2022 CBC.ca reported that “justinflation” soared to 4.8%, the fastest pace since 1991, and The Fraser Institute reported that The International Monetary Fund forecasts Canada to have the 4th highest inflation rate among 35 industrialized countries and the 8th highest unemployment rate. CTV reported that an Angus Reid poll found that 57% of Canadians are having a hard time providing enough food for their families, an increase from 36% when the question was last asked in 2019.
- b. By February 2022, Canada’s inflation rate reached 5.7%. Stats Can reported it soared to 6.7% in March. Some food prices reached much higher levels than that. Gasoline had skyrocketed to the \$2/litre level in Metro Vancouver. The Liberal budget released in March 2022 renewed the Liberals’ fiction of helping the middle class, yet it was riddled with environmental activism and reckless spending that will once again endanger our grandchildren’s financial health.
- c. Massive debt (“helicopter money” yet inappropriate targeting of pandemic aid cost \$22B unnecessarily. Despite spending hundreds of billions during COVID, what have we got to show for it? And the elephant in the room: inflation (aptly named “justinflation”). Since February 2020, the Bank of Canada printed \$370 billion in new money, more than at any time in history. Sending \$2,000 a month to millions of Canadians to sit at home and play video games, while supply of everything became restricted and demand went up causes the cost of everything to increase. Already in 2021, inflation reached numbers unseen for 30 years – 4.4% with no sign of slowing down. The Liberals are blind to their incompetence in spending. Liberal MP Mark Gerretsen said: “It is not a problem that has been caused by this Prime Minister and this government.” Can you say “delusional?”
- d. Despite Trudeau’s spending “we’ve got your backs” spree, according to the January 2022 MNP Consumer Debt Index, 43% of Canadians say they’re struggling with their personal finances and paying off their debts while another 45% are concerned about meeting their living expenses. “Unexpected expenses are one of the biggest contributors to household financial turmoil, and many are starting the new year being dealt another round of unexpected business closures, reduced working hours or job

loss, and COVID-related health concerns” not to mention justinflation. Half of the respondents said they are \$200 or less away from being overburdened financially. “We have an emergency in this country. And it is that our economy has become a gigantic inflated balloon,” said Conservative Finance Critic Pierre Poilievre. Inflation levels in Canada are currently the highest they have been since 2003, marking an 18-year record. According to Statistics Canada’s latest Consumer Price Index, inflation reached 4.8% in December. In March 2022, the inflation rate rose to 6.7%, the highest since 1991.

- e. Trudeau dismisses inflation as a global problem, inferring there is little the Liberals can do about it. However, contrary to the government’s rhetoric and Trudeau’s self-delusion, Canada’s inflation rate has increased dramatically and it looks set to remain at an elevated level for a long time. Pouring hundreds of billions into the economy, which devalues the Canadian dollar and creates inflation (“justinflation”), what did Trudeau think was going to happen? Actually, he is no student of economics and doesn’t know or doesn’t care about the causes and consequences of his inept actions.
- f. Chrystia Freeland’s 2021 federal budget predicted relatively stable inflation and interest rates and no external shocks through to fiscal 2025. That rosy scenario quickly unravelled when inflation hit 5.7% its highest rate since 2003. Grocery bills are climbing – families will pay \$700 more in 2022. The Commodity Index was up 40% in 2021, gasoline up 65% during 2021, and the producers purchase price index was up 8.7%, which will affect the prices of almost everything. According to the Fraser Institute, a move to interest rates at historically low 2019-2020 levels would increase annual interest charges by 59% from a budgeted \$22 billion to \$35 billion. That works out to \$3,700 for a family of four. A financial squeeze is coming. Brace yourselves for tax hikes caused by the Liberals’ profligate spending: Trudeau has spent more than all of Canada’s governments in the previous 152 years since confederation combined.
- g. In the 2021 election campaign, Trudeau was asked a question about inflation rates and the Bank of Canada and actually stated he doesn’t “think about monetary policy.” Pierre Poilievre singled out Trudeau for not sharing the concerns of Canada’s working class. “Justin, of course you don’t think about monetary policy... or fiscal policy... or anything else. You know who does think about these things? The working class people whose cost of living you are ballooning with inflationary deficits,” tweeted Poilievre. An Angus Reid Institute survey from August 5, 2021, found that Conservative Party leader Erin O’Toole came out on top over other party leaders on issues such as the federal deficit, the economy and energy or natural resources. Statistics Canada dropped an economic bomb in September 2021: the consumer price index rose 4.1% in August compared to a year earlier. It marked the fifth month in a row that inflation has surpassed the Bank of Canada’s target rate of 2% and the country’s highest rate since March 2003. We know that the justinflation rose to almost 6% in early 2022.
- h. The Liberal-friendly Globe & Mail reported in April 2022: “Bigger government crowds private activity gradually. Compounding interest payments haven’t yet squeezed the rest of the federal budget. Also, and unlike the Bank of Canada, the federal government still says everything is fine. Deficits were a signature policy for the government even before COVID-19 set the stage for unprecedented borrowing with equally unprecedented lack of accountability – not even a budget in 2020. Concerns about out-of-control finances led the Finance Minister, in her Fall Economic Statement that year, to describe indicators – “fiscal guardrails” – that would trigger a return to fiscal prudence. By the time of the 2021 update, the economy was clearly at or past them. But that update said nothing about guardrails or prudence. Since then, we’ve had commitments to major new programs, mostly financed by more debt. ... The Bank of Canada itself is highlighting now that low business investment means weak growth in productive capacity. And weak growth in productive capacity means that less of each additional dollar of debt-fueled spending induces real output, and more of it induces higher prices. ... To improve our chances of navigating the economic road safely in the years ahead, the federal government should

acknowledge that its spending and borrowing have exceeded what the Canadian economy needed, and are making us vulnerable. It needs to ease off the gas – which, in turn, will let the Bank of Canada ease off the brake. The feds’ foot on the accelerator and the bank’s foot on the brake is driving us toward a breakdown.”

- i. Fertilizer is needed for high crop yields. As a direct result of Liberal government policies, fertilizer prices doubled over the previous year. Then, due in part to sanctions on Russia for its invasion of Ukraine, it became subject to an additional 35% tariff added months after farmers had purchased fertilizer. This will mean higher food prices in 2022 and could even foretell global food shortages. Trudeau and Freeland don’t appear to know, let alone care.

Out-of-control growth of the civil service

- a. When the Conservatives left office in 2015, the federal public service had 257,034 employees. Under Trudeau, it had grown to 319,601 by 2021, a 24% rise. Do you think we’re getting value for our money? Do you believe this many federal employees can be successfully managed and can perform their tasks with efficiency and effectiveness?
- b. Making matters worse, The Canadian Taxpayers Federation learned that 528,347 federal and provincial government workers received pay raises during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 and 2021 while not a single government, at any level, reduced employees’ pay during the same period.
- c. “We’re not all in this together,” said CTF federal director Franco Terrazzano in a press release in January 2022. “We’ve seen a tale of two pandemics: One full of private sector pain and the other full of financial gain for bureaucrats and politicians.” Millions of Canadians lost their jobs, saw hours cut or had to close their businesses.
- d. Members of Parliament have given themselves three pay raises during the pandemic, so that backbench MPs get \$189,702, Ministers get 280,265 and Trudeau gets \$379,404. Will the civil service bureaucrats get yet another raise too? One guess!
- e. Previous research by the Fraser Institute has shown that the size of government (as a share of the economy) to maximize economic growth and social progress is between **26% and 30%** of the economy (GDP). When governments exceed that size, it imposes negative effects on the economy, such as crowding out private sector investment, but without providing proportionate benefits such as greater social progress. Unfortunately, a 2022 Fraser Institute study finds that the size of government relative to the economy as a whole was a whopping 40.4% in Canada in 2019, up from 37.4% in 2007.
- f. On the topic of out-of-control growth, the Liberal government announced it intends to bring 432,000 immigrants to Canada in 2022, with as many in each of the following 2 years. All this while Canada is experiencing a housing price crisis, especially on the supply side. The Liberals claim they are doing this to solve the labour shortage, but we all know it is to import Liberal voters.
- g. The Liberal-friendly Globe & Mail wrote in April 2022: “Meanwhile, government running pedal-to-the-metal is squeezing the rest of the economy. Public-sector employment is up 8 per cent since before the pandemic – no wonder businesses have trouble hiring. With no slack left in the economy, consumption is crowding out private investment. The stock of business plant, equipment and intellectual property products per worker is falling.”

Complete failure on energy – climate hypochondria and uninformed delusion

Far from “the science is settled” dictum that permeates the “climate change” narrative among politicians, the truth is that the term “global warming” didn’t evoke enough enthusiasm among the nations, so the enviro-extremists invented the term “climate crisis” to alarm the masses. The fact is that they constantly confuse “climate change” with weather events. No scientific proof that increased hurricanes, forest fires, floods, or other natural events, disasters or otherwise, are caused by increased global temperatures. In fact, Dr. Rex Fleming, Ph.D. in atmospheric science, has shown that the multi-year increase in average global surface temperature is NOT caused by carbon dioxide, but by the sun’s magnetic field, motion around the solar system barycentre and by cosmic rays.

Dr. Patrick Moore has written about the extensive benefits the planet has enjoyed through increased levels of CO₂.

Dr. Ross McKittrick, University of Guelph professor of economics and Senior Fraser Institute Fellow, stated: “People might have gotten the impression that emission reductions [in Canada] would somehow prevent future extreme weather events. Nonsense. Even if we eliminated all emissions, it wouldn’t make a difference, since what matters is the global total. ... When climate policy raises the cost of doing business here (for instance by our ill-fated green energy fiasco) the industrial activity doesn’t disappear; most of it moves elsewhere, especially to Asia. We lose the investment and jobs but global emissions stay the same.”

As stated elsewhere in this document, we can all agree that we, as a human race, must decrease our dependence on fossil fuels, over time. But the solutions to achieve that must be led by the Engineers, not the politicians, who have no idea what they are talking about nor how to succeed in accomplishing meaningful reductions. Their naïve statements that we must stop burning fossil fuels and replace energy delivery with renewables ignores the facts that the transition requires massive technology development at huge expense, using rare earth materials we have yet to discover (which have their own negative environmental footprints) along with petroleum-based materials, and much time during which dependence on fossil based energy is still required.

Trudeau’s policies have harmed Canada’s oil and gas industry and cannot continue. We are the fifth-largest natural gas producer in the world; with the third-largest accessible oil reserves, and the cleanest extractive technology. We could be a source of security for our allies, including Western Europe, which has become dependent on Russia for 40% of its natural gas needs, and ourselves. Waiting for an electric revolution is not a strategy for security and energy stability.

A glaring example of the delusional thinking of the Trudeau Liberals occurred on January 12 2022. According to Blacklock’s Reporter, Guilbeault made this comment to the left-wing outlet *The Narwhal*, which receives taxpayer funds from the federal government: “My timeline is two years. So in the next two years, more stringent methane regulations, zero-emission vehicle standards, net-zero grid by 2035, cap on oil and gas and obviously phasing out fossil fuels – all of these things must be in place in the coming eighteen months, ... [because] the state of climate change is such that we need to learn to do things faster and that’s certainly true of us as a government.” This demonstrates that not only is the Trudeau government hallucinatory, but also dangerous to our country’s economy.

- a. Trudeau's attempts to destroy Canada's most important industry – the energy industry – are explicit and unrelenting. The energy industry represents over 10% of Canada's economy, creates 830,000 direct and indirect jobs and generates a quarter of our exports. This is Canada's largest industrial sector, much larger than automotive, and is the backbone of Alberta, much of Saskatchewan and Newfoundland & Labrador, and hundreds of thousands of jobs. His famous "we have to phase-out" Alberta's petroleum industry statement is not the way to solve environmental issues either in Canada nor globally. The Liberals have launched a "consultation" about ending Canada's oil and gas industry. They call this a "just transition." They are doing this despite the fact that Canada's oil and gas sector leads the nation in cleantech spending, is a world leader in ESG, and could actually help lower global emissions by providing, internationally, cleaner alternatives to coal. Global oil and gas demand keeps going up even with more investment in renewable energy, and the world needs Canada as a supplier. The senseless policies of Trudeau have led to the rise of Western separatism.

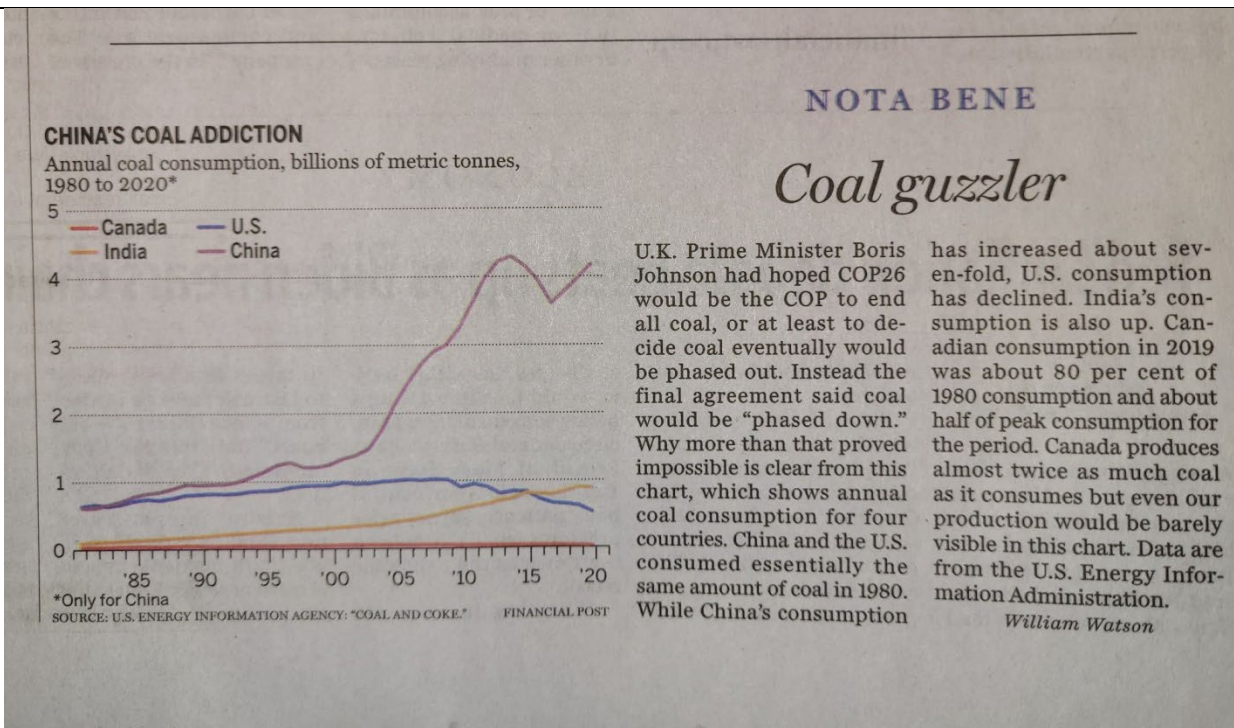
This came to a head at the COP26 conference in November 2021, where Trudeau announced a cap on Canadian oil and gas. This disconnect between reality and the Liberals' position is not only delusional, it is foolish. Ignoring that Canada represents 1.53% of global emissions, it is actually environmentally counter-productive, since the missed opportunity is to export more ESG-responsive Canadian oil and gas to Asia to substitute for higher-emitting coal.

Add to this that, since transportation is a component of almost everything, by ensuring a plentiful and cheap energy supply, the government can help ensure that goods can be delivered less expensively and that labour can travel to where it is needed.

The best way to achieve this is to produce all the energy we need domestically and eliminate our dependence on foreign energy markets. International markets are inherently unstable, subject to large price spikes, not to mention unsavory human rights and environmental control policies.

Joe Oliver said this: "Prime Minister Trudeau and many premiers will not have the intellectual honesty to concede their policies are ineffectual and will reduce our standard of living and endanger our security and national unity. Candour would produce a political backlash that would undermine public support for green initiatives and imperil their own political survival. So instead we are treated to shameless misrepresentation and mindless self-harm."

Quebec Premier François Legault recently announced he will block further exploitation and development of fossil fuels in the province, which at COP26 joined the Denmark- and Costa Rica-led BOGA (Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance). According to the Montreal Economic Institute, the opportunity cost of abandoning Quebec's hydrocarbon resources would be over 9,000 jobs, \$93 billion in wealth and \$15 billion in funding to the government. Meanwhile, the province is importing some 300,000 barrels of oil per day and spending \$5 billion annually for Alberta and U.S. energy. Oil and gas make up over 80% of its trade deficit.



- b. Many climate models have been developed over the years, leading to numerous economic studies that produce widely varying results in terms of effects of temperature increase on the economy. Ross McKittrick, senior Fellow of the Fraser Institute and Professor of Economics at Guelph University, recently published that new data sets, and even re-analysis of old data sets, have called into question the catastrophic predictions that have become "canonical truth" promoted by the enviro-alarmists. These new studies show that temperature and precipitation effects are as likely to be positive as negative in countries. There is no robust evidence that even the worst-case warming scenarios would cause overall economic losses. He concludes: "It now falls to advisory groups, like the IPCC, to tell this to world leaders before they enact more disastrous policies that will do all the harm (and more) that the evidence says climate change itself will not do."

McKittrick's colleague at the Fraser Institute, Kenneth Green, also a senior Fellow, published in January 2022 *Is Climate Catastrophe Really 10 Years Away?* His summary stated: "The dominant narrative behind the promotion of aggressive climate change policies is that humanity is always about 10 years away from either catastrophic climate change, or some greenhouse gas emission "tipping point" at which such change will become inevitable. These "10-years to disaster" scenarios, however, are based on speculative computer models driven primarily by conjecture and assumptions of future events, not merely extrapolations from climate trends, and/or greenhouse gas emission trends that have been observed. Comparisons with empirically measured data regarding climate change and greenhouse gas concentrations reveal that the computer forecast models which drive the "10-year" narrative significantly over-predict human-caused warming of the Earth's atmosphere. Climate policies based on these 10-year narratives in the past have consistently failed at their stated objectives of either significantly reducing global greenhouse gas emissions, or forestalling expected climate change. Longer term, incremental, adaptive control measures are an alternative option that policymakers should consider in the face of repeated "10-year" windows and failed greenhouse gas emission reduction policies."

A 1998 climate modeller Tom Wigley study showed that even full implementation of the Kyoto protocol would have only slightly slowed down carbon dioxide accumulation in the atmosphere, delaying the doubling after a century by only a few years at most. Bjorn Lomborg repeated the analysis for the Paris treaty and found the same thing for the same reasons. Despite the prohibitive costs of Kyoto and Paris, even full global implementation would barely change the global outcome. Canada's compliance policies by implication have essentially zero effect.

- c. While I think we can all agree that we, the human race, must reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, we must do this over time, not by the harmful effects proposed by enviro-alarmists. And now by Justin Trudeau. A Fraser Institute study in June 2022 points out that the current energy crisis in Europe predates Russia's invasion of Ukraine. It is largely the result of bad energy policies. Many European countries mandated the phase-out of conventional coal-fired and nuclear electricity generation and accelerated the transition to renewable energy sources, such as solar and wind power without regard to the engineering realities of the transition. Europe also brought in a carbon price which recently increased to roughly \$110 per tonne. Sound familiar? The study finds that the policies enacted in Europe that helped create the current energy crisis are the same policies that the Canadian federal government is pursuing, and the results will be the same — higher energy prices, higher costs of living, and lower economic growth.
- d. Completely ineffective carbon taxes, which do nothing to protect the environment, which Trudeau raised during the pandemic. After promising not to, Justin Trudeau tripled the carbon tax, jeopardizing hundreds of thousands of jobs and hurting consumers. Under Trudeau, Canada's unemployment rate is among the highest in the G-7, and we are experiencing the worst economic growth since the great depression. It's impossible to understand why Trudeau would choose now, of all times, to put Canadians out of work. Canada's Conservatives should repeal Justin Trudeau's carbon tax and replace it with policies that will actually work to protect the environment. The Liberals are making the poorest pay more. Reports have shown that Prime Minister Trudeau's federal carbon tax has failed to reduce carbon emissions. Conservatives believe that tackling climate change requires a collaborative, global approach to ensure that we can make progress without sacrificing the strength of our economy. Our comprehensive climate plan will focus on protecting clean air, clean water, clean soil and biodiversity by reducing emissions, working collaboratively with the highest emitters. These undertakings will be driven by Engineers, not politicians. Our relentless focus will remain on securing jobs, securing the economy, and securing our future.
- e. Trudeau contradicted his previous pronouncement. In March 2017, in his speech in Houston, he said that "there is no path to prosperity in Canada that does not include a thriving, vibrant energy sector, both traditional and renewable ... no country would find 173 billion barrels of oil in the ground and just leave them there." He could have added the 1,383 trillion cubic feet of recoverable natural gas, enough for 300 years at current production.
- f. During the 2019 election, the federal Liberals explicitly denied that they would increase the carbon tax beyond 11 cents/litre on gasoline. Yet another Liberal lie. Before 2019 ended, Trudeau broke that promise. The Liberals now say it will increase until it hits 37 cents per litre (in 2030).
- g. Carbon tax rebates not covering costs to Canadians. Claims by the Trudeau government that the carbon tax would see Canadians get more back in rebates than they paid into the program are false, according to Canada's federal budget watchdog. Blacklock's Reporter reported in March 2022 that the Parliamentary Budget Office's latest report stated that "most households will see a net loss" as a result of the carbon tax rebate scheme. By 2030, these net losses would mean thousands in additional taxes a year for some households. Yet in the Commons environment committee, Environment Minister

Steven Guilbeault spread the untrue claim that most Canadians got more money back from the carbon tax program than they paid into it. “As you know according to the Parliamentary Budget Officer eight out of ten households are better off with carbon pricing,” said Guilbeault. “It is true the richest among us in Canada do not benefit from rebates but eight out of ten households are better off.” Guilbeault’s false claim goes against PBO budget analysts, who reported that the carbon tax had a “negative economic impact” for taxpayers. In 2019, Trudeau campaigned on the claim that the federal carbon tax would put “more money” in the pockets of Canadians. “Our plan will mean a cleaner environment and more money in their pockets,” Trudeau falsely claimed.

- h. The Fraser Institute 2021 report shows that even if Canada met its Paris targets, which punish Canada while China, India and the U.S. laugh at us, the effect on global GHG gas levels would be virtually negligible.
- i. The Trudeau Liberals have accepted the myth that there is a “climate change emergency” in the world. They wish to “solve” this imaginary crisis by policy aimed at an unattainable zero-carbon world by 2050. This is a fantasy. Yet the Liberals continue to make new environmental commitments for others in the future while failing to meet their previous, flamboyant climate promises (Liberals have not ever delivered on Canada’s emission reduction targets – the opposite has occurred).
 - i. The Liberals decided to ban gas-powered cars by 2035 to help achieve “net-zero.” This is a drastic policy, driven by politicians who have no idea what they’re talking about, not by Engineers who know how to really achieve emission reductions. The Fraser Institute published a report showing that the costs of achieving net-zero far exceed the expected benefits. It also published on its blog the article ‘Renewable’ energy can’t replace fossil fuels. This is reproduced in Appendix 4.
 - ii. As C2C Journal wrote in its article: *The Future with Zero-Emission Electric Vehicles*, “Shouldn’t a change as wide-ranging as this at least have been thoroughly studied and debated? It wasn’t. We are increasingly a nation governed by a prime minister and bureaucracy rather than by Parliament. For the population that will have to live with the consequences, perhaps even more disturbing is that it does not appear even to have been thought through by those imposing it. For this decree raises a number of as-yet unanswered questions that go to the very heart of building, financing, powering and running what the government clearly expects will be Canada’s burgeoning EV fleet:”
 - a. **Where will the money come from?** Battery-operated cars are more expensive to manufacture than gasoline-powered automobiles. Purchasing an EV costs at least 50% more than an equivalent gasoline-powered one – in some cases up to 300% more. There are about 25 million cars and light trucks in Canada – less than 1% of them electric. EVs make up only 3.5% of new vehicle sales – about 55,000 units in 2020. The average price of a new car in Canada is now over \$40,000. At the conservative estimate of 50% more expensive, the incremental cost of replacing Canada’s entire car and light truck fleet will be at least \$500 billion. The gross expenditure would be a hard-to-imagine \$1.5 trillion? (75% of Canada’s entire annual GDP. Clearly, something will have to give. The costs do not stop there. The most basic chargers cost a seemingly modest US\$80-US\$180 and can be plugged into a standard 120-volt household outlet. But they require at least 8 hours to charge a car, making them impractical for many car owners. Level 2 charging stations can also be installed in a private home with 240-volt service and reduce the charging time to about 4 to 10 hours. But they range in price from US\$750 to US\$2,600,

plus potentially US\$1,000-US\$3,000 if electrical upgrading is needed. Level 3 fast-charging stations are for public and commercial networks and can charge an EV's battery bank in 30-60 minutes. They cost US\$10,000-US\$40,000 plus US\$4,000-US\$50,000 for installation, reflecting the frequent need for upgraded transmission lines and transformers. By comparison, it costs US\$16,000-US\$21,000 to purchase a dual-outlet gas pump, plus US\$2,500-US\$3,000 for installation. And one such pump can service 12-24 times as many vehicles as a single-outlet electric charging station.

- b. **Where will the cost of electricity be?** 25 million electric vehicles in Canada would consume about 102.25 billion kilowatt-hours per year. This would require increasing Canada's electricity production by well over 20%. There are currently about 160,000 gasoline and diesel fuel pumps in Canada. The much greater time needed to recharge an EV means that far more charging stations will be needed. EVs also have a shorter range than internal combustion engine-powered vehicles and therefore need to be recharged more often. Range is reduced when travelling at high speeds or in cold conditions (in a Canadian winter, low temperatures drain battery power faster). There are barely 6,000 publicly available charging stations across Canada. During the 2021 federal election, the Liberals promised to spend \$700 million to add 50,000 more. But that is still only a small fraction of the number that will be needed. The costs will obviously have to be borne by consumers – “free” charging stations are not sustainable as the transition to EVs proceeds. Power costs will likely climb significantly in response to increased demand associated with a burgeoning EV fleet and the ongoing government-driven shift to less efficient and more expensive “green” energy sources and the need for the corresponding infrastructure.
- c. **Where will the electricity come from?** In 2018, 60% of Canadian electricity production came from hydroelectric dams, 15% from nuclear generators, 11% from natural gas and crude oil, 7% from coal, and just 7% from “green” sources including wind and solar power. There aren't many more rivers to dam in Canada. Nuclear power is cost-effective and highly reliable, but proposed new nuclear facilities habitually experience lengthy construction delays, cost over-runs and bitter political opposition. We also still have no good way of disposing of nuclear waste. The favourites of environmentalists, solar and wind, despite the relentless hype from their proponents, are much more expensive and produce only intermittent and inconsistent power. As well, solar panels and wind turbines wear out after 25-30 years, creating a major waste management problem. There is simply no point in switching to EVs. Doing so could spell disaster as the added electricity demand drives power prices through the roof.
- d. **Where will the land come from?** Replacing the energy output of a single 100-megawatt natural gas power plant requires a minimum of twenty 170-metre-tall windmills, together occupying 26 square kilometres of land (and still requiring the nat gas backup power generation). There is also the question of recharging stations. Currently there are 11,908 retail gasoline stations in Canada. Many times that number of EV rechargers will be needed – possibly 1-2 million. Imagine thousands of large parking lots, each perhaps ten times the size of a gas station,

filled with recharging EVs. Many traditional stations will still be necessary to refuel commercial trucks and other large vehicles.

