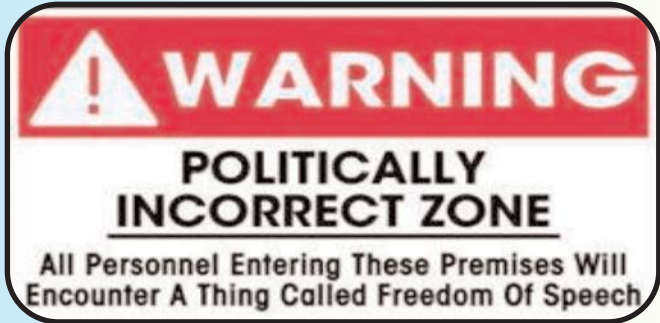




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WHITE HISTORY MONTH!!!

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"I live a dream in a nightmare world"

In a world that fights so hard against racism and injustice. Is the fight in itself not racist and unjust?

We all by now are familiar with 'BLACK HISTORY MONTH'. A racist celebration if you think about it.

How can it be OK to outright distinguish a color so blatantly and celebrate it's achievement and not clearly note the racist overtones.

If we had a 'WHITE HISTORY MONTH'. All of color would jump to deem it racist. Why is there such a need to call for equality when we accept such acts of inequality.

Why not call it 'HISTORY MONTH'. After all 'BLACKS' are not the only ones that have contributing history in any society. The yellow, red, brown, tanned all have contributed. Why not have a month for them. Or are their contributions any less significant.

As a social science observer can't wrap my mind at how every good intended movement throughout history ends up achieving it's goal and ending up being that of which founders fought so hard against.

There is no question that injustices have been committed against all people.

Does this mean that we have to live in guilt. Does it mean that we owe anyone anything for mistake made by prior generations. I say it would be an injustice and prejudice to demand that anyone pay today for injustices of our history.

Wrong is wrong. Wrong was wrong. Let's learn from it and make a commitment to never repeat.

Instead in modern society it appears everyone feels they are owed something. That society is broken and needs to be fixed by demanding that of which they have no entitlement.

Last week Canada's Prime Minister announced:

The Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, announced investments of up to nearly \$221 million in partnership with Canadian financial institutions – including up to nearly \$93 million from the Government of Canada over the next four years – to launch Canada's first-ever Black Entrepreneurship Program. The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted

and exacerbated existing systemic barriers faced by Black entrepreneurs and small and medium-sized business owners in Canada. While we have made progress in advancing equitable access to support and opportunities, much more needs to be done to better help Black business owners and entrepreneurs, and address anti-Black racism.

Is this not racism as per definition? By the Oxford Dictionary definition prejudice: discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people on the basis of their membership of a particular racial or ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized.

"a program to combat racism" the belief that different races possess distinct characteristics, abilities, or qualities, especially so as to distinguish them as inferior or superior to one another.

Is the Prime Minister in his good intentions not guilty of a crime of racism?

As a people what we fail to realize is that we are not all equal. That we have differences. This is what needs to be celebrated. Each people has made significant contributions to history/society and as such all 'PEOPLE' need to be included in an inclusive society.

I believe that the Prime Minister is confused but well intended. He can't isolate a group and deemed handicapped. Subsequently initiate programs targeted towards that handicap and exclude everyone else. As all the 'PEOPLE' are having and have had difficulties. The pandemic has no discriminatory prejudices. It affects all of us. For the Prime Minister to come out with this initiative is