- e. **Where Will the Lithium (and Other Rare Metals) Come From?** A typical EV battery bank requires about 10 kilograms of lithium and lesser amounts of cobalt, manganese, nickel and graphite. The world's lithium reserves are estimated at about 100 million metric tonnes, of which about 21 million tonnes are currently considered economically viable. Unfortunately, annual lithium production was only about 82,000 tonnes in 2020. Much of that is used for industrial applications and for batteries in smartphones and other devices. So a lithium shortage will undoubtedly occur as EV production ramps up around the world. Lithium is highly reactive and inflammable, so presents serious environmental concerns. Its production requires large amounts of water (500,000 gallons per tonne of lithium) and releases a variety of toxic chemicals into the environment. Canada produces no lithium at present – all of that has been offshored. Child labour in Democratic Republic of Congo is used to mine lithium.
- f. **A dire conclusion – a poorer, more sedentary future for Canadians.** Environmental activists give the impression that life in the green economy will be much like our current life except for a much smaller carbon footprint and a cleaner environment. The far more likely reality is that in the “green” economy envisioned for only a couple of decades from now, most of us will have to get about on foot, on bicycles and on public transit. Extensive travel, whether international or just road trips within Canada, will likely be reserved for the very wealthy.
- iii. The Liberals provided subsidies of \$5,000 off the purchase price of electric vehicles if the base model sells for less than \$45,000. The Canadian Taxpayers Federation tracked Tesla's response. Tesla introduced a Canada-only, lower-quality version of their Model 3 that went 150 km less per charge, pricing it at \$1 less than the \$45,000 cut-off. That move made the higher-priced, higher-quality version of the Model 3 also eligible for the federal rebate. The CTF's *Taxpayer* magazine Fall 2021/ Winter 2022 edition reported: “From March to September 2021, the carmaker had no sales of the lower-quality car, while selling more than 9,400 units of their regular version. ... The bill for Tesla's taxpayer-sponsored ride now reaches over \$159 million. ... Tesla Inc.'s December 31, 2020 net profit was \$US 690 million on revenues of \$US 31.35 billion. Tesla's 2021 high was \$US 1,230 / share, making it the most valuable auto maker in the world by market cap.
- iv. The Liberals tabled Bill C-12, an Act respecting transparency and accountability in Canada's efforts to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. The legislation was intended to force future federal governments to set binding climate targets, but does not include setting any binding target for the current Trudeau government. The Liberal government is, once again, kicking the can down the road. Yet more “do as I say, not as I do” virtue-signalling that we have come to expect from Justin Trudeau. Also, no one takes Trudeau seriously due to his government's abysmal record on GHG reductions.
- v. The Fraser Institute's Quarterly Journal reported in an article titled *Trudeau Emissions Plan Impossible Without Huge Energy Costs and/or Imports*, stated: “As is so often the case with the current government, there are serious questions that have not been asked – let alone answered – about this new policy and its consequences for Canadians. It's first important to

understand that the design of the cap on emissions ... is to limit increased production and expansion of the oil and gas sector in Canada (26.2% of Canada's total GHG emissions – Stats Ca). The remaining emission sources are exempt from the cap. ... Given population growth and increases in income, the demand for goods and services that generate GHGs across all sectors, including oil and gas, will increase. So unless there are breakthrough technologies, on which the government is counting, emissions will also increase. ... If the government constrains oil and gas production as the population continues to grow, a marked shift to electricity must occur, particularly with respect to heating homes. Once again, the government has provided no information about who will pay these enormous costs or where all the new electricity will be produced. ... Ottawa continues to present these decisions as if they're costless."

- vi. Similarly, as Canada moves to 1-in-2 vehicles being zero-emission by 2030 and to all zero by 2035, it's entirely unclear as to how all the new electricity to power these vehicles will be generated and distributed. Does this mean more nuclear power plants and more dams? And if, as Trudeau thinks, it will be provided by wind and solar capacity, what is the backup source when the wind doesn't blow or it's not sunny?
- vii. Worse, Bill C-12 is described on the government's website as follows: the Act "enshrines in legislation the Government of Canada's commitment to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, and provides a framework of accountability and transparency to deliver on it." However, a Fraser Institute legal analysis finds that the Act actually does **not** require Canada to reach the federal government's net-zero target! Here's why:
 - **The Act is not legally binding.** The wording of the law does not require the federal government to meet those targets, nor are there any penalties for failing to do so.
 - **There is no costed plan.** The legislation fails to provide a clear plan with measurable actions.
 - **The Act is not necessary.** Emissions targets have already been set without using legislation.
 - **It is not required for transparency.** Canada's reporting under the Paris Agreement already requires transparency, creating accountability.
- viii. China has not fallen for the enviro-alarmists' hoax.
- ix. At the UN climate change conference COP26 in November 2021, Trudeau lectured others about his favourite topic, climate change, and committed Canada to an ambitious climate target (a cap on GHG emissions leading to net zero by 2050) that he has no idea how to achieve. Grant Fagerheim, CEO of Calgary-based oil company Whitecap Resources Inc., warned of the dangers posed by stating: "Setting out virtue-signaling commitments with no real firm targets is dangerous, and it's reckless because at the end of the day, this is about the things that we can't live without — food, heat, clothing and transportation." While the industry itself has made huge strides in recent years on reducing emissions intensity, actual emissions from Canada's oil and gas sector have actually increased over time due to increased demand. Fagerheim said hobbling the industry with unachievable targets will result in higher prices for Canadian consumers. He added it will also mean fewer profits for energy companies to funnel into emission-reduction technologies and renewables projects. Adam Legge, president of the Business Council of Alberta, said he believes oil and gas companies already understand the need to reduce emissions. He pointed to the Oil Sands Pathway

Alliance, an initiative of Canada's five largest oilsands producers that have already committed to achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

The Fraser Institute reported in February 2022: “Because just about everyone agrees it would be good to see humanity’s net GHG emissions reduced, this “net-zero” plan may look benign. But it’s not. These new electricity sources, tapped to replace fossil-fuel generation, will be costlier and less reliable. And will still require fossil-fuel generated backup power kept on standby, boosting overall system costs still higher. And given the relatively tiny contribution Canada’s electricity production has on global climate, Canadians will receive no measurable benefit from those higher costs—that is, the changes will not help meaningfully affect climate change nationally or globally.

So basically, Ottawa’s net-zero policies will make energy more expensive for most Canadians and hurt the economic competitiveness of Canadian exports, (which depend on large steady inputs of lower-cost high-reliability electricity) with no discernable environmental benefit.

- x. In March 2022, Environment Minister Steven Guilbeault introduced in the HoC a new climate plan for Canada projects the oil and gas industry, which emits 26% of Canada’s total greenhouse-gas emissions (Stats Can), will need to cut GHG emissions by 42% from current levels by 2030 if the country is to meet its new targets. The Liberals have issued many emissions targets (9 since 1988) and never met a single goal. In fact, Canada’s GHG emissions have grown by 20% since 2005. The government will also aim for one-third of medium- and heavy-duty vehicles sold to be electric by 2030 and 100 per cent by 2040. The Fraser Institute notes: “As is so often the case with the [Liberal] government, there are serious questions that have not been asked – let alone answered – about this new policy and its consequences for Canadians. It’s first important to understand that the design of the cap on emissions ... is to restrain current levels of production. ... The oil & gas sector represents 26.2% of Canada’s total GHG emissions. The remaining sources are exempt from the cap. ... Given population growth and increases in income, the demand for goods and services that generate GHGs across all sectors will increase. So unless there are breakthrough technologies, which the government is counting on, emissions will increase.” So how can constraining the oil and gas sector achieve net-zero by 2050 as the emission levels of the other ¾ are growing?
- xi. Alberta’s Minister of Environment and Parks Jason Nixon stated at the end of March 2022: “Bringing forward a climate plan of this nature is insane — that’s the only word for it. This will result in devastating economic consequences all across the country, for our largest industry, at the same time with no environmental impact of any significance.” Even Alberta NDP leader Rachel Notley called the projected targets ‘a fantasy.’”
- xii. Also, Stats Can 2015 data show 51% of home energy consumption comes from natural gas, only 45% from electricity. So as population and demand continue to grow, a significant shift to electricity must occur. Once again, the Liberals provide no information about where or how all this electricity will be produced. Fraser Institute continues: “There’s a real possibility that Canadian families will have to pay to remove natural gas and oil-fired furnaces and replace them with electric heating systems, and that the cost of electricity will increase. ... The Liberals provide no disclosure or information. Ottawa continues to present decisions as if they are costless.”
- xiii. Making matters worse, the Liberals announced half of all passenger vehicles sold in Canada by 2030 must be zero-emission, and all must be zero by 2035. Again, it is entirely unclear how this can be achieved and where all the new electricity required will be generated. The enviro-

alarmists rely on wind and solar, but we all know these are interruptible power supplies requiring backup energy sources. Are more dams or nuclear plants on the horizon? Again, no answers from the Liberals. Except, during a March 2022 Commons international trade committee meeting, Liberal government officials with the Department of Natural Resources wouldn't reveal whether they considered nuclear power or natural gas to be a form of clean energy.

xiv. As Joe Oliver wrote: "Meanwhile, it's 'Drill, baby, drill!' in Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq, Russia, Qatar, Norway and other resource-rich exporters, including the United States, which, despite new restrictions on drilling on federal land, continues to enjoy the benefits of the fracking revolution. A global energy crisis has dramatically increased oil and gas prices. Irrate Brits and Germans are rebelling against the deprivation wrought by green policies, as they confront winter blackouts. Developing countries, the biggest emitters, are determined to provide whatever fuel is available to their most impoverished citizens. Ironically, two coal plants were paid an exorbitant £4,000/MWh to keep the lights on for COP26 delegates because the wind was not blowing on command — this as a resolution to restrict coal use was being rejected by the U.S., India, China and Australia."

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- j. Trudeau is all talk – no action on environment. They have failed to meet their own emission reduction targets while their confusing policies have paralyzed the energy industry and alienated western provinces. Under the Liberals, environmental assessment processes became ones of endless, unpredictable consultation that drove away investors. The Conservatives want to streamline these processes by setting clear timelines while maintaining environmental standards. Particularly important for lowering emissions is making it less cumbersome for LNG projects, which displace higher carbon-emitting fuels, to get approved and built.
- k. The Hon. Andrew Scheer, Conservative Shadow Minister for Infrastructure and Communities, issued the following statement after the Liberals, NDP, and Bloc teamed up to defeat his private Member's bill that would end the practice of dumping untreated wastewater into our rivers, lakes, and oceans: "By defeating this bill, the Liberals are giving the green light to cities across the country to continue polluting vital fish habitat. Unfortunately, this vote shouldn't surprise Canadians. In 2015, Environment Minister, Catherine McKenna allowed the City of Montreal to dump 8 billion litres of raw sewage into the St. Lawrence River. Currently, the federal minister can grant permission to municipalities to dump raw sewage into waterways. This bill would have removed that authority. The Liberals would rather continue this practice than take action to end it. It's shameful."
- l. The announced raising of carbon tax to \$170/tonne by 2030 will cause economic loss of \$44.1 billion to the Canadian economy and will cost the loss of approximately 200,000 jobs, and the average worker will experience \$1,800 less annual income. That will increase the total federal carbon charge on gasoline to almost 38 cents/litre. According to the independent Parliamentary Budget Officer, the Liberals are currently on track to significantly miss their 2030 emissions commitments.
- m. Trudeau raised the carbon tax on April 1, 2020 at the start of the economy lockdown, then again on April 1 2021 to \$40/tonne, a 33% increase, despite the economy still being in lockdown. And to

\$50/tonne, a 25% increase, April 1 2022. The CRA notes this means the federal government's take is 11 cents/litre. And what does this have to do with GHG emission reductions?

- n. As the Fraser Institute pointed out, a spring 2022 government 270-plus page report outlined actions to achieve “net-zero” emissions by 2030. But the plan literally rests on technological innovations that have not yet been achieved (and actually calls for the yet-to-be-achieved technological breakthroughs to be reached sooner than planned). We cannot generate reliable economical energy relying on wind and solar because it's not always windy and the sun does not always shine. We don't yet have battery or storage technology for those sources of energy. Both sources require backup systems. The problem is that the supply of energy used for those backup systems and the delivery infrastructure, such as pipelines, has been badly mismanaged and punitively discouraged by the Trudeau Liberals. The lack of investment in exploration, development and infrastructure in traditional energies including oil and gas means western countries have not been able to meet rising demand. One imagines Trudeau waving a magic wand in his office and demanding technological progress! The cost of this fairy dust approach to policy has been enormous and will only get larger.
- o. Increases in energy costs fall disproportionately more heavily on lower-income households.
- p. The report conflicts with the Trudeau government's absurd position that carbon tax policies will make Canada better off. Trudeau claims the majority of Canadian families will receive a higher amount back in rebates than they pay for the tax, implying that the carbon tax not only improves the environment but also makes most families better off. Even the Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO) states this is highly doubtful because the claim excludes an enormous portion of the costs. In reality, Ottawa is not rebating more than it's collecting in carbon taxes, it's rebating less.
- q. The research notes the Trudeau government's plan to issue rebates to Canadians will increase the federal deficit. The carbon tax, by punishing consumption and economic activity, will shrink the tax base and offset any carbon tax revenues. The federal government aims to refund most of the proceeds of carbon charges to households while keeping other spending and tax rates unchanged, so the net effect will be an increase in the government deficit.
- r. The Premiers of New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta are resolute in their opposition to Trudeau's carbon tax.
- s. Layered on top of carbon taxes is the “clean” fuel standard (CFS). It has long been known that combining emission taxes with emission regulations destroys the efficiency property of the pricing mechanism. Likewise numerous authors have pointed out that even in cases in which properly-set emission taxes could make us better off once environmental benefits are taken into account, adding emission regulations to the mix can change the balance and make society worse off overall.
- t. This is why statements like the one found in the report by Environment and Climate Change Canada on their cost-benefit analysis framework of the CFS that “..... the CFS may complement carbon pricing systems by sending a stronger price signal for change in the production and use of fossil fuels by creating a double-incentive” (pg. 12) are incorrect.
- u. Trudeau's new carbon tax and fuel standard could add almost a dollar per litre. Trudeau has no alternative plan.
- v. The Parliamentary Budget Office estimated in June 2021 that the minimum hit to Canada's economy in 2030 would be 1.4%, but with an adverse impact of 16.2% to the transportation sector. The report continues that the combined impacts of taxes, regulations, fuel standards, and other requirements will be \$211 per tonne of carbon levy, not the \$170 Trudeau announced for 2030.

- w. The lack of adequate pipeline capacity has restricted Canada's access to markets and has caused our crude oil to be sold at a 70% discount to world prices, since we have just one customer – the U.S. The estimated losses to Canada exceed \$20 billion per year. Is it any wonder that U.S.-based organizations are funding anti-pipeline activists to protest pipeline development in Canada?
- x. The Fraser Institute published a report in October 2021 documenting an 11-years period of oil and gas investors abandoning Canada and favouring the U.S. Other than the precipitous fall of the price of crude oil, government policies are to blame (higher taxes, more regulations, lack of pipeline capacity). Niels Veldhuis, President, stated: "Canada's oil and gas industry has long been a driver of the country's economic growth. Hence, the outlook for the industry's future profitability is an important determinant of capital investment rates and employment trends for the industry and the country as a whole going forward. The substantial decline in the profitability of Canadian oil and gas companies post-2014 was unsurprisingly accompanied by a collapse of domestic investment in the oil and gas sector. ... Investors in the North American energy sector will arguably continue to favour US- based investments if the regulatory and tax regimes in Canada [continue to be] less favourable to investors than those in the United States."
- y. There is significant a priori and direct evidence of foreign interference in our political and policy-making processes; specifically, the activities of American organizations in financing Canadian advocacy groups opposed to petroleum and pipeline developments. Vivian Krause, B.C. investigative researcher and journalist, reported to the Canadian Senate Transport Committee in 2016 concerning Canadian anti-pipeline groups such as Tides Fund Canada, the Pembina Institute, the David Suzuki Foundation and World Wildlife Fund Canada. She documented the transfer of funds from U.S.-based the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, the William & Flora Hewlett Foundation, the Mariska Foundation, the Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation, the Tides Foundation and the New Venture Fund to these Canadian charities. Worse, she presented evidence of key members of these Canadian anti-pipeline groups being involved in the federal elections of 2015 and 2019, and their subsequent involvement in key government positions and policy-making on the energy/environment front. Included in this group of individuals is Gerald Butts, Principal Secretary to Trudeau until he was forced to resign over the SNC-Lavalin scandal. Butts was President of the WWF when it received U.S. funding to participate in the anti-pipeline "Tar Sands Campaign." Remember, the Canadian groups receiving these tainted foreign funds were charities, meaning Canadian taxpayers were helping to fund them. So some of the protesters on Burnaby Mountain, who drove their gas-guzzling SUVs there to demonstrate against TMX, were being paid to do so by foreign funds through Canadian charities.
- z. In 2016, Trudeau cancelled the previously-approved \$7.9 billion Northern Gateway pipeline (now with Biden's KXL cancellation and slow movement on TMX, Northern Gateway would have been a brilliant decision). Cancelling Northern Gateway, now with Keystone XL cancelled and Line 5 in serious danger of closure, Northern Gateway would have been more necessary than ever. Kathryn Marshall, a spokesperson for a group called "Ethical Oil" (a group like fair trade coffee or conflict-free diamonds) said on CBC News in 2012 that the then-proposed Northern Gateway pipeline project to take diluted Alberta bitumen from the oilsands to the coast of British Columbia would be good for Canada and would allow export of "our ethically produced oil to different countries." As a result, those countries could "then reduce their dependency on conflict oil from nations like Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Russia and Iran that have atrocious human rights records and really don't care about the environment at all." She said Canadians should "make sure that foreign interests and their foreign-funded front groups and lobby groups" didn't interfere with the pipeline approval and didn't "hijack a Canadian process."
- aa. Trudeau/Morneau purchased Trans Mountain in 2018 from Kinder Morgan for \$4.5 billion. Kinder Morgan had had enough with activist and political opposition, regulatory delays and announced it was

walking away from TMX, the expansion project, in spite of \$1 billion in sunk costs. But the Trudeau government had already rejected Northern Gateway and forced Trans Canada to cancel Energy East. And, despite its hypocritical claims, its draconian Impact Assessment Act (the “No More Pipelines Act”) assured no private-sector pipeline would ever be built.

- bb.** Kinder Morgan had budgeted \$7.4 billion for TMX. Now we taxpayers are on the hook to complete the TMX project. Neither the purchase price nor the TMX expense were necessary – Kinder Morgan would have financed TMX and were approved to do so in 2016 by the Harper Conservatives. But by moving the goalposts, Trudeau put in so much risk that Kinder Morgan halted the project in 2018 – forcing the Liberals to buy it. The Liberals subsequently estimated TMX at \$12.6 billion. So: TMX – didn’t need to buy it in the first place, and in February 2022 the government announced the completion cost has risen to \$21.4 billion, and their foot-dragging has led to a delay in completion from 2022 to late 2023. All this time the need to get western petroleum products to tidewater remains paramount and Canada is losing countless billions in revenues. For the cost estimate to jump that much, expenses had to have been escalating for years, without the government coming clean with Canadian taxpayers. It seems likely that Minister Freeland mandated not disclosing this to the public, not the company’s board members, who would take their governance responsibilities seriously. She also needed a fall guy; hence the unceremonious sacking of CEO Ian Anderson, previously president of Kinder Morgan Canada, who competently stick-handled TMX through countless protests since the government bought it.

As the Fraser Institute wrote: “...the combined effects of extreme weather and COVID measures account for only \$1.4 billion of the cost increase—the rest of the increase is due to project safety and security requirements, financing costs, permitting costs, and crucially, more agreements with Indigenous communities. But this is no surprise. Cost overruns and schedule delays are common with large-scale government infrastructure projects. ... 9 out of 10 government infrastructure projects incurred cost overruns. Simply put, large projects undertaken by government are not well-suited to minimize costs. If a private company goes over budget, the owners and employees pay the price through lower rates of return and/or reduced compensation. In other words, the cost of missteps is borne directly by those responsible, which imposes a discipline on their behaviour and decisions.

However, that discipline and accountability is not present in government. If the pipeline project goes over budget, no politician or government official loses his or her own money or even faces any meaningful consequences. It’s a basic principle in economics that people are more careful with their own money than other people’s money.

And certainly, the Trudeau government has a track record of misunderstanding the role and importance of economic incentives. Recent federal policies—personal income tax hikes, a high (and poorly designed) carbon tax, new subjective regulations for major infrastructure projects including pipelines—have contributed to a collapse in business investment and slower economic growth.

Instead of trying to act like construction companies, governments should stick to improving incentives for investment through competitive taxes and reasonable and consistent regulations. Then, private companies will be more willing to invest and build much-needed infrastructure.”

- cc.** Energy East – Trans Canada had no choice but to walk away from this sensible project that would have benefited Canada greatly, once Trudeau moved the goalposts – he imposed new regulatory burdens such as the consideration of downstream emissions, never part of prior assessments, not in the control of Trans Canada and making no common sense for an assessment process.

- dd.** He subsequently passed Bill C-69 – the “no pipelines” bill. This included such illogical items as “gender implications.”
 - ee.** He passed Bill C-47 – the BC tanker ban while Saudi, Venezuelan and ships from other countries with equally horrible environmental records (not to mention their loathsome human rights reputations) come up the St. Lawrence with no such restrictions. Since Canada has plenty of petroleum resources to be totally self-sufficient, we should never be funding dictators and unethical regimes around the world (at world prices while Alberta products are sold at a discount because they lack access to tidewater).
 - ff.** KXL – Trudeau did not provide any pushback on Biden for cancelling Keystone XL pipeline that would have transported 830,000 barrels/day of Alberta oil to the Gulf Coast, despite Biden’s committing to improve relations with Canada. Ironically, cancelling KXL did nothing to lessen U.S. oil consumption, and post-pandemic demand cannot be supplied by domestic supply. So the U.S. now relies on more foreign imports from countries with terrible environmental (and human rights) records, including Russia.
 - gg.** Proposed shutdown of line 5, which will hurt the US but mostly Eastern Canada – no pushback by Trudeau on the Governor of Michigan or Washington. Liberal Minister of Natural Resources Seamus O’Regan told a House of Commons committee that his government will fight for the project considering the potential devastating energy impacts to both Canada and the US should the pipeline be cancelled. “We are fighting for Line 5 on every front and we are confident in that fight. The operation of Line 5 is non-negotiable,” said O’Regan. But those were just yet more empty Liberal words – just like when Liberal Minister of Natural Resources Amarjeet Sohi told Albertans “we have your backs” as TMX was cancelled by Kinder Morgan. Nothing is actually being done to save the Canadian energy industry. As further evidence of the incompetence of politicians to make decisions related to energy, Michigan governor Gretchen Whitmer may succeed in shutting the Line 5 pipeline down. But 45% of all the oil used by Ontario and Quebec comes through Line 5. There would be economic chaos in both provinces, not to mention that 55% of the propane supply for Michigan itself comes from Line 5. Politicians have no idea of the destructive effects of their naïve policies to shut down pipelines.
 - hh.** Eco-warriors will also shut down line 3. Along with losing line 5, this will lead to shortages in Ontario and Quebec – maybe the shutdown of Pearson Airport.
 - ii.** Deliberate destruction of the Alberta economy, by direct Liberal government policy, all the while telling Albertans “we have your backs!” Really? Then why, given the hundreds of billions that have flowed from Alberta in the equalization program, mostly to Quebec, is the Wexit movement getting so strong? The Maverick Party has been established and is a growing movement. Alberta is so mistreated that separation is being considered, with a far more justification than Quebec ever had. The energy industry is Canada’s largest industry – much larger than automotive – and we just don’t replace it with wind and solar. Jobs benefit all of Canada – Ontario and Quebec manufacturing depend on fossil fuels and will do so for many decades.
 - jj.** Net-zero by 2050, official Liberal policy, will be a disaster for Canada. It will be a suicide mission. Ignoring that it cannot be achieved (there will always be a demand for some petroleum products in Canada and in all countries – especially cold ones) Bill C-12 will give teeth to demonizing the energy sector. Of course, Trudeau is grandstanding and making promises they don’t have to keep – but garnering positive press now from the woke left for pie-in-the-sky environmentalism.
- The results will be fewer jobs and high energy prices, which mean the cost of everything will increase. In other words: “Go woke – go broke!”

In 2020, Trudeau announced a \$3 billion Net Zero Accelerator fund “to rapidly expedite decarbonization projects with large emitters, scale up clean technology and accelerate Canada’s industrial transformation across all sectors.” This, of course, will be another boondoggle.

Real solutions to GHG emission reductions will only come from the Engineers, not the politicians. Knee-jerk reactions to climate alarmists and ill-fated policies pose much more risk to the economy (especially those in poverty or with jobs in the energy industry) than global warming does.

- kk. Taxpayers paid \$42,000 for McKenna’s “climate change” farewell tour. Former Liberal MP Catherine McKenna and her staff jetted 22,600 km on a “climate change farewell tour” across Canada in the summer of 2021. According to Blacklock’s Reporter, McKenna’s plane guzzled tens of thousands of litres of aviation fuel as she was telling Canadians to change their habits to combat climate change. “We need to reduce air pollution. Consider that the transportation sector represents a quarter of Canada’s greenhouse gas emissions,” McKenna lectured Canadians in Edmonton. When breaking down the costs, taxpayers dished \$24,665 in air fares alone while McKenna and her staffers got to enjoy \$9,876 worth of hotel stays and a \$5,473 meal bill.
- ll. A report by the auditor general found that McKenna’s department, Infrastructure Canada, was continuously failing to meet its goals. Over her tenure in the cabinet position, the Canada Infrastructure Bank, which was founded by the Liberal government in 2017, failed to produce the completion of a single project.
- mm. The Fraser Institute reported in the *Calgary Sun* August 11 2021: “Trudeau has apparently decided that climate alarmism should again be at top of mind. To that end, they announced \$3.3 million in public spending to help educate 300,000 children aged 6 to 12 about climate change and spur them into climate activism. They are intent on raising, it seems, an army of little Thunbergs. According to Jonathan Wilkinson, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, “with the tools acquired through this important project, young Canadians will continue to be leaders in the fight against climate change.” But it’s unclear why elementary school children should be leaders in anything. Should young children also be appointed to, for example, audit committees of large corporations, operate national restaurant chains or oversee construction of new hospitals? If not, then why should they be leaders in climate activism? The \$3.3 million program is part of a larger \$206 million in spending from the federal so-called Climate Action and Awareness Fund, which aims to increase youth climate activism, support “community-based climate action” and otherwise increase public alarm about climate change. This \$206 million is, in turn, only a drop in the bucket of Ottawa’s vast climate spending portfolio. In fact, the federal government recently boasted that since 2015, it spent more than “\$100 billion in clean growth and brought forward a series of other measures, including a world-leading carbon pricing and rebate system and regulations to accelerate the phase-out of traditional coal fired electricity by 2030.” But massive spending programs and regulatory control are odd things for the government to brag about. The Liberals advertised their carbon tax first by claiming that most families would financially benefit from the tax and rebate system (which is certainly false), and second by saying a carbon tax is the most efficient way to reduce emissions. This is most certainly not true. The corollary of the latter point is that government spending and regulation are unnecessarily costly ways to fight climate change.”
- nn. In October 2021, Trudeau announced his new cabinet. He appointed Stephen Guilbeault as Minister of the Environment and Climate Change. Guilbeault is a rabid environmentalist who was once arrested for climbing the CN Tower illegally and charged with activism. His appointment has upset Alberta and bodes poorly for the future of the petroleum industry in Canada.

- oo. Trudeau attended the expensive and hypocritical UN Climate Conference COP26 in Glasgow (maskless). This is simply days of high profile virtue-signaling at the annual UN summit of control freaks and climate hypochondriacs. Not only is this very expensive, but also very hypocritical. The obvious reason is that over 30,000 global leaders flew over 400 private jets to Scotland to fight the CO₂ emissions of our cars. But in addition, we Canadians were told that visiting our families was unnecessary while Trudeau was blowing out our money making promises to give away more in front of international audiences. We were advised against unnecessary travel just before Thanksgiving, since we had travel advisories still in place, recommending that people not travel unless it's absolutely necessary. Yet Canada sent 294 delegates to Glasgow to attend COP26 – the most of any country, including the host country, the U.K. Massive Trudeau hypocrisy. As Joe Oliver put it: “Should we be surprised that Canada’s delegation to COP26 was the world’s largest? Surprised, not so much. Appalled? – definitely.”
- pp. Global TV’s *The West Block* interviewed disgraced former MP Catherine “Climate Barbie” McKenna, who announced she will attend COP26. What? She does not represent Canada – she is a private citizen. Who is paying for her attendance?
- qq. In late 2021, the Trudeau government allowed a Chinese state-owned company to bid on buying a Canadian lithium mining company and failed to perform a formal national security review as is required under the Investment Canada Act. This is despite the fact that In 2021, Canada categorized lithium as a critical mineral. This failure was after Canada worked in cooperation with US regulators, whereby the two governments struck a deal to acquire battery minerals in order to outcompete China, which plays an outsized role in the rare earth mineral market. Neo Lithium spokesperson Carlos Vicens told the Globe and Mail the Liberal government only conducted a brief initial security screening before giving the deal a green light. “The law states they have 45 days after announcement to start a review if they believe there is a specific concern” said Vicens. The Liberals failed to so do.

Economy – slowest economic growth since the 1930s

- a. From best performing G7 nation under Harper to an also-ran under Trudeau.
- b. Seriously declining business investment in Canada, as measured by GDP adjusted for inflation. Business investment declined under Trudeau pre-COVID, while it grew under previous prime ministers Harper, Chretien and Mulroney. Since 2015, the Trudeau government has broken a two-decade-long consensus on policies that constitute an attractive investment climate: stable fiscal policy (prudent spending, balanced budgets, declining government debt), competitive taxes, low and cost-effective regulations, and timely, certain and efficient approval processes for major projects including pipelines.
- c. Trudeau often reiterates his government’s focus on “growing the economy.” The problem is that the evidence is clear—his government’s approach to the economy has resulted in lower, not higher, economic growth. From 2015 – Q4 2019 (pre-COVID), GDP per capita increased 3.3% compared to 7.5% in the U.S. under Trump. From Q4 2019 to Q2 2021 Real GDP per capita in Canada fell to 2.9% below Q4 2019, By contrast, real GDP per capita in the U.S. by Q2 2021 had risen to higher than pre-pandemic levels. So, under Trudeau’s “progressive” program, economic growth in Canada was worse than the United States before the pandemic, has been worse since the pandemic began, and, all signals indicate, will face new government-imposed obstacles in the future. This is no mark of economic success. The progressive program he has enacted over the past six years is a firing offence, not grounds for the majority he was seeking.

The Trudeau government’s policies depart from the consensus of previous both Liberal and Conservative governments. They include a combination of higher taxes, marked increases in government spending (financed by borrowing) and a more active approach to managing the economy

through regulations. Trudeau's vision for a stronger economy embodies a larger, more significant role for politicians and bureaucrats picking winners and losers, and a reduced role for entrepreneurs, business owners and investors. The prolonged slump cannot be fully addressed with the current approach of policies targeting specific sectors such as high technology or green energy, or spurring research and development. Worse would be acceding to the endless requests from specific groups, industries, or firms for favours in the name of job creation or higher incomes.

Trudeau must realize his approach to economic growth has failed and return to the policies of past governments that worked to promote a stronger economy.

- d. Businesses experienced a sharp increase in bankruptcies in the last quarter of 2021 according to the Canadian Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Professionals (CAIRP). Insolvencies were up by 36.8% across the board during the fourth quarter of 2021, marking a 35-year high. The brunt of the damage was caused by closures in the food, accommodation and construction industries. "Uncertainty caused by the COVID situation is now forcing difficult decisions from Canadian business owners who are operating in the face of increased costs, supply chain issues and a tapering of pandemic-related government support," said Jean-Daniel Breton, Chair of CAIRP. Consumer insolvencies were also up by 5.5% compared to the previous quarter, with 22,266 individuals filing bankruptcies at the tail end of 2021. According to the latest MNP Consumer Debt Index, 43% of those polled reported struggling with their personal finances, while 45% were worried they couldn't meet their living expenses. "Unexpected expenses are one of the biggest contributors to household financial turmoil, and many are starting the new year being dealt another round of unexpected business closures, reduced working hours or job loss, and COVID-related health concerns," said MNP LTD president Grant Bazian.
- e. The Trudeau government spent nearly double what the Canadian government did during World War II. "In 2020/21, the federal government spent the largest amount of money per person (adjusted for inflation) in Canadian history by a wide margin - per-person program spending reached a projected \$17,091 (in real 2021 dollars), which is approximately double the amount spent during the 2009 recession and at the peak of the Second World War," wrote the study authors Fraser Institute. They went on to publish an article in *National Newswatch*, December 30 2021: "To hear Prime Minister Trudeau and Finance Minister Freeland tell it, everything is rosy with Canada's economy. Indeed, Minister Freeland recently said Canada is "ready, as a country, to come roaring back." That's good rhetoric, but what about the facts? As 2021 ends, here are a few year-end facts Canadians should understand:
 - For starters, the government forecasts inflation-adjusted economic growth at 4.0% in 2022, 2.1% in 2023, 1.9% in 2024 and 1.8% in 2025. That's not exactly "roaring back"—more like a positive bump followed by a fizzle. Their estimates are proving to be way wrong – too low – the inflation rate had reached 6.7% by March 2022. As Ozzie Jurock put it: "Forecasting is never easy, particularly when it's about the future!"
 - And in fact, the Canadian economy has been underperforming for more than a decade. A recent study by Philip Cross, former chief analyst at Statistics Canada, found that economic growth has been lower over the past 10 years than in any decade since the 1930s. Before COVID, Canada ranked near the bottom among advanced countries (30th out of 38) on average economic growth from 2015 to 2019.
 - During COVID, things didn't get any better. In 2020, as Prof. Livio Di Matteo's study *Global Storm* explained, Canada had the 25th worst economic performance and fourth-highest

unemployment rate among 35 advanced countries—despite the fact Canada was the second-highest spender with the highest deficit-to-GDP ratio.

- The Fraser Institute in 2022 ranks Canada's inflation rate as the 4th highest of 35 advanced economies. We're also expected to have the eighth-highest unemployment rate. On the so-called Misery Index, created by economist Arthur Okun, determined by the inflation rate combined with the unemployment rate, Canada ranks sixth most "miserable" among 35 advanced economies, behind Spain, Greece, Italy, Iceland and Sweden. The reasons: very high inflation and unemployment rates. These should be a major concern for Trudeau's Liberals. They are not. Trudeau is driven by his ideology that climate change is his highest priority.
- But there's always next year, right? Well, in 2022, according to OECD forecasts, Canada's economic growth will rank 21st of 38 countries, despite Ottawa's ongoing stimulative spending. Looking further out, the OECD predicts Canada will be **dead-last**, the worst-performing advanced economy from 2020 to 2030, with inflation-adjusted per-person GDP growth of only 0.7% per year over the decade, due in part to our sluggish rate of private-sector investment. This is way below the OECD average.
- As Prof. Steven Globerman's recent work finds, Canada's growth rate of overall business investment dropped from 44.8% in the five-year period of 2000 to 2005 to ... 11.6% (2015 to 2019)—among the slowest growth ever recorded in the past 50 years (and remember, this decline is pre-COVID). Furthermore, in the five years before COVID, seven of 15 Canadian industries experienced an overall decline in investment.
- Unfortunately, poor policy decisions, particularly by our federal government, have fuelled these dismal economic results. While policymakers could reduce our relatively high marginal tax rates and make Canada's tax system more supportive of entrepreneurial risk-taking, they've done the opposite. The Trudeau government increased the top federal tax rate from 29 to 33%. The top 20% of income-earning families now pay nearly two-thirds (63%) of Canada's personal income taxes.
- Let's also not forget that the Liberals have mused about increasing the capital gains tax and that Finance Minister Freeland has supported the idea of a new wealth tax. The Liberal minority government obtained a free pass to the 2022 budget – the NDP-Liberal coalition whereby the NDP, which campaigned on both a new wealth tax and a higher capital gains tax, starts getting its way. The 2022 budget is expected to create a \$52.8 billion deficit, which the government bizarrely calls 'prudent'. This budget contains explicit hostility to Alberta's energy sector, most likely as a means to appease the NDP. The NDP-Liberal government does not recognize the importance of unleashing oil and gas to enable Canadian prosperity. Failing to support the oil and gas sector will hold back economic growth and cause Canada continue to import foreign oil.
- Then there's the national debt, expected to reach \$2 trillion by 2025-26. Trudeau and Freeland seem to ignore the fact that debt has costs. But a recent study found that Canadians aged 16 to 25 can expect to pay an additional \$118 billion (\$20,000 each) in personal income taxes over their lifetimes to pay the higher annual interest payments on federal debt accumulated from 2019 to 2025. This does not include the additional tax burden required to actually pay the \$686 billion in federal debt expected to be accumulated over that time, nor the \$2 trillion in outstanding debt expected as of 2025. Both Trudeau and Freeland repeatedly claim that Canada's government debt compares favourably to international

counterparts. But that's simply not true. Canada's total government debt relative to GDP is the fifth-highest out of 29 advanced countries (Fraser Institute).

- Money printing is more than a tax; it's an undemocratic form of wealth redistribution. The Canadian Taxpayers' Federation points out that politicians must vote to raise taxes. But politicians didn't vote to raise money through the Bank of Canada's printing of \$380 billion during the pandemic. "The printing press is a politician's best friend when he or she thinks he cannot sell his spending plans to taxpayers. ... Inflation can be called an instrument of the unpopular; i.e. of anti-democratic policy, since by misleading public opinion, it makes it possible the continued existence of a government that would have no hope of the consent of the people if the circumstances were clearly laid before them. In addition to being undemocratic, the inflation tax redistributes income by handing wealth to certain individuals or businesses. ... The new money bids up the price of goods, services and assets."
- The CTF continues: "The government's COVID-19 subsidies have exacerbated inflation beyond the \$380 billion printed during the pandemic. By paying people to stay home from work, government subsidies allowed many Canadians to maintain a relatively high standard of living. This resulted in the perfect storm for inflation (reducing the supply of goods while propping up consumer demand through new dollars)."
- Finally, Canada is pursuing climate policies that will do more harm—through economic and social costs—than good. For example, Ottawa's \$170 per tonne carbon tax, which the government claims will have "almost zero" impact on the economy. However, Prof. Ross McKittrick's study found that the carbon tax will lead to 185,000 jobs lost nationwide and a massive \$38 billion decline in GDP.
- Higher tax rates, increased regulation, a massive new federal carbon tax and deteriorating government finances have made our country much less attractive for entrepreneurs and investment, and have reduced economic growth rates.
- As 2022 begins, let's hope we see a refocus on policies that will actually improve the economy and the lives of Canadians."

- f. Interest on the Liberals' debt paints a grim picture. Interest rates will inevitably rise. Interest will cost taxpayers hundreds of billions over the coming years, money that cannot go into increasing health care costs or be left in beleaguered taxpayers' pockets.
- g. A glaring finding by the Fraser Institute's Economic Freedom of the World report is that Canada ranks 14th globally, based on 2019 data. This means Canada is no longer in the top 10 worldwide, having been declining steadily since 2016. This is due to massive shifts in federal policy since 2015 – namely higher taxes, huge debt-financed spending and increased regulation of the economy across the country. These policies discourage investment, entrepreneurship and stall economic growth.
- h. The economy will be driven almost entirely by government (their rules and decisions). It will not be driven by the market and its participants. This is unusual, very troubling since it is the inverse of how free-market capitalism and market-based democracy are designed to function. Market-based democracy has been enormously successful in raising countless millions out of poverty over the past 250 years. This current Liberal environment is akin to state-controlled capitalism, such as is practised by China, Russia and Venezuela. History shows very few, if any, examples of long-term prosperity under government coercion and control. The unavoidable consequence of governments printing cash is the devaluation of cash itself on a relative basis. And so we all experience inflation.

Ottawa still doesn't understand innovation

An April 2022 *Financial Post* article by Philip Cross titled **Federal budget 2022 shows Ottawa still doesn't understand innovation** states: "The federal budget epitomizes the government's complete lack of self-awareness about its failure to understand why innovation in Canada has lagged for years. ... So why can't Canada translate its ample supply of the supposed raw inputs of innovation into more output? Start with the fact that, according to the latest research from Nobel Laureate Edmund Phelps, the main determinant of innovation is societal attitudes and values, not some laundry list of government policies." This article is so explanatory of the dangerous leftist policies and growing size of government imposed on Canada by the Trudeau government, including its disdain of small businesses and entrepreneurialism, that it is reproduced in its entirety in Appendix 6.

Completely out-of-touch policy on housing

The 2022 budget introduced the First Home Savings Account (FHSA) for Canadians 18 to 40 to save \$8,000 per year over 5 years. While this purports to combine the benefits of the RRSP (tax deductibility of the contributions) and the TFSA (earnings within the FHSA withdrawn tax-free), unused contribution room cannot be carried forward to future years. The CMHC allows a minimum down payment of \$40,000 for a maximum house purchase price of \$650,000. Yet the average price of a home in Canada reached \$816,720 in February 2022. In the GTA, Metro Vancouver and Montreal, average house prices are more than double that. And, in these inflationary times, few have the ability to save \$8,000 per year. The effect of the government's aggressive immigration targets coupled with the supply crisis in new housing in Canada, many Canadians believe the FHSA will do little to help them purchase a home.

The Fraser Institute's April 2022 report titled *Ottawa's new tax-free home savings account won't increase housing affordability* concluded: "In the end, however, the only thing that will really move the needle on housing affordability is building more homes. While the Trudeau budget includes measures that will hopefully encourage more supply, they're undermined by new policies that encourage more demand. Throwing water with one hand and gasoline with the other isn't likely to put out the fire."

Morality

In Proverbs 10:9, Solomon says: "He who walks in integrity walks securely. But he who perverts his ways will be found out." What he was writing about was those with high moral character. Proverbs 14:25 says: "A truthful witness saves lives, but one who speaks lies is treacherous." Unfortunately, we have grown accustomed to Justin Trudeau who thinks nothing of looking straight at the camera and lying to Canadians. He's been caught doing it many times, unapologetically. 1 Peter 2:1 says: "Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy and slander of every kind." Unfortunately for Canada, Trudeau utterly fails to meet these commands, despite his declaration of his Catholic roots, which are once more examples of his lies (see bullet point "Caught in a lax moral code..." below).

His self-proclaimed "feminism" has been shown to be a complete hypocrisy. His multiple ethics violations should have caused him to resign long ago. Instead, he blames others and thinks the law does not apply to himself.

- a. The Canadian Charter of Rights is regularly flouted by Trudeau and dismissed or re-interpreted by an unelected judiciary. Most Canadians are blind, uninformed, or merely indifferent to the fact that the rule of law has become of no importance. The COVID practices of medical apartheid and political repression are glaring illustrations of authoritarian malfeasance and should have exposed the falsehoods and deceitfulness of the governing class. It is clear that various sections of this foundational

document make it abundantly clear that the government's response to the pandemic is morally and legally reprehensible. Masking orders, lockdowns, quarantine, fines, gathering restrictions, curfews, mandates, vaxxports, and prohibiting the right to freely leave and re-enter Canada are in stark violation of Charter principles. According to the Preamble, the Charter is "founded on principles that recognize the supremacy of God and the rule of law," not on the sport of a politician or the whim of a judge. On any honest assessment, the Charter does not permit such breaches and infringements as we have endured during the COVID period. Yet Trudeau gets away with it, with little scrutiny since Parliament (which he prorogued) sits very little, so there is no Question Period and committees are defunct. Trudeau has declared war on common sense and freedoms.

- b. Trudeau called an election, after promising no to, during the middle of the 4th wave of the pandemic, raging forest fires in BC and as Afghani Canadians and friends were left behind, for the solely selfish reason that he read the polls and thought he could coast to a majority. He is trying to win on wedge issues and promises of endless spending, which divide Canadians and risk the long-term health of our country. O'Toole said: "For Canadians, the choice is clear. Do we reward Mr Trudeau for calling an unnecessary \$610 million election in the middle of a pandemic? Jody Wilson Raybould had the audacity to say 'no' to Justin Trudeau. On Monday [September 20], you can say 'No,' too. 'No' to being taken for granted. 'No' to more corruption. 'No' to more borrowing. 'No' to more lies. 'No' to more of the same. Justin Trudeau started this election. But you can finish it." Trudeau used the lame excuse that voters now need a say on how the country is governed in the next phase of the pandemic fight. This, too, is untrue. His minority was supported by the House during the pandemic.
- c. Trudeau holds an anti-life agenda. If anyone wishes to be a Liberal MP, he or she is forced to hold a pro-choice viewpoint. The term "pro-choice" is itself co-opted terminology to avoid saying "pro-abortion" an equivalent to agreeing to the murder of unborn babies.
- d. Trudeau government voted to expand euthanasia by removing important protections for people with mental illness from obtaining assisted suicide. The Liberals passed Bill C-7. So now, Canada has one of the most radical and pro-death medical assistance in dying (MAiD) laws in the world. Dr. Paul Saba, co-founder of *Physicians Alliance Against Euthanasia in Quebec* said, about changing the criteria: "We make it easier to get rid of people who are faced with life's challenges, with health issues." He says Canada's medically assisted dying policy "sets a dangerous precedent" that has opened the door to other scenarios in which people can be denied medical care or have their lives prematurely ended. Author of the book *Made to Live*, Dr. Saba notes that Bill C-7, passed into law in March 2021, expands the eligibility to those who are experiencing intolerable suffering but aren't close to death, and will eventually expand to those who suffer from mental illnesses, are disabled, have chronic conditions and to children. He said: "To me this reality is a very sad statement of affairs of our society and what we've become, in terms of devaluing human life. Once the government starts evaluating lives and not seeing health care as its primary mission, then it can decide who gets cared for and who won't – who lives and who dies. That's why it is so important that we push back on this."
- e. Misogynist – claiming to be a feminist then trashing 2 Ministers for not doing what they were told; treatment of the BC reporter 20 years ago
- f. Racist – Trudeau's multiple blackface incidents. It is amazing how he got away with it during the 2019 election campaign. He is truly the Teflon man.
- g. On August 27, 2021, the Liberal government is touting its first ever drag queen competition for public servants. According to Public Service Pride, "DRAGanza 2021" is open to anybody who works for a federal government department. The event is being hosted by Environment and Climate Change Canada. Participants who enter the competition will have a shot at being crowned the Government of

Canada's first ever "drag superstar." "Channel your inner drag star! Compete in a variety of fun challenges by video to win prizes. You may even be crowned as the GoC's first ever drag superstar!" an event description reads. In the lead-up to DRAGanza 2021, public servants hoping to enter the competition will get to attend two two-hour workshops "with seasoned makeup artists, hair stylists and drag performers." "They will be sharing tips and tricks to apply makeup, how to dress, and how to prepare for the challenges," the DRAGanza 2021 website says.

- h. Caught in a lax moral code in modern society, wherein only a remnant cling to former societal restraints, ways, and religious views, few Canadians feel that it would be an honour and a duty to "die for one's country." Trudeau's failures of leadership have allowed our country to weaken itself with division, internal strife and a sense of entitlement. "The world owes me a living" mentality has become pervasive, fed by Trudeau-led left-wing extremism and cancel culture. Trudeau tries to shame the Catholic Church into apologizing for indigenous residential schools, as if he is some sort of strong and offended Catholic himself. But he is no Catholic – he is amoral. Actually, he is evilly hypocritical, openly admiring Muslims (and the C.C.P.) and is pro-abortion to the point that individuals cannot be members of his cabinet unless they agree with his immoral, anti-Biblical viewpoints. 1 Peter 2:1 says: Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind." Trudeau cannot remotely claim innocence from any of these sins.

In the summer of 2021, more than 4 dozen Christian churches were vandalized or suspiciously torched by terrorists using the announcement of unmarked gravesites at former Indian residential schools. Where is the outrage? Trudeau's response – crickets. Not a word of condemnation. Instead, Trudeau announced he will implement a pro-Islam agenda, the most radical in a non-Muslim country. On the eve of the National Summit on Islamophobia, the National Council of Canadian Muslims (NCCM) released nearly 100 pages of recommendations for all levels of government that would transform Canada into an anti-Islamophobia state.

Simultaneously, Trudeau took to social media to express his concern over recent incidents of anti-Semitism across the country. In July 2021, speaking to a national antisemitism summit hosted by the federal government, Trudeau said the spike in hate crimes is troubling and alarming. "Antisemitism isn't a problem for the Jewish community to solve alone, it's up to everyone to take on this challenge," he said.

- i) Trudeau's government announced 150 projects representing over \$6 million in funding have been recommended for development under a program to support communities that face the risks of hate crimes. "This is the largest investment for a given year in the history of the program, and it will enhance the security of many synagogues, Jewish schools and community institutions," Trudeau said.
- ii) This is typical Liberal nonsense – calling spending "investment" and measuring how much they spend, not what they achieve. Also, this is pre-election posturing; this money will never be spent.
- iii) This is also more Trudeau hypocrisy. While hosting the above-mentioned National Summit on Antisemitism, MPs, government officials and Jewish civic leaders were all invited. Annamie Paul, leader of the Green Party, who is Jewish, was not. She stated: "I am the only Jewish Leader of a federal party and a constant target of antisemitism. The government knows I should be there."

While our federal government is attending to acts of discrimination targeting Jewish and Muslim worshippers, there is no summit dealing with the current wave of destructive hostility directed at Christian worshippers. Imagine if mosques or synagogues were so targeted. There would be immediate

outrage. Rex Murphy says: “When there are nearly 50 Christian churches from coast to coast suffering everything from vandalism to full destruction, it is a huge national event that calls for extraordinary responses from both government and police forces. This is nothing less than a sustained, violent and hateful rampage targeting a particular faith. It is a bigotry of fire, not words.”

Even the Left is calling Trudeau out on his nonsense

Trudeau is part of a centrist party, but he desperately wants to be known as a world-leading progressive. He’s not. He’s a laughing stock, ignored by most countries. He has delivered lots of goodies to the Canadian “progressive” left, but the problem for Trudeau is not his “accomplishments”, but his promises. The list of promises he has made and expectations he has primed have fallen far short. There is a massive chasm between his branding efforts and his record in office.

Trudeau raised carbon taxes yet bought a pipeline. He raves on about the rights of women and religious minorities, yet says nothing about Quebec Bill 21. He is a loudly self-declared feminist yet ignored the sexual harassment of women in the military for years, and then sent someone else to make the apology. As mentioned in another section, he promised open and transparent government, yet acted with all the opacity and secretiveness for which he criticized Stephen Harper (this was no surprise to Canadians, who expect this from their politicians). He promised no more elections under the first-past-the-post system in 2015, and has since won two elections under FPTP with less than a third of those who voted. He took a beach holiday on the day of national mourning and remembrance that his very government created! And his government sued to avoid paying compensation to Indigenous kids.

Trudeau wants to be seen as something that he is not. Or more simply: perhaps he wishes he were something he’s not willing to actually be.

Both the left and the right call him out because his actions never live up to his words. And just like many before him, when called out on his nonsense, rather than being angry at himself for not living up to his professed ideals, he gets mad at the people who dared point out the gap between the promises and the performance.

Opaqueness - Lying to Canadians – failures to meet election promises and cover-ups

The opacity of the Liberals is legendary, despite Trudeau’s promise prior to his 2015 election that his government would be open and transparent. The exact opposite has been the truth of his record.

- a. The outright lies Trudeau told re the SNC-Lavalin scandal are documented elsewhere in this document. Jody Wilson-Raybould, the ousted Justice Minister and Attorney General, published her book *“Indian” in the Cabinet* in which she clearly states that Trudeau lied to Canadians and spent enormous energy trying to cover up his misconduct. According to Ethics Commissioner Mario Dion’s 2019 report, Trudeau contravened Section 9 of the Conflict of Interest Act when he “used his position of authority” to place improper pressure on then-minister of justice and attorney general Jody Wilson-Raybould to intervene in a criminal prosecution involving the Quebec-based construction company.
- b. Trudeau and the Liberals repeatedly claim that their policies of higher taxes, higher debt-financed spending and more regulation have led to economic growth. These are simply lies. This government since 2015 has overseen the weakest annual average rates of growth of the economy for over 30 years (The Fraser Institute).
- c. Pierre Poilievre caught Trudeau in another lie: his claim that Liberals have no plan to tax the sale of our homes. Here is what Jason Hickey, Liberal candidate, New Brunswick Southwest, said on September 9

2021: "But of course, anyone selling their [sic] primary residence, if you do make money on that, unfortunately you will have to pay tax on that. I wouldn't agree to that either but it's what we have to do."

- d. Chrystia Freeland posted a tweet in both English and French showing Erin O'Toole answering a question about privatized health care. The post contained edits, prompting Twitter to issue a warning label calling the altered content "manipulated media." The shortened clip omitted a crucial statement by O'Toole so a misimpression of what he actually stated was all that was left. Trudeau retweeted the video and drew on it during a speech to attack O'Toole on the campaign trail. Answering subsequent reporters' questions, Trudeau defended Freeland's tweet. "We posted the entire interview in its entirety and I encourage all Canadians to take a look to see what Erin O'Toole has to say about what he sees on the future of health care," he said. But this, of course, is a lie. The entire interview was NOT posted. Conservative Party lawyers have sent a letter to the commissioner of Canada Elections calling for an investigation into the Liberals spreading misinformation. "It's disappointing to see the Liberals resort to American-style divisive politics," said Mathew Clancy, the Conservatives' manager of media relations. "While Justin Trudeau and the Liberals are focused on spreading misinformation, Erin O'Toole is focused on Canada's Recovery Plan and securing the future." National Post's Matt Gurney discussed Twitter putting a "manipulated media" label on one of Chrystia Freeland's tweets: "It doesn't look good on the guys who want to regulate the internet, does it?"
- e. Trudeau tried to brand the Liberals as 'having the backs of the middle class' in both 2015 and in subsequent budget documents. Exactly the opposite is true. The average Canadian middle-class family will pay almost \$10,000 more in taxes under the Liberals than under Stephen Harper.
- f. What we used to call "blue-collar workers" are no longer represented by the Liberals or the NDP. It is we Conservatives, who want to restart the economy, build pipelines and return to fiscal responsibility.
- g. The lifetime tax burden for Canadians from federal debt accumulation for Canadians aged 16 to 35 will be that they pay an additional \$205.1 billion in personal income taxes. Young Canadians will pay an additional \$19,880 in income taxes to pay for federal debt accumulation (The Fraser Institute).
- h. Before the 2015 election, Trudeau told Canadians he would "modest" deficits not exceeding \$10 billion per year and that "the budget will balance itself." He promised surplus by 2019. These lies are so egregious when compared to what the Liberals actually did in reality that they defy imagination.
- i. The Trudeau Liberals state that Canada's net debt relative to GDP is the lowest in the G7. This is another lie. That's because they count the assets of the CPP and the QPP. Those are not their assets – those are obligations to support those programs and cannot pay back government debt. The Fraser Institute finds that Canada's debt ranking, far from "the best of the G7," is actually 5th worst of 29 advanced countries for total debt.
- j. During the 2019 federal election, the Liberals explicitly denied accusations that they would increase the carbon tax on gasoline beyond 11 cents/litre. Two months after re-election, they broke that promise, increased the carbon tax on April 1 of 2020 and 2021 in the middle of the economic crisis created by their pandemic lockdowns, and announced that the tax will increase to 37 cents/litre by 2030. They raised it again April 1 2022 amidst massive increases in gas prices due to shortages caused by worldwide mindless energy policies which ignored rising demand while attempting to shut down the fossil fuel industry.
- k. At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Trudeau attempted a power grab by trying to give the government unprecedented powers to unilaterally spend, borrow and raise taxes without Parliamentary approval for nearly two years. Fortunately, in a minority House, the Conservatives

deplored Trudeau's lack of transparency, disclosure and access to information and prevented this abuse of power from occurring. That did not prevent Trudeau from treating Parliament with disdain, act like a dictator, and take Canada's fiscal situation to a near-crisis level.

- l.** Less than a month before the 2019 federal election, Justin Trudeau promised that, if elected, his government would plant two billion trees by 2030. The announcement was made on the same day that Trudeau met with Greta Thunberg. The Swedish climate activist was promised a whole lot of planting. So far, crickets.
- m.** In the spring of 2020, Trudeau told Canadians to stay home for 14 days to "flatten the curve." Over 1 year later and counting, a remarkable transformation of our society had occurred, and much of it lies in ruins (as we prepared to inoculate millions of Canadians – oh, wait! We couldn't, because the Liberals failed to procure the timely supply of vaccines).
- n.** Former Canadian justice minister Jody Wilson-Raybould was forced to quit the Cabinet in 2019 after a clash with Trudeau. She published her book in September 2021 and said voters should remember he had broken many of his promises. She said that over the years it became clear to her that Trudeau would not be living up to commitments on matters such as indigenous affairs and the need for electoral reform. An extract was released in which she accused Trudeau of wanting her to lie about a dispute they had over the SNC-Lavalin scandal. He denied it. But his smarmy, drama-coach voice was not credible. No one believed him.
- o.** After being roundly trashed by First Nations leaders for skipping the first national Truth & Reconciliation Day in September 2021, instead holidaying in Tofino, Trudeau told the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc Nation at a news conference that his government has turned over all documents related to residential schools, including the former Kamloops Indian Residential School, to the Winnipeg-based National Centre for Truth & Reconciliation, which aims to chronicle the history of residential schools and preserve the stories of residential school survivors. The Centre promptly denied this, saying Trudeau's statements are "not accurate." Calling Trudeau a liar, their statement was: "At present, we are still waiting for Canada to provide the final versions of school narratives and supporting documents used in the Independent Assessment Process to the NCTR. The NCTR has various school narratives on its website, but some are out of date. For other schools, no narrative has ever been provided to the NCTR."

Divisiveness

- a.** Trudeau's track record of practicing identity politics has fueled anger and division among regions and people has caused Canadians to lose faith that he values national harmony over his own ambitions. National unity has been destroyed under Trudeau, leading rise to the separatist Maverick party in Alberta, which has a much stronger (economic) claim for separation from Canada than Quebec ever had.
- b.** Justin Trudeau famous omission of Alberta when naming the Canadian provinces in 2015 is the classic illustration of his disregard for Alberta (and actually the Prairies) just like his father Pierre. The examples of his ideologically-driven attempts to "phase out" the energy industry, including Bills C-48 (the BC tanker ban while no such restrictions exist for the St. Lawrence) and C-69 (the no pipelines bill) will go a long way towards destroying Canada's economy. More accurately, they are not really "his" ideas; they are the delusions that belong to his long-time buddy, Gerald Butts, the real "brains" behind destroying Alberta's fossil fuel industry.
- c.** The Liberals won the 2021 election again as a minority by receiving only 32% of the votes, once again fewer than the Conservatives, with only a 62% voter turnout. Doing that math, only 20% of eligible

Canadian voters have given a mandate to Trudeau. Clearly, a majority of Canadians do not support the performance of the federal government.

- d. Class warfare. Trudeau, along with his Finance Minister Morneau, before he was unceremoniously sacrificed to save Trudeau's face in the We scandal, defined his administration as "helping the middle class." He did exactly the opposite – implementing higher taxes, driving away capital investment, presiding over very low economic development and increasing the size of government – but set in mind the fallacy that there is a class of "rich" out there that is hoarding all the money, and that they should be taxed more (as if the "rich" don't already pay the vast majority of all taxes paid, to solve our economic problems. This is Marxism, a proven failure of economic policy, but cementing class warfare in the minds of those on the take.
 - e. Religion. Introduced motion M-103 to denigrate "Islamophobia," without defining it and ignoring the reality that anti-Semitism and disparaging of Christian churches are far more prevalent problems in Canada.
 - f. Even the Liberals recognize Trudeau's divisive politics. During the Ottawa truckers' convoy of February 2022, Trudeau denounced and enflamed protesters as a "small fringe minority" with "unacceptable views" espousing "hateful rhetoric." Trudeau, bolstered by the legacy media, tried to fool us by labeling the peaceful truckers and protesters as extremists, hateful, misogynist and even racist (white supremacist). They were shown to be none of these (they had children, bouncy castles, music, saunas, live concerts, free food and sang our national anthem). Yet Trudeau had taken a knee to BLM (which in the U.S. caused widespread looting, rioting, arson, and violence) and in 2020 granted BLM a payment of \$8,250 (taxpayer money). Liberal MP Joël Lightbound criticized Trudeau, telling his own government to 'stop dividing Canadians' with its COVID-19 approach. Lightbound continued: "'I can't help but notice with regret that both the tone and the policies of my government changed drastically on the eve and during the last election campaign.'" This was after Trudeau stated in a House of Commons session the previous evening that the so-called Freedom Convoy protest "has to stop." This statement was from a prime minister who was absent when protesters blocked CN railway tracks for 9 days in 2020, shutting down CN's eastern network. Protestors also shut down CN tracks in Manitoba and CP tracks in BC and other rail blockades occurred. Although the 9-day blockage was removed by the Ontario Provincial Police, Trudeau allowed these illegal blockades to continue until March 2020. Other Liberal MPs also had enough of Trudeau's divisive approach. Liberal MP Yves Robillard said that Lightbound "said exactly what a lot of us think. I agree with everything Lightbound said" Even they recognized that Trudeau's statements to "follow the science" were hollow and purely political, not scientific at all.
 - g. Making matters much worse, after doing nothing for weeks, Trudeau, instead of opening dialogue with the protesters, poured gasoline on the fire by invoking the Emergencies Act in February 2022, the nuclear option, not warranted nor appropriate to cover Trudeau's prior inaction. Conservative Leader Candice Bergen pointed out that Parliamentary approval is required to use this "unprecedented sledge hammer." This never-before-used tool turned peaceful critics of his government into terrorists or terror financiers under the law. Sheila Gunn Reid said: "This Act is meant for literal acts of war by foreign nations, not for moms and dads protesting the government along with small business owners, and farmers who descended on the nation's capital to advocate for their civil liberties." Note that the previous governments didn't invoke this act after 9-11, nor during the OKA crisis, nor during the Trudeau government's term for the rail blockades of 2020. Trudeau stated that Charter rights are not under threat from the Emergencies Act. This is clearly nonsense – the unprecedented powers granted to the State violate several sections of the Charter. It's far worse – Trudeau undermined the principles on which Canadian democratic government is founded by criminalizing peaceful protest, then unilaterally freezing bank accounts and assets without court order and with legal immunity. Nothing
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says 'free country' like being able to freeze the assets of your political opponents without notice, judicial oversight, or possibility of legal recourse, on suspicion of having donated \$25 to a trucker who parked in front of Canada's parliament because he didn't want the government to take away his job.

- h. The former cabinet minister who wrote the Emergencies Act in 1988, Perrin Beatty, said in April 2022: "Emergencies legislation is designed to be legislation of last resort. It's explicit on that. It is designed to be used when there is no other legal authority available. ... The police were called upon to deal with a breakdown in our political system. We can criticize how they did their job but it should have never been necessary for them to fill the breach in the first place. ... Now that it has been used [once] it becomes easier to invoke. You must not define down the threshold at which extraordinary powers are used to curtail civil liberties. That it made law enforcement easier is clear. However the issue is whether the deliberately high threshold was met, not whether the powers given were useful."
- i. By the time Trudeau invoked the Emergencies Act, the protests at all Canada/US borders had already been taken down. They ended peacefully, without arrests (except for some yahoos that were caught with illegal weapons). The protesters at the Coutts AB border sang Oh Canada and thanked the police.
- j. Trudeau went further. Chrystia Freeland announced that their bank accounts would be seized and their insurance coverage canceled if they exercised their charter rights to protest. Yet during a Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security meeting last Thursday, Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada (FINTRAC) Deputy Director of Intelligence Barry MacKillop denied claims of foreign extremist funding now being peddled by Liberal politicians and the legacy media. MacKillop said that there were no signs that what was happening in Ottawa was a form of ideologically motivated violent extremism. Where was this federal government resolve when billions were being passed by organized criminals through BC casinos and laundered by buying Vancouver real estate, pushing up prices beyond the reach of local citizens, as these criminals caused an opioid crisis and killed thousands with fentanyl? The truth expressed by *The Line* Editor: "Trudeau was slow to comprehend the scale of the problem, took too long to get up to speed, spent weeks looking useless and impotent, and then felt like he needed to make a big, showy demonstration of his resolve by going the whole nine yards with the Emergencies Act." Candice Bergen said: "We have continually seen the prime minister wedge, divide and stigmatize Canadians who he doesn't agree with, and by doing so he creates so many barriers in trying to solve this problem. The prime minister had an opportunity to talk and to listen to people whom he disagreed with and he refused to do so. And so this looks like a ham-fisted approach that will have the opposite effect.... Conservatives are concerned with the prime minister's typical way of dealing with those he disagrees with and this measure does not alleviate those concerns.... Conservatives want the barricades to come down, we want this to end quickly and peacefully but in a way that Canadians feel that they have been listened to and that their prime minister respects them. We are concerned that this measure will have the opposite effect.... The prime minister has done a dismal job."
- k. By invoking the Emergencies Act and giving his government sweeping powers, Trudeau accidentally revealed how weak he really is. Meanwhile, the legacy media continued to do Trudeau's bidding by doxxing and harassing individuals who supported the freedom convoy.
- l. Trudeau's behaviour during the truckers' convoy was unconscionable. He wouldn't even talk to the truckers, which would have de-escalated their protests, and instead denigrated them as racists, Nazis, white supremacists and worse. Instead of listening to the protestors and ending the mandates and restrictions (which had already been done in some jurisdictions and effectively happened just a few weeks later in Canada), Trudeau doubled down on his insults and then declared the Emergencies Act to use riot police to brutalize the peaceful protestors and go after their bank accounts. Trudeau's

behaviour was absolutely despicable. In Parliament, he accused a Conservative member of supporting “people who wave swastikas” – but the member he accused is Jewish descendant of holocaust survivors.

- m. It came to light in April 2022 that the Liberals lied to Canadians when they claimed that law enforcement desperately needed the government to invoke the Emergencies Act to quash the peaceful Freedom Convoy. Both RCMP Commissioner Brenda Lucki and Interim Ottawa Police Chief Steve Bell confirmed that they never requested the feds to invoke the never-before-used act. So it wasn’t a measure of last resort like the government claimed.
- n. John Carpay, head of the *Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms*, said in April 2022: “Jody Thomas, the Prime Minister’s Security and Intelligence Advisor, declared on March 10 that ‘there’s no doubt’ that the people who organized the peaceful protest in Ottawa in February ‘came to overthrow the government.’ Oddly, Ms. Thomas then goes on to express grave doubt about whether the protesters had the ability to do this, or even knew how to do it. Indeed, the truckers brought neither guns nor tanks, did not storm the Parliament buildings, and made no effort to occupy even one government building. Some individuals called on the prime minister to resign, but nobody used force to try to make that happen. Ms. Thomas credits the Emergencies Act with empowering the federal government to freeze bank accounts without a court order or oversight, and to have police horses trample unarmed protesters, ‘in a way that we would have not otherwise been able to do.’ It appears that, for Ms. Thomas, no measures can be too harsh when suppressing what she describes as ‘domestic ideologically motivated violent extremism.’ She refers to the February protest as the ‘occupation’ of downtown Ottawa, although Members of Parliament (and many others) have stated publicly that they had no trouble walking through the city centre each day to get to their place of work. She also referred to the peaceful protest as a ‘blockade,’ when in fact the downtown was not in any way sealed off to prevent goods or people from entering or leaving. It was the police, not the protesters, who eventually erected a fence around the downtown core. Prior to the February 14 declaration of a national emergency, police did not charge any trucker with any crime. Some of the truckers’ leaders were in daily communication with police. Police even told the truckers where to park their trucks. Moreover, if any protester had vandalized, stolen, or burned down property, or had assaulted anyone, or had uttered criminal threats, the CBC and other government-funded media would have gleefully reported on it repeatedly, around the clock, for weeks on end. Why were government-funded media not able to show Canadians footage of protesters committing crimes? Perhaps because the truckers were not engaging in illegal behaviour? The accusations of Ms. Thomas about an ‘occupation’ and ‘blockade’ with intent to ‘overthrow’ Canada’s government are as irresponsible and unfounded as the Prime Minister’s narrative about unvaccinated Canadians being ‘anti-science, racist, misogynist, extremists.’ There is a dark and very sinister side to accusing peaceful protestors who disagree with certain government policies of wanting to overthrow the government. It’s a move that comes straight out of the tyrant’s playbook.”
- o. Trudeau almost immediately rescinded the Act (when he realized the Senate was likely to vote against it), but not before he had suspended Canadians’ rights to due process and to peaceful assembly. He delayed the Act’s debate in the House of Commons until after the protestors were forcibly removed by police. He cynically strong-armed its approval through the House of Commons via a confidence vote – cleverly changing the subject of the vote to whether or not MPs wanted to call an election. And he hinted that the Act would be needed for months to come. Can the country ever be considered truly safe when – at any time – a truck driver apparently going about his business might approach the heart of Canada’s capital city and run up the Canadian flag, thereby magically metamorphosing into a terrorist?

- p. The act is only intended to be invoked when an emergency “cannot be effectively dealt with under any other law of Canada.” Based on what we eventually saw, and what was publicly reported, the protests were eventually ended by coordinated police actions ... but not so large and coordinated as to require the Emergencies Act. As the National post’s Matt Gurney stated on April 28 2022: “This government has already earned itself a deserved reputation for relying on dramatic gestures in place of tangible results. It does not deserve the benefit of the doubt from the Canadian people at the best of times, and certainly not in moments as serious as these. Accountability doesn’t mean asking people to take your word for it. It means having the courage to make your case, as fully as possible, before the public, and trusting in them to reach the right conclusion. All reasonable Canadians know that some secrets must remain secret. All reasonable observers, though, are skeptical of this government when it sets up a scenario where only it can fully judge its own actions. [The Liberals] owe the Canadian people answers, backed up with as much information as can be safely disclosed.”
- q. By statute, an inquiry into the imposition of the Emergencies Act must be held after its repeal. Trudeau appointed a former top Liberal political staffer to head up the Emergencies Act inquiry. Paul Rouleau, appointed to the bench in 2002 by the Paul Martin Liberal government, actually worked for the Liberal Party in the past. The Conservative Party called the inquiry a whitewash. Their press release stated: “Conservatives are disturbed to see the Liberal government attempting to control the scope of the public inquiry into the use of the *Emergencies Act* in order to deflect accountability for their actions. It is clear that the inquiry must investigate the circumstances leading up to, and the measures used in, the Emergencies Act to ensure that the extraordinarily high threshold needed to invoke the Act was met. Instead, the Liberal government is directing the inquiry to focus on the actions and motivations of protesters, not those of the government, as is intended in the Act. The Commissioner should be given the power to compel the production of important documents and evidence including those covered under Cabinet confidence and the opinion provided to the government by the Justice Department. The Liberal government is doing everything in its power to ensure this inquiry is unsubstantial and fails to hold them accountable.” The government refused to reveal what information it used to justify invoking the Emergencies Act. According to court documents obtained by the Globe; and Mail, the government is citing “cabinet confidentiality” in its response to legal challenges brought on by four legal organizations (the Canadian Constitution Foundation, the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, and the Alberta government have taken the government to court. The legal organizations are accusing the government of acting unlawfully, saying existing laws, such as the Criminal Code and traffic laws, would have been sufficient to address the convoy protests.
- r. In April 2022, the Trudeau government made several false claims about the Freedom Convoy while justifying its unprecedented use of the never-before-used Emergencies Act. Two senior cabinet ministers appeared before a House of Commons committee and made claims about the convoy that have been proven false. Public Safety Minister Marco Mendicino claimed the highly-publicized arson attempt was connected to the convoy protesters, despite the fact that the Ottawa Police Service cleared the convoy of any involvement in the incident. Mendicino also claimed that the border blockades had a “devastating” impact on trade. However, the government’s own data revealed the convoy had no impact on Alberta and Ontario’s ability to trade with the US. [Data from Stats Can revealed that international trade at Ontario and Alberta borders with the US were actually up in February compared to the same time last year]. Attorney General David Lametti also confirmed the government referred to dubious reports from the government-funded CBC to justify how the government froze the bank accounts of Canadians. The CBC had to publicly retract a news report that erroneously claimed that support for the protests had largely come from foreigners.

- s. The witty and wonderful Rex Murphy said in the *National Post* on April 29 2022: “Is there a single adult Canadian who believes that the melodrama in Ottawa ever represented a genuine threat to Canada’s stability? Who does not know it was hyped to ridiculous proportions by some sillier elements vainly trying to get a version of the U.S. events of Jan. 6, 2021? Does any normal person believe that Jagmeet Singh and Justin Trudeau ever, ever, thought the government could actually fall without bringing in the Emergencies Act? The question itself displays the joke of the idea. They did not, could not, and most likely chuckled over the very idea. “We’ll show ’em.” The idea that the protest constituted a genuine national crisis that justified the nuclear invocation of the Emergencies Act and the suspension of the civil liberties of every Canadian is a cartoon of an idea. But the Emergencies Act was declared. Bank accounts were frozen. The sovereign rights of Canadian citizens were by simple, unexplained, fiat taken away. If the crisis was that serious, tell us how serious it was. And cease this comedy of calling upon “national security” and “cabinet confidentiality” to give government a shield to hide the reasoning behind this wild overreach, and whatever evidence they have. The inquiry, if it is to have any merit, will tell two things: A. Was the Canadian state ever under genuine threat? B. If it was not, how can the Emergencies Act possibly have been justified?”
- t. Trudeau’s blatant anti-Western Canadian bias continued when in May 2022 The Trudeau government approved a massive oil project in Eastern Canada, while still blocking energy projects in Western Canada. Meanwhile, Quebec has become the first jurisdiction in the world to end all oil and gas exploration – but of course, they’ll still benefit billions from Canada’s equalization program courtesy of the West.
- u. While we’re on the Liberals’ divisiveness (and lying), Trudeau’s former principal secretary Gerald Butts indulged in February 2022 in deliberate misinformation, accusing the so-called “MAGA wing” of the Conservative Party of being “funded from abroad” and that they “staged a hostile takeover” against former CPC leader Erin O’Toole. Acclaimed author and psychologist Dr. Jordan B. Peterson slammed Butts as a “stunningly corrupt and incendiary fool.” Like his former boss, Butts has been a vitriolic critic of the Freedom Convoy, alleging its connections to far-right groups (unsubstantiated). Butts provided no evidence to support his allegation that the CPC was being funded from abroad, nor was he able to legitimize his claim that the CPC has a “MAGA wing.” Contrary to Butts’s remarks about O’Toole being voted out as CPC leader, CPC MPs including Garnett Genuis have made it clear that O’Toole’s ouster was non-ideological, and that it was an attempt to unite a party that had become heavily divided. Peterson, an outspoken supporter of the truckers’ convoy as well as a scathing critique of Trudeau, took the former Liberal staffer to task, tweeting: “You are a stunningly corrupt and incendiary fool and the story will be the cowardice of your leader and the lies of your damnable lying calumnious cronies.” Butts responded by advising Peterson to take down the tweet, and that the opportunity to do so was “time limited.” Peterson replied to Butts, saying “I’ve been threatened by people a lot more terrifying and able than you @gmbutts and your calumnious compatriots. So watch yourself and your loose mouth.”

Hypocrisy

- a. Numerous examples of virtue-signalling:
 - i. “Do as I say, not as I do”
 - ii. Trying to say the “right” thing while ignoring reality and even common sense.
- b. Fake feminist. Trudeau lost his credibility as a self-proclaimed feminist long ago, with the groping of the Creston reporter, then with his outrageous treatment of Jody Wilson-Raybould and Dr. Jane Philpott. But in July 2021, National Post journalist Sabrina Maddeaux reported: “This week he stooped

to a new low. In an interview with Global News' Farah Nasser, he was downright offensive on the subject of the military's sexual misconduct crisis. Astonishingly, when asked if he's angry he didn't know about a 2018 allegation of inappropriate behaviour against former chief of defence staff Gen. Jonathan Vance, Trudeau said, "No." There's really no way to sugar-coat this: Our prime minister is very probably lying to the public in order to cover up a cover up of a #MeToo complaint. That he, or at least his office, didn't know the allegation against Vance was a sexual misconduct complaint simply [defies] belief. The military ombudsman described it as sexual misconduct, the clerk of the Privy Council described it as sexual harassment, and Trudeau's own staff described it as sexual harassment in their emails.

If he's not angry, there are only three credible explanations as to why not.

- One: The entire question is based on a false premise. He's not angry because he knew all along.
- Two: His staff didn't tell him in order to shield him and he's not angry because he prioritizes protecting himself and his seat of power at all costs.
- Three: He's not angry because he lacks empathy and really doesn't give a flying fig about women.

Clearly, not one of these answers is flattering to the prime minister. He's either complicit, self-serving, or callous. He's also wildly out of touch with the very real and righteous anger women across Canada feel as, five years into the #MeToo movement, allegations are still swept under the rug in favour of powerful men. The fury we feel that, 23 years after Maclean's first wrote about rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment in the military, the pattern still holds.

Rather than acknowledge or share in women's anger, Trudeau went on to accuse the media — and Nasser herself — of unfairly "latching on" to the story. Whew! Where to start on this one? The level of sanctimonious self-absorption it takes to accuse a female journalist of unfairly latching on to a sexual harassment story staggers the mind. The amount of gumption it takes to gaslight journalists for covering a major scandal and human rights concern in the nation's military would be almost impressive if it weren't so sociopathic.

Canadian Forces ombudsman Gregory Lick released a scathing statement that accused "vested political interests" of impeding his office's work in addressing issues like sexual misconduct. According to Lick, "The erratic behaviour of leadership defies common sense or reason. The concept of Ministerial accountability has been absent."

Rather than address any of this in the interview, or lay out a plan for future accountability, Trudeau uttered platitudes like saying everyone in the Canadian military deserves to be treated "with respect." To be clear, the sexual misconduct crisis is not a crisis of respect. To downplay it as such obscures the severity of the charges at hand and the trauma experienced by, at minimum, hundreds of female officers over the years.

Moreover, it ignores the broken power dynamics at the root of the crisis. This isn't about teaching colleagues proper e-mail etiquette or asking them to nod politely at one another in the hallway; it's about superior officers not intimidating, harassing, assaulting, or raping women (or men) under their command. Teaching "respect" isn't going to cut it. Such a statement suggests Trudeau either misunderstands the real issues at play or lacks the fortitude to properly address them.

It's rare these days for a politician to reveal their true nature in a sit-down interview. Undoubtedly, it wasn't Trudeau's intention to broadcast his utter contempt for anyone who questions him or his team's handling of the Vance allegations. Nor did he mean to telecast his lack of resolve when it comes to stopping sexual misconduct in the military. However, that's exactly what he did.

It's pretty clear that, as long as Trudeau is in charge, the sexual misconduct crisis won't be solved until it's politically convenient for him to do so. Sorry, ladies, but it seems the prime minister has better things to do than stand behind women who risk their lives to serve our country." – Sabrina Maddeaux, National Post.

- c. In the HoC, Trudeau attacked MP Ruth Ellen Brosseau, elbowing her in her breasts, who could be seen in video of the incident reacting with visible discomfort as the Liberal leader pushed past her, forcing her against an adjacent desk. New Democrats reported hearing the prime minister mutter, "Get the f— out of the way."
- d. Another example of Trudeau's fake feminism and hypocrisy is his denouncement of the Montreal Canadiens' prospecting Logan Mailloux after an inappropriate sexual picture posting. Mailloux did the honourable thing by declaring himself to be unfit to be drafted by the NHL and has publicly apologized. Trudeau never even suggested his own disqualification to run as an MP for the Liberal Party because of his past inappropriate and unsolicited groping expedition, yet he felt entitled to criticize the NHL. What a blind hypocrite. As Candace Malcolm says, "Justin Trudeau lectures the Canadiens on sexual harassment and then whole world rolls its eyes!"
- e. "Open & transparent" government – just the opposite is true. Trudeau's Liberals have showered us with lies and cover-ups.
- f. On the first National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (Sep. 30 2021) the Prime Minister's Office confirmed that Trudeau and his family travelled to Tofino, despite publishing an itinerary entry for the day which placed Trudeau in Ottawa for "private meetings." Trudeau's prior statement on the holiday was: "It is a day to reflect on the painful and lasting impacts of residential schools in Canada, and to honour survivors, their families, and their communities. It is also a day to remember the many children who never returned home, and an opportunity for us all to learn more, and to affirm the need for reconciliation and commit ourselves to the work ahead." Lynne Groulx, CEO of the Native Women's Association of Canada, asserted that is "more proof" that he "does not give a f--k about Indigenous rights." His lying about his itinerary is not surprising. His government which has paid lip service to caring about Indigenous peoples, but many communities still have boil water advisories. Going surfing on the very day of the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation revealed how little he cares for the issues he feigns concern over. He tweeted that day: "I spent some time on the phone today with residential school survivors from across the country, hearing their stories and getting their advice on the path forward. By listening and learning, we can walk down that path - and advance meaningful reconciliation - together." But no one believes him. A week later, he donned his pretend-sincere face and uttered the empty words, "Travelling on the 30th was a mistake and I regret it." He doesn't regret it, he regrets getting caught. Which is true of all of his gaffes. Although Team Trudeau thought they were ahead of the woke game, he instead, once again, looked like an idiot in a suit pretending to be a leader. A survivor of the genocidal residential school system, Evelyn Korkmaz, said: "His words don't match his actions. This just shows us survivors that he doesn't actually want to meet with us. He's just hoping that we will just disappear into the sunset."

This is not the first time that Trudeau's itinerary didn't declare his actual whereabouts. In August 2020, the PMO quietly changed Trudeau's itinerary after he was spotted vacationing in Pointe au Baril ON by locals. Similarly, the official itinerary at the time also placed him in Ottawa for private meetings.

- g. In April 2022, Trudeau stated that he has always supported the right to protest. This after he invoked the Emergencies Act to shut down legitimate protesters in Ottawa, after calling them extremist with unacceptable views. Is this his hypocrisy or just an outright lie?

- h. McKenna condemned “Islamophobia” days after abstaining from Uyghur genocide vote and days before Foreign Affairs Committee recommends recognizing genocide of Uyghurs and other Turkic Muslims and sanctions.
- i. Trudeau handed over \$10.5 million to convicted terrorist Omar Kadhr, ostensibly for hurt feelings, while telling Canadian veterans that the government cannot give them more because “they are asking for more than we can give right now.” Also:
 - At the G7, he pledged \$400 million to education around the world plus \$180 million to the Global Partnership for Education in Europe (while Canadian university costs are climbing).
 - He pledged \$241 Million to Family Planning around the world including a \$20 Million donation to the Bill and Hillary Clinton Foundation.
 - He pledged \$2.65 Billion to climate change at the Commonwealth Leaders Summit.
 - He pledged \$300 Million to the Rohingya Refugee crisis while we have a refugee crisis of our own flooding into Quebec that he won't address.
 - He pledged \$125 Million to Caribbean Reconstruction while ignoring our own cities' and Frost Nations infrastructure problems.
 - He pledged \$650 million to Sexual and Reproductive health in Haiti and around the globe wanting safer abortions for woman while many woman in our own country are left without a family doctor.
 - He pledged \$50 million to Palestine for flood relief when NB had some of the worst flooding in decades.
 - He pledged \$840 million to Syria for Humanitarian Assistance when half the native reserves in our country don't have clean drinking water.
- j. While warning everyone to stay home and not travel, Health Minister Hajdu billed taxpayers \$75,600 for 4 trips over 6 weekends as the only passenger on Canada's 7-seater Citation jets. Hajdu's office defended the trips by saying she had pressing constituency business. Yet all public gatherings were banned during this period.
- k. Speaking of telling everyone to stay home and to lower fossil fuel use, as energy prices skyrocket in 2022 due to Trudeau's inept energy policies (discussed in detail elsewhere in this document), Trudeau flew 127,147 kilometres aboard government aircraft from June 2021 to April 2022, when he touched down in Waterloo as part of his cross-country tour hawking his government's 2022 federal budget. Trudeau's burning of jet fuel is the equivalent of flying over three trips around the Earth.
- l. Canada is notorious for sending swollen numbers of political delegations abroad to climate change conferences. As mentioned elsewhere, Canada sent 294 delegates to COP 26 in Glasgow, more than any other country in the world.
- m. Sheila Gunn Reid obtained from an Access to Information package that Liberal cabinet minister Dominic LeBlanc expected pilots for the government's Challenger jet to fly commercial to Moncton as a spare flight crew so that he (LeBlanc) could avoid regular passenger air travel himself. This should be no surprise, as Trudeau himself uses the Challenger jets for personal travel frequently. By the way, an average gasoline-powered automobile today produces 2.3 kg of CO₂ per litre consumed. If we assume such vehicles drive 25,000 km./year, each one produces less than 3 tonnes of CO₂ in a year. A single

round trip Challenger flight from Ottawa to Tofino so Trudeau can walk on the beach or surf produces 29 tonnes of CO₂. So much for the Liberals' eliminating fossil fuels by 2035.

- n. Trudeau refused to dismiss Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations, Carolyn Bennett, who callously insulted Canada's most prominent First Nations parliamentarian, Jody Wilson-Raybould, just after hundreds more children's bodies were discovered buried in unmarked gravesite adjacent to former residential schools.
- o. In January 2022, Trudeau expressed his "extreme frustration" when he was told about passengers on a recent flight to Mexico who were "ignoring health measures" (presumably not wearing masks). He said: "it's a slap in the face to see people putting themselves, their fellow passengers and airline workers at risk by being completely irresponsible." This statement was from a prime minister who:
 - just called a completely unnecessary election in the middle of a pandemic, as the latest variant was spreading, for completely selfish reasons that cost the country hundreds of millions and achieved no meaningful result.
 - was seen laughing and drinking shoulder-to-shoulder with world leaders at a UK G7 summit in June 2021, maskless.
 - was photographed in the Netherlands, maskless, while hugging, drinking and laughing with fellow world leaders on his way to the COP 26 climate meeting in Glasgow.
 - hosted a crowded Brampton fundraiser in September 2021 which saw 400 supporters packed into a banquet hall with no social distancing.
 - attended another event in Mississauga that ignored capacity limits.

Is this foolish deceiver so blind that he cannot see his own self-indulgent hypocrisy?

- p. Not to mention \$4.5 Billion spent to buy a pipeline from Kinder Morgan, then spending over \$20 billion taxpayer dollars for the expansion project (TMX), that Kinder Morgan would have paid for if Trudeau had just gotten out of the way, and then stood by as the courts have ruled it shut down.
- q. While virtue-signalling about eliminating fossil fuels by 2050, our federal government provides incalculable fortunes to Bombardier (now Airbus) to design and build business jets, a source of greenhouse gas emissions.
- r. Every litre of milk this country pours into sewers to preserve supply-management quotas comes at an alleged cost of about a kilogram of carbon dioxide, to say nothing of the more destructive methane.

National Unity

- a. Trudeau has destroyed national unity. His politics have sown division across Canada. Regions are pitted against each other, leading to Wexit in Alberta, senseless fisheries closures in BC and the Maritimes, the inept handling of the pandemic crisis and complete lack of transparency of the Liberal government (exactly the opposite of what was promised). Instead of "Canada is back!" we're getting Canada is gone.
- b. Western separatism is not new. It was initiated in the populist farmers' movements of the 1920s that led to the Progressive Party of Canada, that eventually became the CCF, predecessor to the NDP. A different branch became The Social Credit Party that had power in Alberta and BC for decades. Western alienation came to a head when Pierre Trudeau was prime minister and angered the west by implementing the National Energy Program, which transferred \$100 billion from the western petroleum-producing provinces to the eastern consuming provinces and the federal treasury. Shortly

thereafter, the P. Trudeau Liberals awarded the \$100 million CF-18 maintenance contract to Quebec-based Canadair instead of Manitoba-based Bristol Aerospace, even though Bristol was the lower bid and was more technically competent. During all this, Quebec separatism was on fire. Rather than fueling separatism, the west's response was creation of The Reform Party, which became the Official Opposition in 1997 and ultimately the current-day Conservative Party of Canada, which held power from 2006 – 2015. This was a far more effective response to populism than the separatism of Quebec politicians.

- c. In his 2019 election campaign, Trudeau completely ignored the facts that during his first 4 years in office, a 5% contraction of the Alberta economy occurred, unprecedented job losses, a massive flight of investment capital, and a 50% increase in bankruptcies. Thousands of Albertans (up to 150,000) lost their homes, small businesses and their hopes. Their despair led to a per capita suicide rate 50% higher than Ontario's. Preston Manning wrote in *Do Something*: "When prime minister Trudeau delivered his pyrrhic victory speech on election night, even though his party had just lost 40% of the federal seats in Quebec to the separatist Parti Quebecois and had been massively rejected in the prairie provinces, there was not a flicker of recognition or acknowledgement in his remarks that national unity was again in peril and demanding immediate corrective action."
- d. Trudeau has completely failed to eliminate internal trade barriers within Canada, and to create unobstructed transportation corridors to the Atlantic, Pacific and Arctic so that prairie province resources can reach tidewater (and thereby world markets). Examples are vetoing, canceling or bungling Northern Gateway, Keystone XL, Energy East and TMX. Also (mentioned elsewhere in detail), passing Bill C-48 (the BC tanker ban) and Bill C-69 (the no more pipelines bill). The Trudeau government actively sided with the anti-petroleum environmental extremists (largely funded by foreign anti-Canadian interests) in a completely unbalanced way, ignoring the economic impact of this bias.
- e. Trudeau did nothing to address the unfairness of the implementation of the equalization principles (section 36 of the constitution), such that Alberta contributed over \$600 billion to the national treasury since 1960 and Quebec in particular has been continuously favoured in receiving federal transfers. This has been exacerbated by the Liberal failure to apply the Fiscal Stabilization Fund, which was designed to equalize rebates to "have" provinces if they experience sudden revenue declines, which should have provided relief to Alberta for the serious declines in energy revenues since 2016.
- f. While we're on equalization, Jason Kenney held a referendum in Alberta that resulted in 62% of votes cast were in favour of removing equalization from the constitution. Ottawa's forced carbon tax will cost Alberta 30,000 jobs. The add-on fuel regulations could cost a further 6,800 jobs. The canceled Northern Gateway would have added 4,000 jobs and added \$2.6 billion in economic activity. Quebec gets 50% of equalization funds, receiving \$13.2 billion in 2019-20, a 39% increase under Trudeau. This occurred while Quebec was undergoing a period of economic growth. As this was going on, however, Alberta was hit with low oil prices and high unemployment (caused by Trudeau's anti-oil policies). Even though Alberta had an NDP provincial government in 2018, they wanted to re-negotiate equalization but Trudeau ignored them and renewed the agreement for another 5 years without any discussion.
- g. While in Glasgow for the COP26 summit in November 2021, Trudeau pledged to cap emissions in Canada's oil and gas sector. Alberta Premier Jason Kenney stated: "I don't know why he would make such an announcement without consulting the province with the most oil and gas reserves in Canada." Kenney said that Trudeau's commitments did not have the support of Alberta, which produces most of Canada's energy. He told reporters that Trudeau's pledge was "devastating" and "unrealistic."
- h. Trudeau failed to push back against cancel culture. As statues of Sir John A. MacDonald, Queen Victoria, Captain James Cook, E. Ryerson and perhaps others, are defaced and/or torn down by

terrorists hooligans, Trudeau has expressed no concerns about these affronts to our statespersons; with zero repercussions for these criminals (while Pastors are jailed for holding worship services). In fact, a Feb. 2022 report by the True North revealed that the Trudeau government has committed itself to purging or rewriting hundreds of historical plaques and monuments commemorating Canadian history in a revisionist attempt to “decolonize” the country. According to Blacklock’s Reporter, this means that a tenth of federal historical landmarks erected since 1919 are going to be revised or completely removed. “Decolonization” is a far-left practice popular among adherents of critical race theory and other so-called anti-racism viewpoints which have infiltrated governments of all levels. According to academic publications cited by the UBC, decolonization “sets out to change the order of the world (and) is, obviously, a program of complete disorder.”

O’Toole’s cultural policy has been pushing back against ‘cancel culture.’ Erin O’Toole has made a point of positioning himself as the vanguard of liberal democratic values against the “woke left” in both his leadership campaign and as leader of the opposition, Wisdom comes from knowledge; intelligent people don’t cancel (or re-write) history – they learn from it.

Not only do the Liberals fail to defend against the constant negative revision of our past, but also Trudeau make a continuous stream of apologies for everything from our national foundation, the country’s early (Conservative) leaders, (note that statues of Wilfred Laurier are not being taken down) to the nature of the Canadian compromise. These put our national heritage, which overall is a triumph of nation building, under a cloud of ambiguity. It draws down the common feelings of patriotism.

- i. Another slap in the face of Alberta by the Laurentian Elites: In July 2021, Trudeau announced the appointment of 5 new Senators. One was Karen Sorensen, the mayor of Banff, hand-picked by Trudeau to represent the province, ahead of the province’s scheduled Senate elections. Yet Jason Kenney had informed Trudeau that the Alberta Legislature passed a motion calling on Trudeau to wait for Albertans to choose their own preferred Senate candidates. Kenney slammed Trudeau for showing “contempt for democracy” and said: “The Prime Minister knows full well that Alberta will be holding elections for Senate nominees in October of this year. I personally informed him of our forthcoming Senate elections at our July 7, 2021 meeting in Calgary.” Typical Trudeau.
- j. “Offensive” biographies of five prime ministers scrubbed from government website. Library and Archives Canada has deleted a series of historical biographies on five former Canadian prime ministers, including Sir John A Macdonald, for being too “offensive” for contemporary sensibilities. This is reminiscent of Orwell’s *1984* in which Winston Smith was asked what his job was. He replied: “I rewrite history.” His boss scolded him: “No – you correct history that was reported incorrectly in the first place.” This was a true horror film – one that is now taking place in real life.
- k. Cancel culture was started by Trudeau himself when he renamed the Langevin Block across from Parliament Hill unilaterally – no discussion in the House (typical of Trudeau’s disdain for Parliament). In June 2017, in honour of the newly renamed National Indigenous Peoples Day, Trudeau announced that the Langevin Block, which houses the Prime Minister’s Office, was officially renamed in order to rid it of “the name of Sir Hector-Louis Langevin—an individual associated with the residential school system” and the federal government’s now-discredited plans to assimilate the Indigenous population.

As the minister of public works in Sir John A. Macdonald’s government, Langevin formalized the residential school system in Canada. Further evidence of his “unsuitability” for current recognition comes from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission report that makes repeated mention of a speech he gave in 1883: “If you wish to educate the native children, you must separate them from the parents. If you leave them in the family they may know how to read and write but they still remain savages.”

Taken on its own, Langevin's quotation is a devastating indictment to modern ears. But what if we let the tape roll a bit longer? Later in that same speech, for example, Langevin said it was his intention to give every native child who graduates from residential school a free homestead. And in response to Langevin, Edward Blake, the leader of the Liberal party of the day, not only used words to describe Indigenous men and women that would be considered horrific today, he also complained that Ottawa's plan was overly generous. The Liberal party of the day wanted to spend far less on the native file.

Extreme narrow focus on a few sentences of one speech may provide damning evidence of Langevin's unfitness for present-day memorialization. But in the context of his time, assimilation was conventional wisdom among all elite thinkers of his era. If statements in support of it are to be considered sufficient reason for removal from the historical record, then every politician of note in Canada prior to the 21st century must eventually be struck from the record—from Macdonald to Sir Wilfrid Laurier on down.

Even Pierre Trudeau, often considered the father of an inclusive, multicultural Canada, was a confirmed assimilationist. His 1969 White Paper on "Indian Policy" planned to eliminate Indigenous status entirely. When such a plan was firmly rejected by the Indigenous community, Trudeau replied bitterly, "We'll keep them in the ghetto for as long as they want." Is the legacy of Trudeau senior next on the list for erasure?

And entirely ignored within the current debate over Langevin and the residential school issue is his stature as a key Francophone Quebec federalist during the crucial pre-Confederation era, which was the reason his name ended up on a federal building in the first place. Reconciliation between French and English was once considered a great Canadian virtue. It should still count for something today.

Embarrassing Canada on the world stage – damaging international relationships

- a. Cancelling CF-18s in Syria, much to the chagrin of our NATO allies.
- b. India – Trudeau caused damage to Canada – India relations while playing Mr. Dressup. He and his family foolishly pranced around on stage like Bollywood "stars" and invited a convicted Khalistani terrorist to a state dinner, causing the Indian government to snub him. This horrified his hosts and sparked an international catastrophe and an ongoing trade dispute. Rebel News obtained a 1,700 page document package through an access to information request, which included internal emails and notes outlining the lengths the Liberals went to obscure their expenses in India with questionable accounting schemes. This is yet another Liberal abuse of public trust.
- c. Saudi Arabia – Freeland managed to damage relations. Saudi students, who bring millions into Canadian colleges, were called home.
- d. The photos of Trudeau in blackface were published by the international press, besmirching Canada's reputation on the world stage.
- e. Also noted by the international press was the ethics violation related to his interference in the SNC-Lavalin affair and the related inappropriate treatment of his then-minister of justice and attorney general Jody Wilson-Raybould.
- f. The Liberal government enacted new subjective regulations for major projects, creating massive uncertainty about how and if new infrastructure projects would get approved (e.g. Bills C-48 and C-69, Keystone, TMX – dealt with elsewhere). Canada has received a negative international reputation as a country where you cannot get new projects approved or completed.
- g. Failure on NAFTA negotiations. The U.S.A. – Canada's most important international relationship – had negotiations run by Trump, a protectionist with extensive business acumen and experience, and Robert

Lighthizer, a lawyer who first served as Deputy U.S. Trade Representative in 1983. Against these experienced trade diplomats, Canada's negotiation team was run by a former drama teacher and ski instructor and a journalist, neither having any previous business or trade experience at all. Freeland, during NAFTA negotiations with Lighthizer, lectured on gender equality. Then in the middle returned to Toronto to address a *Women in the World* conference titled "Taking on the Tyrant." The conference introductory video portrays Trump as a corrupt dictator posing a threat to democracy! It presents Trump along with Syrian President al-Assad, Turkish President Erdogan, Philippines President Duterte, Russian President Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping. The video's text states: "the world faces an historic threat, a global tide of populism and the rise of autocrats, who use fear, racism, corruption, anti-immigrant sentiment and misinformation, to crack down on (the) free press, rule of law, political freedom, to undermine democracy and consolidate power." It shows cheering Trump supporters followed by two shots of goose-stepping soldiers. The video dramatically ends with "The gathering threat." During the interview, Freeland espoused her liberal views, including "the failure of capitalist democracy." Freeland's exceedingly poor judgment showed an off-the-charts level of ideological tone-deafness (and not just of foolish tactics in the midst of crucial negotiations but also of the Liberals' complete lack of awareness of the rising undermining of people's confidence in big government). Sheila Gunn Reid reported this: "After axe-murdering Canada's relationship with the U.S. by appearing on a panel that referred to President Trump as a tyrant, and mangling our NAFTA negotiations with feminist virtue signalling," the outcome of the U.S-Canada trade negotiations, the USMCA, which affects the next several years for the Canadian economy, was, as Andrew Scheer put it, "not NAFTA 2.0 but NAFTA 0.5". It's hard to imagine how the Liberals thought these ill-considered actions characterized a strategy for successfully negotiating our most important trade relationship in the world.

- h. U.N. (Security Council) – Canada has become one of the most disrespected nations on Earth as Trudeau gallivanted around seeking a U.N. Security Council seat. According to the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, the federal government spent \$10,371,712 of taxpayer dollars and failed miserably, coming in last of the nations competing for the seat.
- i. At the COP26 U.N. climate conference in Glasgow in November 2021, Trudeau gave a virtue-signalling speech that pledged to cap Canada's oil and gas sector. He did this without consultation with Alberta or Saskatchewan or any industry representatives. This pathetically naïve statement cannot be taken seriously by anybody, since the technologies required to replace fossil fuel based energy don't exist yet. Trudeau's unrealistic approach would cause economic devastation in Canada. No one believes him. Once again, he makes Canada a laughing stock.
- j. When former Cuban President Fidel Castro died in 2016, Trudeau could not hold back his tears. Trudeau released a glowing statement in memory of the communist leader: "Fidel Castro was a larger than life leader who served his people for almost half a century. A legendary revolutionary and orator, Mr. Castro made significant improvements to the education and healthcare of his island nation. I know my father was very proud to call him a friend." Prior to Castro's death, Trudeau visited Cuba and tweeted a photo of himself receiving a gift of a photo album from the Castro family, commemorating the Trudeau family visit in 1976. Many world leaders have condemned the Cuban government for grave human rights abuses.
- k. While the Iranian nuclear deal was scrapped by former President Trump, the Biden administration has made a return to the deal one of his top foreign policy priorities. Trudeau has indicated in the past that his government would support the controversial agreement. But Iran just "elected" Ebrahim Raisi as its President. Raisi is a mass murderer, based on his position in the government's Death Commission in 1988 which massacred thousands of political prisoners.

- l. Liberal MP for Richmond Hill Majid Jowhari was openly pro the Iranian authoritarian regime, the world's biggest sponsor of terrorism. He also lied about the status of his engineering credentials, earning Jowhari the dubious nickname of "the Persian Pinocchio."
- m. The Canadian government was surprised in September 2021 by a new security pact among the U.S., Britain and Australia aimed at confronting China's growing military and political influence in the Indo-Pacific region. Why was Canada excluded? As Conrad Black says: "[it] is an unflattering reflection on what our three closest allies think of Trudeau's foreign and defence policies." It seems obvious that these nations know Trudeau is in the CCP's hip pocket.
- n. Marc Garneau suggested in August 2021 that Canada might recognize the Taliban as the new government of Afghanistan.
- o. Maryam Monsef, formerly Trudeau's Minister for Women and Gender Equality, called the Taliban "our brothers". Of course, the Taliban are actually murderous terrorists who are on Canada's official list of banned entities because of their shocking violence. The Taliban are also notoriously at war with any modern notion of women's rights, and have shut down girls schools in Afghanistan. Monsef admitted to lying on her refugee application form to Canada, falsely claiming that she was born in Afghanistan, when in fact she was born in Iran. And in 2013, Monsef tweeted that "sharia fascinates me", a reference to Islamic law that will govern Afghanistan under the Taliban. In all Trudeau's firings, this woman remained as a Minister of the Crown! She was defeated in the 2021 election.
- p. Embarrassment concerning Israel. Officials of Canada's missions abroad were opposed to the Conservative Party's 2019 campaign commitment to relocate the embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Douglas Proudfoot, then the head of Canada's diplomatic mission to the West Bank and Gaza in Ramallah, said in an October 2019 email: "Our basic purpose is to support a two-state solution, but (if) Canada takes a policy stance which goes against that goal, the *raison d'être* of the mission no longer applies." The Trudeau Liberals defy the word of God (in many ways more than this one); the everlasting covenant made to Abraham: "I [God] will give to you and your descendants after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan [modern Israel and the West Bank] for an everlasting possession" (Genesis 17:8). There are dozens of other biblical references to God's oath to the Hebrews that Israel belongs to them (God's chosen people). Trudeau's defiance of God's Word is no surprise, as Trudeau has expressed his pro-Islam sentiments before (despite declaring his Catholic roots).
- q. Enacting the Emergencies Act to silence some peaceful protesters with whom Trudeau did not agree dealt blow to Canada's international reputation. Trudeau's overreach invoked wartime-like emergency powers without Parliamentary consultations on its justification. The Fraser Institute writes: "This has garnered massive negative international attention....With Canada already suffering from a long-running investment crisis, more negative attention is unfortunately another blow to Canada's standing as a stable destination for business, entrepreneurship and critically-needed investment."

The *Wall Street Journal* wrote: "For Justin Trudeau, emergency powers are too often a policy of first resort... In March 2020, at the start of the pandemic, the Canadian prime minister sought arbitrary power to tax, spend and borrow for 21 months. He had already negotiated a Covid-relief package with the opposition, but he wanted a blank check. Now, as the pandemic seems to wind down, he has returned to the well."

The *Economist* noted: "The truckers have every right to express their disagreement. A wise government would listen to them and respond politely, taking their complaints seriously... Justin Trudeau has done the opposite. The police already have ample powers to quell disorder. Yet on February 14th, Mr. Trudeau invoked emergency powers under a 34-year-old law that had never been

used before. It would allow the government to declare protests illegal and freeze the bank accounts of protesters without a court order. ... exactly the opposite of what Canada needs.”

- r. After Russia’s immoral, unprovoked attack on Ukraine, Trudeau made 2 trips to address the EU Parliament and meet with NATO allies. It began when Trudeau and 3 of his ministers went to Europe with the goal of supporting Ukraine and “holding Russia accountable.” But the EU people were forced to listen to Trudeau say the obvious, commit to nothing helpful and posture himself as a defender of democracy. When they accused him of using the whole trip as nothing but a big photo opportunity (typical Trudeau routine), the response by Liberal partisans was ferocious. Ultimately, Trudeau answered the question himself by releasing a masterfully produced highlight reel from his European trip.
- s. Next was Volodymyr Zelenskyy’s address to the HoC on March 15. Not to let himself be upstaged or out-emoted, Trudeau began the session by drawing on all his theatrical training, telling Zelenskyy: “In Canada, we like to root for the underdog.” This preposterous statement came from a PM who skipped Reconciliation Day to surf in Tofino. Zelenskyy might as well have saved his breath, since we had nothing much more to offer Ukraine. As Defence Minister Anita Anand told the CBC show *Power & Politics*, Canada had run out of lethal stuff to send.
- t. This was followed by yet another expensive trip to the EU Parliament for another gasbag, meaningless address by Trudeau to Parliamentarians that have little use for him. In fact, most MEPs didn’t show up to hear Trudeau’s speech. Afterwards, Trudeau was thoroughly roasted by select MEPs. Unlike Americans, EU Parliamentarians know lots about Canada, and are openly critical of Trudeau over his treatment of the freedom convoy truckers. Croatian MP Mislav Kolakusic called out Trudeau for violating the civil rights of Canadians in crushing the Ottawa protest. In a blistering speech to fellow EU Parliamentarians, Kolakusic turned to Trudeau and said: “In recent months, under your quasi-liberal boot, Canada has become a symbol of civil rights violations.” Trudeau sat quietly and listened as the MP from Croatia informed him: “We watched how you trample women with horses, how you block the bank accounts of single parents so they cannot even pay their children’s education and medicine, that they can’t pay utilities, mortgages for their homes. To you, these may be liberal methods; for many citizens of the world, it is dictatorship of the worst kind.”

Kolakusic wasn’t alone in expressing outrage with Trudeau. German MEP Christine Anderson to Trudeau at European Parliament: “A prime minister who openly admires the Chinese basic dictatorship, who tramples on fundamental rights by persecuting and criminalizing his own citizens as terrorists just because they dared to stand up to his perverted concept of democracy should not be allowed to speak in this house. Mr. Trudeau, you are a disgrace to democracy. Please spare us your presence.” Applause followed.

Meanwhile, Romanian MEP Christian Terhes outright refused to attend Trudeau’s speech. Instead, he posted this on Facebook: “I refused to validate the imposition of Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, who gave a speech in front of the Plenary of the European Parliament on 23.03.2022, the reason why I was not in the hall when he spoke. You can’t come to teach Putin’s democracy lessons from the European Parliament, when you pass with horse hoofs [sic] over your own citizens who demand that their fundamental rights be respected. The difference between democracy and tyranny is not given by the geographical location of political leaders, but by the values that this promotes. ... When you, a political man from the ‘west’, implement at home methods of repression and violations of the rights of your own citizens, what do you ask for respected rights, as Putin does it at home; you are nothing better than him [sic]. Instead, to the tyranny you implement, you add deceit and hypocrisy, destroying the freedom and values of the west’. ... The ‘Cold War’ was won not with weapons, but with

the values of the free world. In short, freedom to break tyranny! ... Between the Russian imperialist tyranny, promoted by Putin, and the neomarxist tyranny claimed to be 'progressive' promoted also by Trudeau, in which people are deprived of their rights and freedoms, becoming the objects of the state, I do not choose any [sic]. I choose, instead, to promote and fight for the same conservative values that brought peace through prosperity in Europe: national sovereignty, individual freedom and respect for human rights, which are a gift I received from Dear God because we are created in His image and likeness."

The *National Post* article written by Rex Murphy is too accurate to ignore. It is reprinted in Appendix 5.

- u. In a stunning display of ineptitude, the Liberals cancelled evacuation flights from Kabul in August 2021 despite having until August 31 to evacuate people. This strands them in mortal danger. This is the text of the letter sent to Canadian citizens and permanent residents by the government on August 26, 2021:

Dear Citizens and Permanent Residents of Canada,
You are receiving this message because you are registered with the Government of Canada's Registration of Canadians Abroad, have contacted the Emergency Watch and Response Centre in Ottawa or have had your information forwarded to our department.
Canada's evacuation operations have now ended. At this time, no further Canadian evacuation flights are being planned.
Please note that we will continue to closely monitor the situation in order to determine what options may become available, now that Canadian military evacuation flights have ended.

The Government of Canada recognizes that there are a number of Canadian citizens and Permanent Residents who are still in Afghanistan. Until such time as the security situation stabilizes, the Government of Canada is urging Canadian citizens and Permanent Residents to shelter in place. Be mindful of the security environment and where possible take the necessary steps to ensure your security and that of your family.

Cheryl Gallant wrote in response:

"It's no wonder the Liberals didn't lift a finger to bring the Afghan interpreters, and other support staff to Canada until they were shamed into it.

- Burying women shoulder height and having them stoned for some perceived slight by their husbands is a common Taliban practice.
- Throwing acid into the faces of girls who attend school, raping young boys and marrying child brides are normal for the Taliban.
- Instead of Saturday night hockey in arenas, the Taliban conduct mass executions in the sports stadiums.

Acceptance of such behaviours appears to be the novel Liberal approach to diplomacy. It is certainly not Canadian.

Retired Generals David Fraser, Denis Thompson, and Dean Milner among many more veterans, have been tirelessly trying to rescue Afghans, whose lives are at risk for having worked alongside Canadians during our mission there.

Perhaps the mission has been left to them because the Liberal Prime Minister has decapitated our military leadership.

They destroyed the Vice Chief of Defence Staff trying to scuttle a Conservative Government project.

The Vice Admiral should have been the one to step into the breach when the Chief of Defence Staff stood accused of sexual misconduct. Then they had the new Chief of Defence staff step aside. They made the new Vice Chief of Defence Staff walk the plank. The General in charge of the national vaccine distribution was axed without even being told of the allegations against him.

Is it really any wonder the Liberals couldn't muster the 3,000 troops requested by the international community for the Afghan evacuation operation? They couldn't even find enough commanders to lead the troops.

Trudeau has failed the Canadian Armed Forces, and now he is failing the people we have a responsibility to shield from execution.

All those faces pleading to be saved are now marked for death.

All because Trudeau wanted another four years of power.

[We should have] shown him the door instead."

Taxation

- a. The Liberal government continues to mislead Canadians about taxes. While their rhetoric is that they lowered taxes for middle class Canadians, the facts, published by the Fraser Institute, are that 86% of middle class families pay higher federal personal income taxes than they did under Harper's Conservatives. Canada ranks among the highest tax jurisdictions in the industrialized world for taxes on personal income, businesses and capital – the Fraser Institute. "The top 20 per cent of income-earning families pay 63.2% of Canada's personal income taxes (provincial and federal) and 54.7% of total taxes including sales and property taxes. Conversely, the bottom 20% of income-earning families pay 1.0% of all personal income taxes and 2.3% of total taxes.
- b. Taxes imposed by all three levels of government represent the largest expense for Canadian families – more than housing, food and clothing combined.
- c. The Trudeau government introduced a federal carbon tax and raised the top personal income tax rate, which applies to professionals, entrepreneurs, skilled labour and business owners. The combined provincial-federal top rate now exceeds 50% in 7 of the 10 provinces.
- d. Canada, like the other G7 and G20 governments, has borrowed vast amounts of money while ignoring the costs. The most immediate and direct result will be increased taxation, which creates a substantial economic drag on the economy, innovation and entrepreneurship, and opportunities for growth. Liberal policies impose structural deficits and the perpetual servitude of taxpayers expected to pay for them.
- e. Now the Liberals are so desperate for money, having wounded the energy industry, that they are speaking of a wealth tax. Blacklocks uncovered a secret CMHC study that spent \$250,000 to report on the effect of a capital gains tax on home equity of Canadians who "got rich on home ownership." The CMHC/UBC study urges Trudeau to target "housing wealth windfalls gained by many homeowners while they sleep and watch TV." This shows utter contempt for private property. Taxing people's principal residence sales when they've been paid for with years of after-tax mortgage payments is immoral and wrong. It could negatively affect the retirement life of millions of Canadians and make passing property to children very difficult. Worse, the Trudeau Liberals lied about this – again (not that Liberals lying is anything new). When news broke about the contract for the study of taxing home equity, the Trudeau appointed head of the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) called

it fake news. Yet documents were released proving it was not only true, but also the head of CMHC was the one pushing the tax study. Trudeau claims his government won't tax our homes. But the Liberals also said they wouldn't increase the carbon tax last election, and on April 1 taxes on fuel, heating, energy, along with beer, wine, and spirits all went up. Most Canadians do not know the truth about these tax hikes because Trudeau thinks we are all fools. It is hard to know the truth when the government can't stop lying. The Fraser Institute produced an October 2021 report titled "*Wealth tax would make Canada's bad situation even worse.*" It summarized that Canada must become more attractive and competitive for business investment and entrepreneurs; introducing a wealth tax and/or raising capital gains tax would make a difficult situation even worse.

- f. The G7 countries, led by The U.S.'s Janet Yellen, agreed to support a global minimum corporate tax rate of at least 15% with revenues shared among all participating countries. Chrystia Freeland readily supported this terrible idea. It's a very bad idea. Why? Because corporate taxes actually tax workers (through lower wages) and shareholders (through lower dividends). Higher corporate taxes discourage capital investment and lower the amounts available to compensate workers. They also discourage entrepreneurship and investment in business growth. This ultimately results in lower revenues to governments, not higher, as the proponents of raising corporate taxes argue. History has proven them dead wrong. If governments want more revenues from corporations, they should lower corporate taxes, not raise them.
- g. Raising carbon tax and the "escalator tax" on beer, wine and spirits in an escalating pandemic crisis.



- h. Another Liberal slap-down of Parliament with repeal of family business tax bill: Canadians who sell their business to family members rather than to an arms-length third party face a heavy tax burden. The government has known about this issue for years and in 2017 promised to fix the problem, but failed to do so. In October 2017, Finance Minister Morneau announced — as part of a retreat from his much-maligned private corporation proposals — that the government would work with family businesses to make it more tax-efficient to transfer a business to the next generation. His attempts failed.

Finally, a Conservative private member's bill made its way through Parliament in 2021 and received royal assent on June 29. A day later, its back against the wall, the government announced that later this year it will repeal the bill with retroactive effect and draft an entirely new set of rules, to take effect on January 1, 2022. Until that happens, many family business transfers will not be able to proceed.

To make matters worse, taxpayers bankrolled a \$610-million federal election that didn't need to be called. That's over half a billion dollars to fund what amounts to a vanity project, while the Liberal Party needs all the small business votes it can muster. Its response was political gamesmanship at its craftiest. A day after the bill became law, the Department of Finance announced that because the bill

does not include a coming-into-force provision the government will introduce legislation later this year to “clarify” that amendments to facilitate genuine intergenerational share transfers — but prevent tax avoidance — will come into force next January. There is in fact nothing to “clarify.” Under Canadian law, the bill came into full force and effect the day it received royal assent; it is now the law of the land.

So this means that the government will repeal a law that was just approved on a bipartisan basis by the House of Commons, and Finance officials will draft a new set of rules to replace what Parliament enacted. Announcing that a law will be repealed the day after it is enacted is no way to country. Canadians — including small business owners — deserve better.

Ideology

“Economic freedom is the engine that powers growth, prosperity, income mobility, and a broad array of improved social outcomes, including higher levels of life satisfaction. That is because happiness and self-worth emanate from being in charge of your own life.

The federal government’s approach to the economy and to people’s lives is the exact opposite, where government makes more decisions at the expense of entrepreneurs, business owners, investors and Canadians generally. This has predictably resulted in lower economic growth, higher taxes on the middle class, a legacy of massive debt (i.e. future tax increases) for young Canadians, and an exodus of business investment from the country.” (The Fraser Institute).

- a. Trudeau: Virtue-signalling in place of public policy.
- b. The Federal government contradicts its own objectives by raising taxes on lower-income families. Trudeau kept stating the Liberals implemented several policies to help Canadian families with children, at times stressing lower-income households. The only actual helpful change was to reduce the second lowest personal income tax rate, claiming this would leave more money in the pockets of families. Despite their intentions, however, a number of other tax changes have resulted in many lower-income families now pay more income taxes than they did in 2015. Why? Though the government reduced the second-lowest personal income tax rate, at the same time it also eliminated several tax credits including income splitting for couples with children, the public transit tax credit, the children’s fitness tax credit, and many others. By eliminating these tax credits, the government increased the tax burden on the bottom 20% of income earners with kids (that is, couples with children and single parents with incomes below \$70,991 in 2019) and more than offset the tax rate reduction’s limited benefits to this group of Canadians. Sixty per cent of these low-income families with children now pay higher income taxes than they did in 2015. The federal government has harmed, rather than helped, many low-income families in Canada by increasing the taxes they pay. Couples with children in the bottom 20 per cent of income earners are among the most adversely affected by the federal tax changes—a fact incongruous with the stated objectives of the Trudeau government.
- c. Trudeau has tried to terrorize the country with satanic fables of “climate change” driving his agenda, ignoring science and weather realities in Canada. See Professor William Happer’s “How to Think About Climate Change”, whose conclusions are:
 - Policies to slow CO₂ emissions are based on flawed computer models – actual warming is 2 to 3 times less than these exaggerated models

- Mainstream analysis shows that the extreme policies associated with achieving net-zero and the 1.5°C target (including banning gasoline-powered cars by 2035) impose costs that far exceed the expected benefits.
- More CO₂ is an overall benefit (increased plant growth has resulted in measurable greening of the Earth), so costly “mitigation” schemes are harmful.

[How to Think About Climate Change | William Happer - youtube](#) See also the works of Dr. Patrick Moore.

- d. **Forced transition to Renewables.** Wind and solar power generation will impose huge costs on Canadians. Ottawa is forcing Canadians to completely eliminate fossil fuel power generation and replace it with renewable energy sources. This means wind and solar. The problem is these are intermittent sources. That means that parallel generation systems must remain in place. The most reasonable source in Canada is natural gas. The costs of 2 power generation systems are enormous. A 2022 Fraser Institute study estimates that Canadians will spend from \$16.8 to \$37.7 billion to achieve this – i.e. about 1 to 2 percent of the economy every year for higher energy costs. These estimates do not include costs to build more transmission lines, land rentals, environmental costs for bird kills and-of-life disposal costs of wind turbines and solar panels (in Billings MT, NextEra Energy company was fined \$8 million for killing at least 150 eagles – a federal criminal offence – since 2012 by flying into the blades at its wind farms in 8 states). Estimates are that the transition would reduce GHG emissions by 7.4%. That’s less than one fifth of the 2030 target of 40 – 45% of 2005 levels. To entirely meet this target might mean adding 30 new nuclear plants. The forced transition will impose massive costs and ongoing higher energy bills.
- e. “Great Reset” – this is a left-wing ideology, not a technological or economic program based common sense, but is in fact a dangerous notion leading to wholly inappropriate and destructive policies, leading to increased dependence on government. It won’t be “build back better” – it will be “bilk back better!”
- Freeland actually called the coronavirus pandemic “a political opportunity,” at a time when thousands are dead due to the incompetence of her government to obtain timely vaccines, and businesses and jobs have been decimated. She said this as the Biden Administration is vaccinating more than 4 million Americans daily while Canada has only fully vaccinated about 2% of our population and Moderna is slashing its vaccine deliveries to Canada.
 - This is an even scarier quote, made by Trudeau in an address at a U.N. conference in 2020: "This pandemic has provided an opportunity for a reset. This is our chance to accelerate our pre-pandemic efforts, to reimagine economic systems that actually address global challenges like extreme poverty, inequality, and climate change." Pierre Poilievre responded: "global financial elites" are attempting to "re-engineer economies and societies" in order to "empower the elites at the expense of the people." Canadians, he said, "must fight back against global elites" and "their power grab."
 - Trudeau wants a great reset that changes our lives in unimaginable ways and his new budget is a case in point. The “great reset” is all about tyranny and power. C.S. Lewis said this: “Of all the tyrannies, a tyranny sincerely exercised for the ‘good’ of its victims may be the most oppressive. It would be better to live under robber barons than under omnipotent moral busybodies. The robber baron's cruelty may sometimes sleep, his cupidity may at some point be satiated; but those who torment us for our own ‘good’ will torment us without end, for they do so with the approval of their own conscience. They may be more likely to go to Heaven yet at the same time likelier to

make a Hell of earth. This very kindness stings with intolerable insult. To be 'cured' against one's will and cured of states which we may not regard as disease is to be put on a level of those who have not yet reached the age of reason or those who never will; to be classed with infants, imbeciles, and domestic animals."

- f. Disdain for Parliament. The *Globe & Mail* article by its Editorial Board dated December 9 2021 best expresses this. It is titled: If Justin Trudeau believes in Parliament, he has a funny way of showing it. It is reproduced in Appendix 3.
- g. Only in power because the NDP (and often the Bloc) support them. Hourly workers, union members and others should support us NOT the NDP – they don't represent them anymore.
- h. Endless spending – renamed as "investment" – when we all know nothing is free – someone is paying for not, just not a politician. It's not "investment." It's overspending. The Liberals measure "success" by how much money they spend, not on results achieved. That's natural – they have almost zero achievements – just expenditures.
- i. Four Liberal donors were appointed as judges in a single day. In July 2021, Attorney General David Lametti announced a total of 13 new judicial appointments for provincial courts in five provinces. Multiple of these judicial positions were Liberal donors.
- j. Carl Sagan, the well-known astronomer, said: "If we've been bamboozled long enough, we tend to reject any evidence of the bamboozle. We're no longer interested in finding out the truth. The bamboozle has captured us. It's simply too painful to acknowledge, even to ourselves, that we've been taken. Once you give a charlatan power over you, you almost never get it back." Think about it – really!

Forcing Canadians to agree with personal views of Trudeau

- a. Trudeau's communication skills, which used to be one of his strong suits, have dissipated into a complex, multi-faceted web of blackface, fake feminism and carbon tax insanity. His leadership hasn't been strong and determined, but rather weak and ineffective. His wasteful spending of taxpayer dollars may appeal to far-left types and millennials, but has turned off Conservatives and middle-of-the-road Liberals. His smug, know-it-all attitude — which is rather rich, considering he had little-to-no life experience — turns off Canadians. He doesn't exude trust or confidence with many individuals, business leaders or even union bosses. His public spats with (mostly) female Liberal MPs and cabinet ministers have destroyed his ability to build solid working relationships. He's shifted Canada back to the foreign policy kiddie table, and is widely viewed as more of a follower than leader on the international stage. His political vision for Canada has been unrealistic from the very start. Contrast this with O'Toole, who fits the role of a strong, effective leader and "man of the people" more on his worst day than Trudeau could ever hope to accomplish on his best day. The old, tired Liberal strategy of selling Conservatives as extreme, out-of-touch and having a hidden agenda doesn't have many buyers.
- b. MPs in Trudeau's cabinet must declare themselves to be "Pro-choice" on abortion to be a Liberal cabinet member.
- c. Ottawa is withholding health-care transfers to N.B. over abortion access. Trudeau said New Brunswick is failing to live up to its obligations under the Canada Health Act because it continues to make it difficult for women to access abortions. As a consequence, the federal government is withholding health-care transfers to the province, Trudeau told reporters in Moncton. "Making sure that every woman across this country has access to reliable reproductive services is extremely important to us, and that's why we've continued ... to impress strongly upon the government of New Brunswick how it

needs to keep up its obligations under the Canada Health Act," Trudeau said. Interesting that he labels abortions "reproductive services!" See "he is no Catholic" under Morality.

- d. Canada summer jobs grants. Until so much opposition was voiced, when applying for a Canada Summer Job grant, which traditionally employed thousands of students, the applicants had to attest to agreeing with Trudeau's personal views including a "woman's right to choose." Christian and other religious organizations that oppose abortion could not sign in good conscience.
- e. Around Canada Day 2021, leftist terrorists were burning down Catholic and Anglican churches. Gerald Butts, Trudeau's buddy, called this "understandable." It is true that Trudeau said that the burning and destruction of churches is "unacceptable and wrong," but then he added this caveat: "It's real and it is fully understandable given the shameful history we are all becom(ing) more aware of." The PM undermines his mild condemnation of what is going on by law-breaking "woke" hooligans. Trudeau measured his words carefully. But far-left activists went much further. Reacting to a news story on Catholic churches in Canada, activist Harsha Walia tweeted, "Burn it all down."

Church fires show the left's disgusting propensity to turn a blind eye to violence. A genuine liberal would speak out against all such cases of egregious violence, no matter the justification or the historical wrongs that prompted them. Suppose a series of mosques had been attacked around the country and most of the perpetrators belonged to communities with a grievance against Islam, such as, for example, that their ancestors had been forcibly converted by the sword. Would Trudeau and others have then said the acts were "understandable" given the context? You can be sure they would have been called out as Islamophobic and not excused because of the history of cultural genocide, against which the perpetrators were purportedly expressing their anguish.

Trudeau (and the mainstream media) did nothing. This started with railroad blockades a year ago. Then with tearing down statues of Sir John A. Now it has escalated into full blown terror attacks in Canada – without consequences. What's next?

- f. Trudeau labels Canada a systemically racist country, undercutting our international standing. Everyone should be horrified by the tragedy and disgrace of residential schools. Yet most Canadians are grateful to live in a wonderful country where tolerance, equal protection under the law and opportunity have made us a safe haven for people of virtually every race and religion in the world. Most Canadians disagree that systemic racism defines Canada.
- g. Trudeau's Child Daycare plan takes a drastic leap of logic, arriving at the conclusion that the only way to achieve the economic enabler of increased access to affordable daycare (especially for women) is through an enlarged government bureaucracy and a diminished role for private operators. Conservatives know that Trudeau's 'Ottawa-knows-best' government approach to child care takes away choice and ensures that only publicly funded operators will survive leaving behind small businesses, women, and families. The Association of Day Care Operators (ADCO) released a statement on behalf of its members calling for the Liberal government to halt its 'Ottawa knows best' approach to child care in Canada. The Liberals' one-size-fits-all standard ignores the individual needs of families who may require flexibility in choices. Canadian families do not fit into a box, or operate on a set schedule determined by the government. Where the Liberals want to expand expensive social programs that will only deepen our fiscal crisis, the Conservatives understand that there are better alternatives. O'Toole plans to replace the Liberals' \$30-billion socialized daycare program and replace it with a tax credit to cover up to 75% of the cost of child care for low-income households, which is sustainable, gives families more options and places the responsibility where it lies – with families with children, not every taxpayer.

- h. Trudeau called a snap election for September 2021, violating the federal fixed election date law. Yet 62% of Canadians saw this snap election for what it was, before it happened – a power grab.
- i. Speaking about the truckers' convoy of February 2022, Trudeau called the ongoing protests a "threat" to Canadian democracy as he invoked the Emergencies Act, which resulted in international condemnation for vast overreach. "We are seeing activity that is a threat to our democracy and that is undermining the public's trust in our institutions," Trudeau wrote. He continued: "The Government of Canada believes firmly in the right to peaceful protest. But as we discussed, the activities taking place across the country have gone well beyond peaceful protest." They have absolutely not. The fact is that the real threat to democracy is Trudeau himself, and his megalomaniac obsession with his own desperation for powers rather than showing real leadership and de-escalating the legitimate protest of citizens who have had enough of government overreach into our personal freedoms.

International journalists, authors, politicians, broadcasters and celebrities savaged Trudeau over the authoritarian move. The criticisms come from varied countries including the US, UK, France, Brazil and the Netherlands. Their common theme is distaste for Trudeau's excessive powers and his attempt to strip Canadians of their right to peaceful assembly.

- j. Trudeau spoke with gross malevolence about the unvaccinated. He made a 2021 election promise to prevent them from riding on planes and trains. In September 2021, Trudeau said (in French): "They are extremists who don't believe in science, they're often misogynists, also often racists. It's a small group that muscles in, and we have to make a choice in terms of leaders, in terms of the country. Do we tolerate these people?" In a January 2022 press conference, he said: "When people are seeing cancer treatments and elective surgeries put off because beds are filled with people who chose not to get vaccinated, they're frustrated. When people see that we are in lockdowns or serious public health restrictions right now because of the risk posed to all of us by unvaccinated people, people get angry." These were his fellow Canadians he disdained in a way that was truly shocking. As prime minister, he has to tolerate them – all Canadians are equal before the law. And there is no law forcing anyone to take a medical treatment. Hate speech laws protect marginalized citizens. The unvaccinated feel they are losing their jobs, let alone being shut out of public places. Trudeau has led an apartheid movement against unvaccinated Canadians that is exceptionally intolerable.

Diane Bederman, a Canadian author and columnist, published: "Here is Justin Trudeau, a sanctimonious, self-serving, self-righteous, inept, unethical, immoral and corrupt man, who can now add evil to the list." Here we are in 2022 and our leaders are scapegoating the non-vaccinated, blaming them for the continuation of the pandemic," she wrote. "Like other evil leaders, they divide rather than unite. They promote fear rather than courage and strength. Pit one group against another."

- k. Journalists in the NDP and Liberals in the HoC pulled their hair out when a Conservative MP suggested Trudeau was acting like a dictator. This is the pot calling the kettle black (no pun intended) since they Liberals had no problem tarring Harper with the same brush. Candice Malcolm's podcast did a comprehensive fact-check on this and determined that Trudeau actually did act as a dictator on several occasions, ruling by decree and bypassing Parliament. [Is Justin Trudeau a dictator? | True North \(tnc.news\)](#)
- l. Andy Stanley says: "Leaders who refuse to listen will eventually be surrounded by people who have nothing significant to say."

Chinese communist Party – a love fest

Trudeau's weakness in relationships with China has cost Canada dearly. His policy failures have alienated Canada from our traditional allies – including the U.S., the U.K. and Australia. Their September 2021 new defence and national security pact, aimed at countering China's influence and power over the Indo-Pacific region, excluded Canada. It's obvious to these allies that they can no longer trust Canada as long as Trudeau is in power.

- a. It's obvious to everyone but Trudeau that China is not an ally. It is very clear that the CCP has a terrible human rights record and, with their long list of dishonest and aggressive actions, even espionage, they are NOT working for Canada's best interests.
 - i. The CCP have been carrying out brutal genocidal campaigns since they took control of the nation in 1949. China's own people have endured systematic CCP assaults that resulted in the murders of tens of millions of people as a matter of state policy.
 - ii. Since Chairman Mao, the CCP have largely run the country by committee. But President Xi, however, has been appointed for life. He is a tyrannical dictator. He acts against anyone who threatens his power.
 - iii. Tienanmen Square massacre – hundreds or thousands of students gunned down, some with tanks, in democracy protests of 1989.
 - iv. The 2 Michaels were obviously held hostage as political prisoners in retaliation for Meng Wenzhou's detention (hostage diplomacy), since they were released the same day as Meng was returned to China.
 - v. Uyghurs – the entire Liberal cabinet cowardly abstained from the HoC Conservative-led vote on Uyghur genocide – the vote passed 266 – 0. By the spring of 2022, the Trudeau Liberals had yet to declare that the CCP's repression of Uyghurs constitutes genocide.
 - vi. Decades-old treatment of Falun Gong – an open secret on the world stage of unprecedented persecution of this group, which practices an ancient way for improving mind and body, including torture, killings, organ harvesting, prison, forced labour, brainwashing and economic and intellectual abuse.
 - vii. Breaching the Hong Kong agreement (one country-two systems) which will destroy democracy and impose communist rule in Honk Kong, once the world's freest economy.
 - viii. His threats towards Taiwan are an extreme concern.
 - ix. A majority of Canadians (58%) view China as the biggest threat to Canada (report by the Canadian Security Intelligence Service titled *Attitudes To CSIS*.)
- b. Refusal to ban Hauwei from our 5G networks until May 2022, despite *Five Eyes* allies asking us to do so since at least 2019. They have all banned Huawei from their networks over security concerns, leaving Canada the odd (and naïve) one out until the last minute.
- c. Trudeau said he wouldn't allow goods made by slave labour by Uyghurs into Canada — but the Globe and Mail shows that no goods have been stopped at all.
- d. The Trudeau Liberals permitted Chinese military agents to work inside a top security bioresearch lab in Winnipeg, including deadly virus research, and allowed that classified research to be made known to the Chinese state. The Conservatives demanded documents relating to the January 2021 firings of the

Chinese scientists involved. The Liberals took the Speaker of the House to court rather than yield the documents Parliament demanded. In January 2022, Government House Leader Mark Holland said that allowing MPs to read secret documents on the firing of Chinese scientists at a federal lab would be “endangering our national security.” What are they hiding?

- e. Trudeau partnered with CanSino Biologics, a CCP state-owned entity, to develop a “made-in-Canada” COVID-19 vaccine. But China refused to send a single dose of the jointly-developed vaccine to Canada, leaving the Liberals scrambling at the back of the multi-country queue for securing alternative sources of vaccine supply.
- f. Taiwan – the Liberals repeatedly snubbed it on the international stage, refusing to even acknowledge its existence in a speech by Minister Champagne, not thanking it for medical donations. The Liberals refused to support Taiwan’s bid to join the Trans-Pacific trade agreement. Liberals tried to prevent Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen from being awarded the Halifax International Security Forum’s 2020 John McCain Prize for Leadership in Public Service (despite the interference attempt, President Tsai was issued the award after public outrage). Conservative MPs Garnett Genuis, Michael Ching and Melissa Lantsman and other critics have repeatedly called on Trudeau to take a tougher stance on the Chinese regime once Michael Spavor and Michael Kovrig were returned to Canada. The Liberals’ response: crickets. Genuis called Trudeau “missing in action” and pointed out that the Liberal government’s lack of response marked “a long pattern of inaction when it comes to China.”
- g. Hong Kong – refusing to stand up for the 300,000 Canadians in Hong Kong when it is obvious that China has reneged on its commitment to “one country – two systems” promise.
- h. Senator Yuen Pau Woo, appointed by Trudeau in 2016, attended a celebration in Vancouver of CCP rule in October 2021, alongside Chinese Deputy Consul General Wang Chengjung. Yuen Pau Woo has frequently courted controversy for pro-Beijing remarks. Chris Alexander, former cabinet minister and diplomat called for the senator to resign after he promoted a column which claimed that Canada took Meng “hostage.” Alexander accused the senator of being a “mouthpiece for foreign propaganda” and violating his oath, stating: “(Woo) has violated his oath as a Canadian Senator and should resign.”
- i. The Chinese embassy on Canada issued an abrupt statement demanding that Canadian media promote “friendship” with China rather than reporting on its many misdeeds.
- j. Dominic Barton, Canada’s Ambassador to China, advised Canadian industry to seize business opportunities in China, regardless of the political tensions. He commented to a state-run Chinese newspaper that the “major issue” of contention bedeviling Canada-China relations has been resolved and sunnier days between the nations lie ahead (speaking of the releases of Meng and the two Michaels). Chinese Vice Minister of Commerce Wang Shouwen said that Meng’s return to China tore down the “biggest hurdle” between China and Canada, but that does not mean bilateral ties will resume automatically. Barton’s naïve comments have raised demands for his recall.
- k. CCP soldiers training in Canada. The Canadian Armed Forces’ top commander recommended cancelling a planned joint exercise between our military and the People’s Liberation Army on Canadian soil. Liberal Ministers did not back him up. Clearly, the Trudeau Liberals are more concerned about how Beijing might react than in defending Canadian interests. Trudeau has become so timid that he can’t even say no to Chinese soldiers arriving on our territory.
- l. Trudeau’s pre-2015 election statement of the “level of admiration I have for China – because their basic dictatorship is allowing them to actually turn their economy around on a dime.”
- m. CCP sanctions on our exports – meat, canola with no corresponding boycott of cheap Chinese goods.

- n. Now China is putting sanctions on our people – e.g. Michael Chong, an opposition MP!
- o. No talk of boycotting the Beijing Olympics.
- p. Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank – Canada has invested countless millions to a bank led by the Chinese Communist Party, all while China is persecuting the Michaels. Erin O’Toole said: “When the AIIB was first proposed it was criticized by the Obama administration as a political tool that the Chinese government would use to expand its influence throughout Asia. Furthermore, concerns about the AIIB’s environmental records, labour standards and overall commitment to human rights continue.”
- q. China calls Trudeau “Little Potato” – a disrespectful snub.
- r. New Brunswick’s Minister of Education Dominic Cardy slammed the Trudeau government for its general foreign policy failures about the experience of the Confucius Institute, a Chinese Communist Party branch operation that’s operating inside public schools and universities in different places across Canada. Card described how the Chinese government used the controversial Confucius Institute program to propagandize New Brunswick students: “Programs supposedly focusing on culture and language in many cases included overt political propaganda. This included having elementary school students drawing maps of China that would erase the border with Taiwan. This included the denial of the reality of Tiananmen Square, and it included the disciplining of students who raised questions around China’s abysmal human rights records,” explained Cardy. As a result of his attempts to bar the Confucius Institute from being active in the province, Cardy related to parliamentarians how he was met with “lobbying efforts” and even a visit by a consul general of China to attempt to pressure him to change a government decision. In recent years, national security experts have raised the alarm about the Confucius Institute’s presence in Canada and beyond. FBI Director Christopher Wray testified before a US Senate intelligence committee in 2018 identified the Confucius Institute as being “one of many tools” that the CCP employs in its foreign interference strategy.

Immigration

- a. Welcoming ISIS and illegal immigrants.
- b. Trudeau is further cheapening Canada’s citizenship by eliminating our rules-based immigration system. The directives from Trudeau infuse our system with divisive race-based identity politics. If you identify as “intersectional” — meaning if you’re not a straight white male — the rules no longer apply to you. You can come to Canada, no questions asked. Even if you LIE on your application, it doesn’t matter anymore. Trudeau just chalks that up to the “trauma” involved in seeking refugee status. The Trudeau Liberals are making a mockery of our immigration system, making the value of a Canadian passport a laughing stock in the entire world — all in exchange for more Liberal votes.
- c. No border protection – open borders even during the pandemic lockdown. Fake refugees – people claiming persecution yet they are arriving from the USA – walking across our border unimpeded (in fact, welcomed and taken by bus to shelters). This is rolling out the red carpet for them. Meanwhile, the borders were closed for ordinary Canadians (this comment belongs under Incompetence as well). While Roxham Road, QC was closed for a while during the pandemic, in November 2021 the CBSA revealed that unvaccinated illegal border crossings were allowed by Trudeau again. Simultaneously, unvaccinated Canadians are no longer able to board a plane or passenger train in Canada. Additionally, Canadians returning from abroad must be vaccinated and/or show a negative PCR test taken within 72 hours of their arrival at the border or boarding their flight to Canada. This is not just discrimination, it’s racism by Trudeau. Since February 2017, nearly 60,000 migrants crossed into Canada illegally. *TVA Nouvelles* report in January 2022 that about 100 illegal migrants cross at Roxham Road daily. This is while Quebec issued a curfew and provincial lockdowns are in effect – so restrictions punish citizens

only, while illegals propagate COVID. True North reported on Feb. 1 that 2,800 illegal border crossers entered Canada through Roxham Road in December 2021. In March 2022, True North reported: “Canadians are now literally paying the price for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau’s open border policy, with taxpayers being forced to cover the hotel quarantine stays of unvaccinated border crossers who enter Canada illegally via Roxham Road. According to Deputy Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Catrina Tapley, migrants and asylum claimants who are unvaccinated and have no quarantine plan will be housed free of charge by the government in designated rooms.”

- d. Cabinet raises 2021 immigration levels 117% to the highest rate in Canadian history, in the middle of a pandemic and national lockdowns. We have insufficient housing supply for our own residents yet Trudeau will bring in 420,000 new people when the pandemic is in its third or fourth wave. According to June 2021 *Angus Reid Institute* poll, 39% of Canadians responded by saying that the number of people the Liberals want to immigrate to Canada was “far too many” or “too many” and that the “number should be way lower.”
- e. These immigration levels are at a time when Trudeau has committed Canada to Paris 2.0 – net zero by 2050, so increased carbon taxes layered on top of the “clean” fuel standard will cancel each other out.
- f. A Statistics Canada study in March 2022 has found that 72% of government-sponsored refugees still rely on welfare programs two years after arrival, and 35% are still dependent after 10 years. The report comes as the Trudeau government plans to bring in record-setting numbers of immigrants and refugees in the coming years. The federal Liberals have overseen the acceptance of over 25,000 Syrian refugees, primarily government-sponsored, and plans on accepting 40,000 refugees from Afghanistan. Overall, the feds are looking to admit over 75,000 refugees in 2022. Previously, the 1976 Immigration Act had made it mandatory for newcomers to demonstrate they had work skills and the ability to be economically independent. The Chretien government disposed of the requirement in 2001, so refugees no longer had to prove they were unlikely to rely on social assistance.

Bribing the media

Defund – not defend – the CBC

- a. Propping up the failing CBC, which few Canadians watch or listen to, to “buy” favourable coverage. The CBC got \$1.4 billion in government funding in 2021 (CBC annual report), which funded a bloated bureaucracy, and employs about 7,500. CBC salaries include 125 senior directors earning up to \$186,000 each, according to a True North access to information request. The Trudeau government promised in January 2022 that the state broadcaster would receive an additional \$400 million over 4 years to make it less reliant on advertising. Despite receiving \$1.2 billion annually from Canadian taxpayers, the Department of Canadian Heritage claims the CBC is under immense financial pressure. The CBC was steadily losing advertising revenue long before the pandemic, with CBC TV revenue decreasing 53% between 2014 and 2019. CBC reported ad revenues were down 18% in 2020 and more in 2021. Blacklock’s Reporter in December 2021 noted: “CBC television advertising revenues fell another 10% last year even as the network claimed housebound Canadians watched more TV than ever. Management had no explanation in the Annual Report tabled in Parliament: ‘You have to buy this dog over here that nobody wants’.” Previous reports have shown that the CBC engages with very few Canadians, Fewer than 4% of Canadians regularly watched CBC TV in 2019 and only 0.8% tune into its evening newscasts. The audience for supertime CBC local news shows got so bad – a combined total of just 320,000 viewers spread across 27 stations (an average of 12,000 viewers each) – that the CBC finally decided to produce one, central-Canadian based program to show countrywide. Two-thirds of

Canadians listen to Commercial radio; less than one quarter thinks that CBC radio is vital. Yet the CBC is asking the federal government for more money!

- b. It is also guilty of “reporting” fake news and spreading misinformation. The CBC often writes articles they title “Analysis” but in fact are the biased opinions of their left-leaning reporters. CBC thinks of itself as “the arbiter of truth.” It is not. In fact they often get it wrong. They skew articles about Conservatives while ignoring gaffes of the Liberals. The government briefing note claims the CBC is a source of “trusted news and information,” but also acknowledged widespread complaints from Canadians. They have “stolen” stories initially reported on both True North and The Rebel News and called them their own, without giving credit to the news organizations that actually broke the stories.
- c. They acknowledged a story about Conservative MP Rachel Harder during the 2021 election as fake news. For weeks the CBC media treated Conservatives unfairly, misrepresented O’Toole’s positions, repeated only Liberal talking points and pushed Trudeau’s wedge issues, generally vilifying Conservatives. This was especially apparent in Rosemary Barton’s horrific interview of Erin O’Toole on CBC TV.
- d. In January 2022, CBC got caught red-handed spreading more fake news. This time it claimed that Canadians don’t like Alberta and Albertans. However, the facts tell a much different story, one that the CBC wanted to hide.
- e. In February 2022, the CBC reported that the Kremlin was behind the Freedom Convoy truckers’ protest at Parliament Hill. According to Blacklock’s Reporter, the Crown broadcaster said: “There is concern that Russian actors could be continuing to fuel things as this protest grows, or perhaps even instigating it.” It had to clarify the next day that assertion was not factual.
- f. In March 2022, Blacklock’s Reporter published the headline: “CBC Pulls False Convoy Story.” The CBC retracted another false Freedom Convoy story that suggested foreigners played a large role in the protest. The claim was made on a radio broadcast of The World This Hour, self-described as “Canada’s most trusted audio newscast.”
- g. Despite the fact that the CBC publicly retracted a news story about the Freedom Convoy that erroneously claimed that support for the protest had largely come from foreigners, the Trudeau government relied on the state broadcaster to justify its use of the Emergencies Act. Attorney General David Lametti confirmed that the government relied on false CBC reports when freezing the bank accounts of Canadians who supported the protest.
- h. In March 2022, Blacklock’s Reporter published the headline: “CBC-TV Libel Worth \$1.95M.” The CBC has been ordered to pay more than a quarter million in legal fees in what is now the costliest defamation case in Manitoba history. A Winnipeg judge earlier noted the Crown broadcaster failed in its duty to be fair, balanced and responsible: “The CBC took very strong positions during the course of the trial that were not supported by the facts.” Another case of what Vancouver lawyer Richard Kurland calls “interpretations colliding with the facts on the ground!”
- i. Renowned Canadian author and psychologist Dr. Jordan B. Peterson gave a scathing critique of the CBC regarding its coverage of the Freedom Convoy in Ottawa. He blasted the CBC coverage as “appallingly corrupt, ideologically warped.” He said the public broadcaster should no longer receive any public funding due to its “appallingly corrupt” practices. Peterson continued: “There’s absolutely no excuse whatsoever for another single dollar of Canadian taxpayer money to go to support that appallingly corrupt, ideologically warped, politically correct, collusionary media source with the federal government. It’s inexcusable, and the rest of the media – well, it’s part of their pronounced death

spiral.” Peterson added: “The legacy media are in an unrecoverable death spiral, spinning ever more uncontrollably. The CBC has become a mewling, meandering, self-righteous, slogan-spewing narcissistic near-corpse.”

Peterson’s comments came in response to an episode of The Candice Malcolm Show featuring Toronto Sun columnist Anthony Furey. Malcolm and Furey had discussed how the legacy media’s coverage of COVID-19 was failing Canadians. “What we see is that there will be some kind of main message that’s coming from Justin Trudeau or even provincial authorities, and the media is sort of like a pack,” True North Founder and Editor-In-Chief Candice Malcolm had said. “They all just completely take the narrative – take the talking points, hook, line and sinker – and start promoting it. Not like journalists, but like activists.” Furey agreed, adding, “(a) journalist’s job is not just to amplify a tone that has been set by a government official or a public health official. And may I remind you that public health talks a lot about behavioural sciences, what they call nudging, to encourage people to take a certain attitude. It’s just not the job of the media to be pushing all of that out there.”

- j. In April 2022, Trudeau introduced Bill C-18 the Online News Act to exempt news corporations from the federal Competition Act. C-18 allows Canada’s largest (subsidized) media conglomerates to seek mandatory shares of ad revenues from Google, Facebook, etc. The largest beneficiary of this cabinet bill is the CBC, despite its massive taxpayer-funded budget.
- k. The CBC (funded by our tax dollars) initiated a lawsuit against the Conservative Party in the midst of the 2019 federal election. CBC ultimately lost that suit but that didn’t stop the Liberals from upping the funding the CBC gets.
- l. In 2019, only 0.8% of Canadians tuned in to watch CBC news’ evening broadcasts. In recent years, the CBC’s ad revenue has also declined significantly, dropping 19% in the first six months of 2020 alone. CBC spends \$900,000 on five-person “strategic intelligence” department – almost all of which was salaries for a manager and four employees, apparently “in order to be better informed of the various trends and realities of the telecommunications sector, thus enabling it to be more informed.”
- m. In January 2022, a long-time CBC producer posted: “To work at the CBC in the current climate is to embrace cognitive dissonance and to abandon journalistic integrity.” She gave details of the rise of woke, race-obsessed identity politics in a scathing column on *Substack*.
- n. Several Conservative Party leadership candidates in 2022 promised to defund the CBC and end the media bailout.
- o. Most Canadians would be open to supporting the Conservatives if they fully defunded the CBC, according to a new poll. The results of a survey released by the Angus Reid Institute in March 2022 suggested that 64% of Canadians would consider voting Conservative if they promised to defund the state broadcaster.

Destruction of Independent Journalism – the Media Bailout

- a. Media bailout – destroying press independence. The media bailout was announced in 2018 at \$595 million and was decried as headline-buying by Trudeau, or, perhaps more accurately, as a free pass for Liberals to sidestep unfriendly yet necessary media questioning. By 2021, under the *Local Journalism Initiative*, Trudeau announced another \$61 million subsidy but the media associations entrusted to oversee the funds are unable to provide the amounts of dozens of legacy media outlets have received. Officials of the Department of Canadian Heritage said they did not keep records of the salaries, positions or outlets of the journalists hired on the public’s dime under the LJL.

- b. Things proceeded from bad to worse. In February 2022, Blacklock's Reporter headlined: "The nation's largest daily, the federally-subsidized Toronto Star, seeks millions more in taxpayers' aid. The publisher petitioned MPs for new concessions including a \$5,000 tax credit to train employees in how to use the internet.
- c. So-called journalists in the media are nothing but a mouthpiece for the government. After all, their entire operation is dependent on government handouts. In the fall of 2021, Erin O'Toole claimed there was a brewing Liberal-NDP government agreement that would secure Trudeau's hold on power for a full term despite his minority government status. The Conservatives were ridiculed and mocked by the [media](#). Toronto Star columnist Althia Raj called the Liberal-NDP alliance "imaginary" and a ploy by O'Toole to cover up his own problems. Commentator Randy Boswell wrote in Global News that O'Toole was "scaremongering about the unholy alliance" of a radical Liberal-NDP deal. CBC's Aaron Wherry stated that a Liberal-NDP deal was just "rumours" and that "no negotiations" were happening to reach a confidence and supply agreement. But in March 2022, the Conservatives were vindicated after it was reported that an official pact had been reached between Trudeau and Jagmeet Singh to prop up the Liberals for the next three years.
- d. When Trudeau made his second trip to address the EU {Parliament in March 2022, he received scathing criticisms (reported elsewhere in this document) for his "dictatorship" and treatment of protesters, a wish that he had not been invited and one MEP even boycotted his speech. While the world press and Canadian independent media reported this, Canadian mainstream media ignored the severe scolding of Trudeau. Despite Canadian legacy media outlets burying the story, the reprimand of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau by European parliamentarians in Brussels made headlines around the world. The outrage over Trudeau's presence in the European Parliament spread far and wide in international outlets. Croatia's daily newspaper Večernji featured an article dedicated quoting MEP Kolakusic's condemnation of Trudeau before EU parliament: "Canada has become a dictatorship of the worst kind because of you." One of Australia's most prominent broadcasters, Sky News, also devoted a segment to Trudeau's thrashing at the EU. "Justin Trudeau's clamping down on democratic freedoms has been widely criticized from across the political spectrum." French journalist Gaspar Bazinet wrote: "A member of the European Parliament called Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau a 'dictator' to his face during Trudeau's trip to Belgium this week and accused the Canadian government of violating human rights." The Serbian outlet Nulta Tačka also dedicated a feature article to Trudeau's torching at the hands of European parliamentarians. In Canada, however, the legacy media painted a wholly different picture. Reading through coverage by the CBC, Global News, Canadian Press and others, one would get the impression that Trudeau's trip was a supremely successful and well-received affair. A Canadian Press article titled "Trudeau's address to European Parliament focused on the rising threats to democracies" made no mention of any of the MEPs who thoroughly trashed Trudeau.
- e. When the Liberals tabled their budget in April 2022, the government claimed it was spending less and that they were being fiscally responsible. In reality, Canada's dire federal debt is \$1.2 trillion and is worsening by the day due to Liberals' reckless overspending. But the legacy media reported comments like these:
 - "The most conservative budget," Toronto Star reporter Tonda MacCharles tweeted.
 - "Very modest budget." Global correspondent David Akin tweeted.
 - "This is what a prudent budget looks like," National Post's John Ivison wrote.

This budget promises spending 452.3 billion, \$90 billion more than pre-pandemic levels. Canada is dead last in per-capita GDP growth for the coming decades. How can the legacy media be so out-of-touch? Despite these facts, economic pundits and journalists with legacy outlets including the National Post, the Toronto Star and the CBC would have Canadians believe that the Liberals had put forward a fiscally conservative spending plan. The True North got it right: “The legacy media is regurgitating the Trudeau government talking points, claiming the latest budget is “modest” and “prudent.” What world are they living in?

- f. Trudeau attended a fundraiser in Surrey BC in May 2022. He was shouted down. The Liberals invented a news story that “racist slurs” were being hurled at attendees. Unsurprisingly, the legacy media immediately ran the story. There was only one problem – it was never true. Countless legacy media outlets had to backtrack and change their news stories after being called out for fake news.
- g. After one year since the apparent discovery of unmarked graves found near residential schools, the story still hasn’t been verified. But that hasn’t stopped leftist activists and politicians from continuing to falsely accuse Canada of committing “genocide.” More fake news. And in the wake of horrific mass shootings in the US, the left in Canada is exploiting tragedies and importing US culture wars for their own benefit.
- h. Censorship – placed a fine on Ezra Levant of The Rebel News for publishing his 2019 book, *The Librano\$* even though 24 other books were published at the same time without being investigated. Needless to say, *The Librano\$* was the only one of those books highly critical of Trudeau.
- i. The Liberals introduced Bill C-36 in 2021 to amend the Criminal Code and the Human Rights Act regarding hate speech. The bill went much further, by allowing a complainant to seek provincial court protection based solely on the assumption that hate speech might occur, not on the offense having already taken place; i.e. if a person fears that another will commit an offence “motivated by bias, prejudice or hate based on race, national or ethnic origin, language, colour, religion, sex, age, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or any other similar factor.” It was widely criticized as step 1 in the Liberals’ true intent, which is to control the press. Conservative Shadow Minister for Justice Rob Moore said in a statement: “This bill will not target hate speech — just ensure bureaucrats in Ottawa are bogged down with frivolous complaints about tweets. The Trudeau Liberals are empowering a bureaucracy to subjectively restrict the rights of Canadians.” In addition, the Canadian Constitution Foundation, which has the mission to defend the constitutional rights and freedoms of Canadians, said in a statement that the legislation “will impact the ability of Canadians to engage in debate on subjects that are unsettled.”
- j. During the truckers’ convoy of February 2022, Trudeau not only destroyed his reputation, but also the legacy media destroyed their credibility. Trudeau ordered the arrest of political dissidents, the freezing of their bank accounts and a complete shutdown of downtown Ottawa to end a peaceful, non-violent protest. The legacy media continued their smear campaign against the freedom convoy, while the government used taxpayer funded Parliament Hill police to guard journalists in the streets, despite no acts of violence being reported against journalists during the protest. As it actually happened, the only violence was by the police, not the demonstrators. The government-supported media displayed despicable behavior by first ignoring the convoy, then downplaying it, then smearing it and repeating the Liberal talking points. They ignored the truth about the protests. Mainstream media corruption was laid bare for all to see. Thankfully, Independent media reported the facts.
- k. The Trudeau Liberals propose Bill C-18, the Online News Act. Google warns this would give feds “unprecedented control” calling it a sweeping attempt to impose government control over the web. The CRTC would be responsible for determining who is a journalist, what is an eligible news business,

and how much money will be directed to each entity — decisions far outside its expertise as a broadcast regulator. Meta (Facebook) and Twitter have also called the legislation flawed. Meta threatened to block access to news in Canada on Facebook should the government go through with its plans. In response to similar laws introduced by Australia last year, Meta shut down access to news content on Facebook. The move forced the Australian government to renegotiate certain parts of its internet regulation regime. Canada has cited Australia's legislation as a basis on which its own proposed laws were founded.

- l. In May 2021, the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc band announced that a ground penetrating radar survey had turned up 215 underground anomalies they suspected were the unmarked graves of students who had died while attending Kamloops Indian Residential School. Tk'emlúps leadership might have believed they were merely releasing an update on a fact that was already well-known within the Indigenous community. However, the legacy media mis-reported these as "a mass grave." Much of the media and political narrative in summer 2021 was false. There were no "mass graves." There was no evidence of mass murder. There is no evidence the graves were deliberately concealed. And in several cases, First Nations explicitly stressed that radar surveys were likely turning up graves without any immediate links to nearby residential school sites. This irresponsible "journalism" by the legacy media meant that Canada Day was effectively cancelled, historic churches fell to arson and flags were kept at half-mast for five months – the longest in the history of the Commonwealth.
- m. Vice President and Managing Director of Google Canada Sabrina Geremia said that the Online News Act would "break Google search," calling the bill a "link tax" that is not grounded in the reality of how the internet works and indexes content. "The Online News Act would change this, requiring companies like Google to pay news businesses simply so that we can help you find what you're looking for," writes Geremia. "Canadians expect that when they search for information, they will have access to ALL the content the internet has to offer. Requiring payment for links risks limiting Canadians' access to the information they depend on." Additionally, Geremia cited how the law would "create a lower standard for journalism in Canada" and could even open up subsidizing foreign news outlets known to spread propaganda and misinformation.

Bad judgment

There is no shortage of appallingly bad judgment – "Trudeauvian stumbles" from which to choose. To start the list, the island holiday courtesy of the Aga Khan, the SNC-Lavalin scandal, the WE charity debacle (the repeat ethics violations), the blackface embarrassments, the India costume foolishness, deciding to skip the first annual reconciliation day to stroll the beach at Tofino, the regular apologies. His caucus wouldn't dare challenge his actions or criticize him, because the Liberal party has abandoned the notion that MPs are elected to represent their constituents or participate in policy formation, replacing it with the expectation of loyalty to the leader and the party at all costs. Just ask Jody Wilson-Raybould!

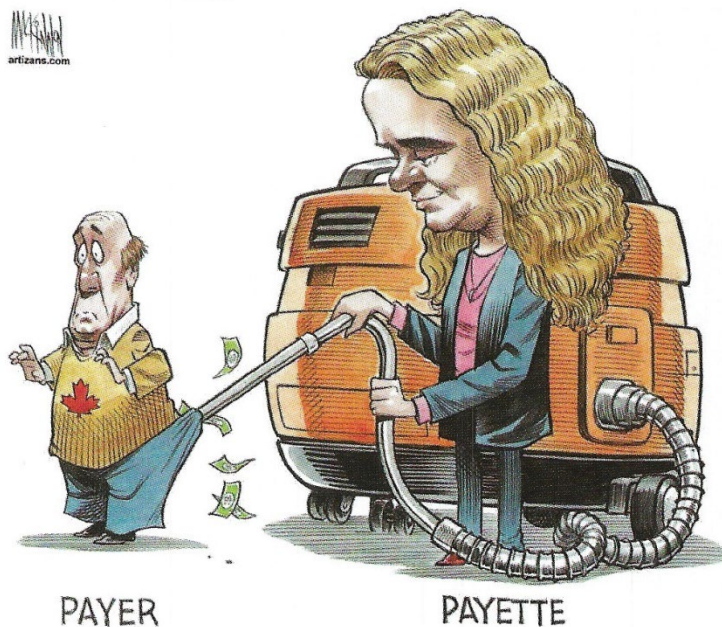
- a. Calling a vanity election at the start of the 4th wave of the pandemic. It's "vanity" because he thought he could win a majority. The government did not fall, he did not lose the confidence of the opposition parties (in fact, the Conservatives and the NDP (who had been propping up the failed Liberal government) opposed the election and pleaded with Trudeau to wait). The election cost over \$600 million. The result was a waste of effort and money, as voter turnout was historically low, the Conservatives got more of the popular vote than the Liberals (as in the 2019 election), and no substantive change occurred as Trudeau got a minority with the lowest ever percentage of the popular vote – only 32% of Canadians who voted supported Trudeau's Liberals (that's 20% of all eligible voters).

Nevertheless Trudeau stood up declaring that he had a new mandate to govern. Canadians rolled their collective eyes.

- b. By calling the 2021 election, the government did not focus on getting the Afgan Interpreters who helped Canada out of the Taliban's way. Many will undoubtedly be killed as a result. Asked about this catastrophe, Trudeau said the "limiting factor" on evacuation is not "paperwork" or "connections with the Canadian government" but "people being unable to get to the airport, people being unable to actually leave the country." But why didn't the Trudeau government see what would happen once Biden made his announcement of the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan back in April? As late as July 23, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada announced a special program to relocate some Afghans to Canada. The government claimed on August 16 that 807 Afghan refugees and 34 Canadian diplomats had been evacuated from Kabul, (with another 188 reportedly airlifted out August 20). What about the thousands of others left in jeopardy? Erin O'Toole accused the Trudeau government of being "asleep at the switch" on this issue. Trudeau and the Liberal campaign frequently invoke former Conservative Prime Minister Stephen Harper as a bogey man. But the Harper government initiated the first program to relocate Afghan staff including interpreters, who assisted Canadian forces in Kandahar in 2009. Under this program, initiated by then immigration minister Jason Kenney, about 800 people were brought to Canada before the program expired in 2011. Despite their professed commitment to human rights in general and the cause of refugees in particular, the Trudeau government took no special effort to relocate more Afghans who had helped Canada since coming to power in 2015, preferring instead to increase the general intake of refugees.
- c. In April 2022, Blacklocks' Reporter reported: "MPs are seeking air rescue flight logs following allegations Reid Sirrs, Canada's ambassador to Afghanistan, fled the country with staff aboard a half-empty military plane.
- d. Abysmal treatment of Vice-Admiral Mark Norman. The \$668-million deal for Quebec-based shipbuilder Chantier Davie Canada Inc. to convert a civilian cargo ship into a military supply vessel had been signed by Stephen Harper's previous Conservative government on the eve of the 2015 election. Though the deal was, in fact, approved by the Liberal government just days later, they accused Norman of leaking confidential cabinet information and suspended him from military duty. The RCMP raided Norman's home in January 2017. Norman pleaded not guilty, confident that he acted with integrity, ethically and "in the best interests of the Royal Canadian Navy, the Canadian Forces and, ultimately, the people of Canada." Separately, Norman's defence team alleged that former Treasury Board minister Scott Brison had tried to quash the contract with Davie on behalf of its rival, Irving Shipbuilding Inc. of New Brunswick. Norman's lawyers alleged political interference, accusing the Privy Council Office of attempting to direct the prosecution. His legal team had subpoenaed emails, text messages and meeting notes belonging to Justin Trudeau and his senior advisers. The links to SNC-Lavalin are apparent. Ultimately, the Crown's case against Norman collapsed, partly under the weight of information from several former Conservative cabinet ministers and staffers. The Crown would only say that it believed there was no longer a reasonable chance of conviction. This was on the eve of the 2019 federal election. But the damage to Norman's career had been done.
- e. G.G. Payette failure. Trudeau did not properly vet her before appointing her as Governor General. He took over five months to replace her. From the time Payette took on the role in 2017 and left in 2021, her office requested renovation projects costing taxpayers \$464,395. In Feb. 2022 the Canadian Taxpayers Federation announced that we taxpayers were stuck paying \$277,592 for secret lawsuit settlements at Rideau Hall in the year following former governor general Julie Payette's resignation, according to the National Post. On top of that, there's about \$170,000 in legal bills that we taxpayers paid out. Now she has a huge lifetime pension and expenses benefits. The Trudeaus have a long history

of disrespect for Queen Elizabeth. From Pierre dancing behind her back or Justin taking down her portraits as soon as he became Prime Minister, their disdain is clear for all to see. That is why the Liberals are not celebrating the 70th anniversary of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth. Canada has always celebrated the anniversary of the King or Queen's coronation with a medal. These medals are typically given to citizens, who have been of service to their communities. That is until Trudeau. The Liberals do not believe in rewarding community service and volunteerism. After all, for Liberals, if something is worth doing, it is worth paying a bureaucrat to do it – or a political benefactor. Volunteers have the unfortunate effect of reminding people we do not need to rely on a massive nanny-state from cradle to grave. The last thing the Liberals want to do is honour people, who demonstrate independence from big government. Trudeau demonstrated his lack of respect for the role of the monarchy when he appointed a Julie Payette to be Governor General. For the Liberals it was all just an opportunity to virtue signal, and nothing to consider seriously.

The CTF's *Taxpayer* magazine reported in early 2022 that G.G. Payette's diplomatic trips cost more than \$3 million. In 2018, more than \$1.3 million was spent. More than \$1.5 million was spent on 2019. This includes \$45,000 spent on a trip to Mozambique that was cancelled, and over \$870,000 spent on a tour of 4 West African countries, for which Global Affairs Canada did not offer any justification for nor any diplomatic progress made.



- f. Former governors general can bill Canadian taxpayers for expenses, even after they die. The Governor General Support Program allows former governors general to expense taxpayers up to \$206,040 each year for duties they perform in retirement and can cover hospitality costs, salaries for four staff members, office costs, travel expenses, and payments to a former governors general's estate up to six months after their deaths. In 2017-18, expenses submitted by former governors general totalled \$541,337. The annual cost of the program could reach \$1,030,200 with Canada's five former governors general. The Liberals reviewed the program at a cost of over \$20,000 in October 2019 but made no recommendations to end the program.
- g. Abandoning First Nations Financial Transparency Act.

- h. Legalizing marijuana - the only actual 2015 election promise he actually kept – much to the chagrin of parents, police, municipalities, religious groups, etc.
- i. Now Liberals would like to see more illicit drugs legalized. The Trudeau government's new Bill C-22 would reduce criminal sentences for hard drug traffickers and soften penalties for possession of drugs like crack, heroin, and fentanyl.
- j. Not firing Theresa Tam despite conflict of interest between her role as top doctor and Communist-controlled WHO (she was on their staff, signed their agreements to keep their secrets, and she made sure to do their bidding while driving Canada's COVID policy decisions. As these measures continue to drag on, it has become evident that none of her decisions have been in the best interest of Canadians
- k. Spending more than \$10 million to fix up the cottage at Harrington Lake, far more than first admitted.
- l. The Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development put out a tender notice for a complete renovation of a five-bedroom London apartment at 46 Hanover House for the Canadian High Commission. The monthly rental is estimated to be over £11,000 which is over \$19,000 CDN. This 3,277 sq.ft. property is approximately three times the size of the average 3-bedroom rental in Canada. Canadian Taxpayers Federation Federal Director Franco Terrazzano blasted the federal government's renovation plans in a statement emailed to True North. "Many families are struggling right now so why are the feds prioritizing a fancy apartment in London over tax relief for Canadians? Ottawa has a long track record of wasting our tax dollars overseas and this sure looks like another project that wouldn't be a priority for Canadian families who are footing the bill. Canadians deserve to know how much money the feds are spending and why bureaucrats think this is a good use of our tax dollars right now."
- m. Wasting money on all kinds of personal projects, such as a Toronto jazz band's tour of South America, a Canadian artist's sex toy exhibit in Germany, Bryan Adams' photo exhibition, Margaret Atwood's Australian tour to promote her new book, and other boondoggles.
- n. SNC-Lavalin Group awarded a \$150 million federal sole-source contract for pandemic field hospitals "urgently needed" that nobody asked for. No fixed delivery dates for the mobile health units were specified, and the mobile hospitals were never used. In January 2022, Health Minister Jean-Yves Duclos could not explain this contract.
- o. Flip-flops and inconsistencies on policies. Key example: *Reuters* on January 13 2022 reported: "Ottawa reverses course on mandatory vaccines for Canadian truckers crossing border. Canadian truckers will remain exempted from COVID-19 vaccine requirements at the international border, but unvaccinated drivers from the United States will be turned back starting Jan. 15, a spokesperson at the Canada Border Services Agency said. Canadian truck drivers arriving at the international border will also remain exempt from pre-arrival, arrival and post-arrival testing requirements." Mike Millian, President of the Private Motor Truck Council of Canada, said the Liberals' "flip flopping" and lack of clarity has created "mass confusion" across the trucking sector, severely impact Canada's supply chain and leading to a shortage of goods across the country. The Liberal mandate is set to take up to 26,000 US and Canadian truck drivers off their cross-border routes.
- p. MPs getting yet another pay raises April 1 2020, 2021 and 2022, when millions of Canadians were out of work.
- q. Trudeau continually sticks to his woke left views, though I suspect they are not his own (I do not credit him with enough intelligence) but rather those of his buddies Butts and Telford, The Fraser Institute said: "The modern political left does not view rejection as a rebuke of their ideology, instead they view

rejection as a signal they need to push harder. From their perspective they need to reeducate their target, to force a change in thinking from incorrect thoughts to correct thoughts, and the only acceptable path is to push harder. It doesn't matter how good your ideas and policies are, even when you deliver results to prove your accuracy, this specific opponent will always revert back to attacking the success based on their view of your wrongthink. Arguing with a political leftist like Justin Trudeau, in the hope he can be convinced to change direction, is futile. He is disassociated on a mental and emotional level from any semblance of a capacity to consider he may be wrong."

Conclusion

Livio Di Matteo, a Professor of Economics at Lakehead University and a Fraser Institute Senior Fellow said this:

"Canada's leaders seem increasingly unable to solve problems. Our governments are increasingly bureaucratic and adept at planning but not at implementation. While quite accomplished at spending large sums of money – especially at the federal level – our governments seem extraordinarily incapable of getting things done themselves or harnessing private initiative. Indeed, when it comes to the private sector, our governments are experts in imposing rules and regulations rather than incentives."

"We're told these are unprecedented times, but obviously not unprecedented enough for politicians of all stripes who tell us to stay home while they gallop around the world demonstrating an appalling lack of leadership."

We Conservatives are the party of the country's founding and must become the party of the country's future.

- We built railways across the country – the Liberals can't get pipelines built anywhere.
- We are the party of equality and liberty – the Liberals didn't even show up in Parliament for a vote on the Uyghur genocide.
- Western families have been abandoned while the Liberals have enriched their friends. We must secure the future of Canada's most significant industry and largest contributor to GDP – energy. That said, Conservatives cannot ignore "climate change." More accurately, we need action plans to protect clean air, clean water, clean soils and biodiversity. We must partner with the Engineers of the country's highest emitters and develop mitigation programs to reduce GHG emissions, by, say, 90% over a 5-year period. The Liberals do not have a climate plan – all they have is a tax plan. Proven pollution reductions can only be accomplished by the Engineers, not the politicians.
- Young Canadians have had their lives and futures put on hold, as debt rose above their necks so that they will be unable to repay it and will have to pass this to their children, with inevitable tax increases along the way.
- Conservatives have a plan to reopen and secure the economy and get Canadians back to work. The Liberals have only a spending plan with no stated goals or measurements for results.

The Scourge of Socialism

Socialism—as anyone who has studied the effects of its implementation around the world can attest—represents a real and present danger to the freedom and prosperity that has defined successful Western nations for centuries. Trudeau's steady march to the left is destroying our Canada. He must be stopped.

Hindering freedom of speech, restricting events (even in the name of health) and embracing woke ideology that defies common sense leads to controlling our freedoms of thought and expression, and is clearly against our Charter of Rights, in both statement and intention. And ultimately obstructs the truth.

Before “political correctness” became part of the public lexicon, George Orwell said that in a time of deceit, telling the truth is an act of revolution. Voltaire observed: “To learn who rules over you, find out whom you are not allowed to criticize.”

Recently, conservative political theorist Angelo Codevilla noted: “the point of political correctness is not and has never been merely about any of the items that it imposes, but about the imposition itself.”

Finally, this to end:

Liberal Playbook

Rule #1

- Promise Everything
- Spend Lots
- Deliver Nothing
- Blame Everyone Else

Afterthought:

Check out the Nuremburg Trials in 1945 and compare what the Nazi government did to establish their regime of control and compare it to what is happening in our country. The holocaust became possible based on three important controls:

- People in charge did what they were told without questioning their orders (and those who questioned were eliminated).
- The people were bombarded with propaganda, and were convinced to see those who refused to comply as 'threats' instead of human beings.
- The government established central power, eliminated democratic principles and dissolved regional power. They repressed organized labor and removed anyone from high positions who opposed the Nazi plan.

Trudeau has done this by giving the chief medical officers (who are federally paid and answer only to Trudeau) ultimate power and making the Premiers powerless. Trudeau is doing this through vaccine mandates and selective lockdowns.

The only gas worse than excess CO₂ and the emissions from the rear ends of cattle is that coming from the mouths of the woke left delusional politicians whose dysfunctional groupthink leads them to collective guilt for the historical wrongs they've inflicted on the world, and to outdo each other in virtue signaling, promising expensive gestures to reduce their emissions while China, India and Russia laugh in their faces.



Appendix 1: Why the Liberal Party is Dangerous

The Globe and Mail published this article: Justin Trudeau shouldn't lecture attendees at the Summit for Democracy. He should take notes, by Andrew Coyne, December 9 2021.

"The Prime Minister of Canada will be among the more than 100 world leaders in virtual attendance at U.S. President Joe Biden's Summit for Democracy this week. It is reported he will treat the other leaders to a recitation of his government's contributions to democracy, freedom and the rule of law in Canada: everything from "an enhanced emphasis on democracy in the digital space" to "reconciliation and anti-racism policies."

The presumption is not only that Canada is a kind of democratic model for the world, but that the Prime Minister and the government he leads have been a force for its advancement. This requires, let us say, a certain degree of credulity.

This is the Prime Minister, after all, who won election in part on a promise of electoral reform, only to discard it when it proved inconvenient; who promised more free votes, yet whipped his caucus as strictly as any predecessor; who promised he would not bundle disparate pieces of legislation into mammoth omnibus bills or impose arbitrary time limits on debate, yet in government did both – sometimes limiting debate to pass omnibus bills.

This is the Prime Minister who has twice been found in violation of federal ethics laws; who improperly pressed the attorney-general of Canada to interfere in a criminal case on behalf of a firm with Liberal Party ties, SNC-Lavalin, then forced her and another minister out of the party for blowing the whistle on the affair; who prevented witnesses from testifying to what they knew of it, either to parliamentary committees or the RCMP.

This is the Prime Minister who ordered his MPs to stonewall two more parliamentary inquiries: one looking into the WE Charity scandal (where, again, his own conduct was central to the investigation), the other into the mysterious dismissal of two Chinese scientists from a top-security research laboratory in Winnipeg; who prorogued Parliament to cut short the first and dissolved it to put off the second, even going so far as to take the Speaker of the House to court rather than yield the documents Parliament had demanded.

This is the Prime Minister who tried, in his first government, to pass a package of changes to House rules (the infamous Motion 6) that would have effectively hamstrung Parliament; who attempted, in the pandemic's panicky first weeks, to rush through a bill that would have allowed him to rule more or less by decree for two years; who, when this was rebuffed, failed to bring in a budget for more than two years; and who, even as he seeks authorization for billions more in public spending, has yet to table last year's public accounts.

This is the Prime Minister on whose watch the Commons has sat for just 106 days a year on average – a fifth below the postwar average; who called a snap election, in defiance of the fixed-date provision of federal election law; who, after the election, waited a month to appoint a cabinet and two months to recall Parliament; whose ministers are on such a short leash that they are not even allowed to appoint their own chiefs of staff.

This is also the Prime Minister whose government has so failed to live up to its obligations under the federal Access to Information Act that it has been described by successive information commissioners as among the most secretive in our history.

In all, this is a Prime Minister who, in his attitude to Parliament and to parliamentary democracy, most closely resembles the prime minister he replaced, Stephen Harper. But Mr. Harper scowled and was mean to the press and was, let's face it, a Conservative, where Justin Trudeau smiles and is kind to the press and is, let's face it, a Liberal. Which may explain how he can lecture others on democracy, in the same way as he lectures others on sexual misconduct or racial insensitivity, without fear of ridicule.

Of course, the problems with Canadian democracy do not begin or end with this government, or this Prime Minister. In the powers our system reserves to the prime minister, particularly of appointment; in the relative weakness of Parliament versus the executive, and of MPs versus party leaders; and in the departures we allow from the fundamental principle of one person, one vote, whether because of the disparities in riding sizes or the distortions of first past the post – to say nothing of the continuing embarrassment, in the 21st century, of subjecting legislation to the approval of an appointed upper house – Canada has few lessons to teach the other democracies.

Not that that will stop us, or him.”

Appendix 2: Whack the Rich for More Taxes?

Recent statistics from Stats Can show the top 1% of income earners in 2018 starts at \$245,000. They earn 10% of all income earned, and pay 21.3% of federal and provincial income tax collected.

The bottom 50% of earners are from \$0 to \$36,000 - 18% of all income earned, and pay 5% of federal and provincial income tax collected.

Those who call for raising taxes on the rich show their deep-seated ignorance of how our economy really works and who pays the freight.

Appendix 3: If Justin Trudeau believes in Parliament, he has a funny way of showing it

The Globe & Mail Editorial Board, December 9 2021.

“Back at the start of the pandemic, in March, 2020, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau found himself having to reassure Canadians that he was actually quite a fan of the country’s parliamentary democracy. “I want to make it very clear: I believe in our democratic institutions,” he said at one of his early COVID-19 briefings.

It was an odd thing for a duly elected Prime Minister to feel compelled to say, but Mr. Trudeau was on the defensive for good reason. His government had just been called out for trying to push through clauses in a major pandemic relief bill that granted the Finance Minister the power to increase spending and taxes without having to come back to Parliament for a vote until 2021.

This was an attempted end run around the foundational principle of parliamentary democracy that says the executive cannot tax and spend without the consent of Parliament. It would have still been in effect today had the opposition parties not reared up and said “no way.”

The offending clauses were removed, and the episode was quickly forgotten. But 21 months later, it has become clear that the incident wasn’t some innocent misstep, but was, in fact, a perfect expression of Mr. Trudeau’s disdain for Canada’s democratic institutions – a disdain that has been on display the entire pandemic, continues today and will no doubt live on in 2022.

Where even to start?

How about with the present: After winning a second minority government on Sept. 20, Mr. Trudeau delayed the return of Parliament for two months, until Nov. 22 – this after he declared the election to be the country’s “most important since 1945 and certainly in our lifetimes.”

After the previous two federal elections, Mr. Trudeau’s Liberals recalled Parliament within six weeks. The two Conservative governments before that did so in a month. There was no valid reason for the two-month delay – especially at a moment Mr. Trudeau claimed to be so historically urgent.

And now, after finally deigning to bring back Parliament, Mr. Trudeau’s government has actively hindered it from fully resuming its work.

As of Wednesday evening – nearly three full weeks into the four weeks of scheduled sitting time in the House of Commons prior to the Christmas break – only two of the House’s 25 standing committees had been made operational. A big reason for that is that the standing committee on procedure and House affairs, which prepares lists of committee members for approval by the House, only met for the first time last Friday.

As well, it took Mr. Trudeau until last Friday to name his roster of parliamentary secretaries – government MPs whose chief job is to stand in for cabinet ministers during Question Period and other House business and to help steer legislation through Parliament.

Had Mr. Trudeau recalled Parliament in four to six weeks after the election, and moved at a determined pace to bring it back to life, Canada's democratic institutions would be fully functional by now. As it is, it will likely be February before that happens, after the holiday break.

Which might not be so bad except that, prior to its recall on Nov. 22, the House had sat for just 169 days since June 21, 2019.

Much of that is owing to the fact Mr. Trudeau, with the help of the NDP and Bloc Québécois, used the cover of the pandemic to adjourn Parliament through most of the spring and summer of 2020. The Prime Minister further sidelined Parliament by proroguing the House in August, 2020, when the heat from the WE Charity scandal started to singe him, and then by calling a self-serving snap election this year.

Mr. Trudeau clearly would prefer not to be held accountable by the democratic institutions he claims to believe in.

It even seems as though he considers himself above those institutions, a suspicion fuelled when his government sued the Speaker of the House this year to block a committee order to produce documents related to the removal of two scientists from a federal high-security virology lab in Winnipeg.

But Mr. Trudeau is not above Parliament. In a minority government, he only serves as Prime Minister at the pleasure of the House of Commons. It is not his place to choke off the debate and scrutiny that are the oxygen of our democracy, and the fact he continues to get away with doing so should worry all Canadians."

Appendix 4: ‘Renewable’ energy can’t replace fossil fuels

Cornelis “Kees” van Kooten, The Fraser Institute December 13 2021

“Proponents of renewable energy have sought to demonstrate that economies can run solely on wind and solar at no significant cost to their citizens or economies. A recent paper that appeared in *Nature* just ahead of COP26 in Glasgow attempted to send a clear message to attendees—a world without fossil fuels is possible. However, this new research relies on unrealistic assumptions and ignores important costs associated with renewable energy developments.

“Specifically, the study uses 39 years of computer-generated wind and solar data to show that these renewables could meet the annual demand for electricity in 42 countries including Canada. The results may sound surprising since the sun doesn’t always shine and the wind doesn’t always blow.

“The study finds that, on average, countries would experience a minimum of 788 hours per year of blackouts (defined as hours when renewable energy was insufficient to meet electricity demand). For context, that means you would be without power 9 per cent of the time because renewable power would be insufficient to meet demand. Moreover, some countries in the analysis could expect to be without power 28 per cent of the time.

“When the researchers added 12 hours of energy storage to each country’s electricity system, the expected minimal time any country would be without power would decline to 6 per cent, although some countries would experience blackouts on average 17 per cent of the time. Currently, only countries that rely on hydroelectric power can claim to have adequate storage. And a battery could not be built large enough to provide such storage.

“In addition, the study finds that the number of hours where electricity supply cannot meet demand are reduced significantly if power can be easily—and at almost no cost—transmitted within and between countries. Under these assumptions, the number of hours without power drops to an average of 49 hours in Europe, 26 hours in Oceania and just 13 hours in North America.

“The authors of the study point out that their “results do not account for realistic power system specifications.” The lack of real-world constraints included in the analysis is astounding. Simply put, the analysis is of a world that does not yet exist.

“The study does not include the massive costs of constructing transmission infrastructure such as power lines to meet its assumption that power can be easily shared within and between countries.

“The study also ignores the costs of building wind turbines and solar panels, and their environmental costs. Turbines require massive amounts of steel and concrete. Just the steel required for wind turbines would represent 34.0 per cent to 51.4 per cent of the annual present capacity of the entire global steel industry. In other words, a renewables-only future would require building more steel capacity in the short term, and perhaps into the future—costs that are ignored in the analysis.

“In addition, disposing of the materials used for turbines at the end of the structure’s life (some 15 to 20 years) is not easy. While the steel can be recycled, the same is not true of the concrete foundation or the materials that comprise the huge blades, which are generally cut up and buried. Nor is it a

simple task to dispose of toxic waste found in the turbine's nacelle (box where the turbine's generator is located). The analysis excludes these environmental costs.

"Likewise, solar panels contain a variety of toxic chemicals including cadmium telluride, copper indium selenide, cadmium gallium (di)selenide, copper indium gallium (di)selenide, hexafluoro-ethane, lead and polyvinyl fluoride. The resulting end-of-life wastes are several orders of magnitude more hazardous than nuclear waste, and these costs are again ignored.

"Finally, energy transitions take time. Humanity's history is full of energy transitions that moved from one dominant source of energy, such as whale oil or timber, to a more efficient source over time. The difference now is that governments want to force the transition on an expedited timeline while optimistically assuming a technological breakthrough in the future. While many proponents of the transition have lauded this recent study, we should be much more skeptical given the unrealistic assumptions upon which the study is based, the massive costs excluded from the study, and the history of energy transition."



Appendix 5 Rex Murphy: Justin Trudeau has become a punchline on the world stage — for good reason

This is a sad moment — for Canada and its standing within the free world.

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“It is a brazen thing to go to other countries like some John the Baptist for the democracies, shortly after having trampled all over the rights of those involved in a largely peaceful democratic protest.

Let me make a plain, direct statement: The trucker protest was not an attempted coup. It was not a rebellion. It was not an assault on Canada’s democracy. It was none of those things.

The convoy protest was strong and present, but it was unthreatening and largely non-violent. It was superbly Canadian. It should not be slandered.

And it surely should not be used as some sort of example of anti-democratic forces by the leader of the country in which it took place. Most especially when he goes about the world delivering passionate defences of the idea of democracy itself.

To defend democracy, you should adhere to its principles. Don’t go to Brussels to preach what you skip over in Ottawa. Some examples:

For a start, don’t sic the banks on peaceful protesters.

Don’t call protesters racist and homophobic and characterize them as a fringe minority and stoke public anger against them with your extravagant and mean rhetoric.

Don’t rhetorically isolate one small portion of the Canadian population and paint them all as villains and seditionists and insurrectionists in a blatant attempt to whip up animosity towards them and their cause.

Don’t, as the leader of a democracy, claim they were out to overthrow the government. This is so much an overstatement it is really difficult to understand how some in the press actually repeated it.

It was plainly rubbish. If this was an attempted coup, a Che Guevara-style raid on the capital, it was the most amateur, inefficient and ludicrous coup in the history of coups. Was the plan to park the government out of power?

A leader preaching democracy abroad wouldn’t apply tactics that are more appropriate for the infiltration of ISIL terrorists to free citizens who have a legitimate beef with their government. He wouldn’t give himself the power to reach into personal bank accounts. He wouldn’t use the brute authority of the federal government to interfere with their fundraising.

All this being the case, maybe Prime Minister Justin Trudeau should think twice before wandering into an international forum, during a time of real war and death, and evoking the Canadian protest in the context of Ukraine’s savage hurt and danger.

Ukraine is bleeding. Save Canada’s calmer disturbances for a different, less tragic moment.

Yet Trudeau seems to believe, and half the Canadian press seem willing to oblige his belief, that the Ukraine crisis can act as a hall-pass or a cover for his anti-democratic invocation of the Emergencies Act.

Our circumstances are not Ukraine’s. Not even close. Nor should they be a water slide from accountability for the most imposing invasion of civil rights in half a century. Trudeau, with NDP Leader

Jagmeet Singh's sweet compliance, called up emergency powers, ran roughshod over civil liberties and let the banks loose on private accounts — all because he didn't like a protest movement.

And yet, three weeks later, after all that, Trudeau went over to Brussels and presumed to tell European parliamentarians that, "The leaders of those convoys were effective in turning citizens with real anxieties against the system best suited to allay those concerns."

He presumed to lecture them on "leadership" and confronting the threat posed by Russia. Yet, given his record, who is listening? Given his government's treatment of veterans, who can believe his fealty to the Canadian military? Given his lack of interest in civil liberties, who would not question his commitment to democratic principles? This is indeed a sad moment — for Canada and its standing within the free world.

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Appendix 6 Philip Cross: Federal budget 2022 shows Ottawa still doesn't understand innovation

Financial Post

The federal budget epitomizes the government's complete lack of self-awareness about its failure to understand why innovation in Canada has lagged for years. The chapter on innovation and the economy begins by observing "Canada has everything we need to thrive," with high levels of education, world-class research, abundant energy, and free-trade access to the entire G7 and the EU. Yet it acknowledges sub-par productivity and innovation are the "Achilles heel of the Canadian economy."

So why can't Canada translate its ample supply of the supposed raw inputs of innovation into more output? Start with the fact that, according to the latest research from Nobel Laureate Edmund Phelps, the main determinant of innovation is societal attitudes and values, not some laundry list of government policies. After all, the Soviet Union also had high levels of human capital and abundant energy but failed miserably at innovation.

Instead of cultivating risk-taking and entrepreneurship, the budget continues the grape-shot approach of scattering money across a wide variety of programs and industries: \$15 billion over five years for the Canada Growth Fund, \$1.0 billion over five years for the Canadian Innovation and Investment Agency, \$750 million over six years for Innovation Clusters (the discredited centrepiece of the government's previous innovation policy), \$1 billion for a new Strategic Innovation Fund, and \$1.2 billion more for regional development slush funds.

These investments will have no measurable impact on innovation because they are only about one per cent of the \$216 billion businesses currently invest annually and they don't address the underlying problem of values and attitudes. Governments' repeated attempts to incubate innovation in environments artificially created by government-controlled agencies actually subtract from Canada's potential to innovate by encouraging a dependence on government support and direction that is the antithesis of entrepreneurial innovation in commercial markets.

The federal government's inability to design an effective approach is hardly surprising given its lack of understanding of innovation. The budget laments Canada's last-place global standing in business investment in research and development, but on the next page admits "invention is not enough." The government persists in confusing Research and Development with innovation, an idea long discredited in the extensive literature on innovation but which governments both left and right somehow cannot grasp. Even as it acknowledges Canada's insufficiency of R&D, the budget touts Canada's superior growth of high-tech jobs — apparently without seeing the contradiction involved in doing so (never mind that the employment data is dubious). Innovation is not about invention and high tech, but instead involves new ways of doing things that are commercially viable anywhere in the economy.

The \$38.3-million increase in funding for Canada Research Chairs (CRC) exemplifies another flaw in government attempts to boost innovation. The budget claims the CRC program has created 2,200 lucrative positions at Canadian universities since its establishment in 2000. An "extensive evaluation" of whether this has fostered innovation will be completed in the fall of 2022 — although the program has obviously failed to achieve its original goal of kick-starting overall innovation through academic research. But instead of waiting for an evaluation of the CRC program, the government has bulled ahead and increased funding so it can check the box on its menu of alleged innovation inputs, a list drawn up by academic and business cronies who benefit from these government handouts. The lack of

performance- and market-based benchmarks for success is one reason Canadian innovation policy perpetually wastes taxpayer dollars without materially impacting overall innovation.

The government is not even capable of innovation in the branding of its policies. The “Build Back Better” mantra has been an international policy cliché for at least a decade. Budget 2022 proposes the creation of a “Council of Economic Advisors,” a direct lift from the U.S., but does not explain how a new council would succeed where bodies like the Economic Council of Canada (1963-93) did not. It looks like an attempt to further marginalize the Department of Finance and its annoying insistence that chronic deficit spending ultimately is counter-productive. Lack of originality is also manifest in more funding for Canadarm3, as if Canada’s space program cannot innovate beyond the highly visible success of the 1980s Canadarm. The copycat branding of policy initiatives reflects a government devoid of new ideas and a civil service that understands it only has to offer programs with catchy names but without any follow through on details.

The government’s whole approach to innovation is based on what Mariana Mazzucato, who often defends government interventions, calls “myths about where entrepreneurship and innovation come from.” These myths include “assumptions that all the State has to do is to ‘nudge’ the private sector in the right direction” through a mixture of tax credits, subsidies and incentives, especially for firms in favoured industries or small businesses.

Nudges will not be enough to make up for Canada’s persistent innovation deficit, which is becoming entrenched in a growing hostility from many parts of society to entrepreneurship and wealth creation.

The flaw is not just trying to pick winners. It is the refusal to accept that creative destruction inevitably results in winners and losers, and that winners must be rewarded and losers allowed to falter. This ethos is anathema to governments in Canada that see themselves as guardians of an established order that innovation by definition seeks to disrupt, a contradiction that has resulted in decades of failed government innovation policies.

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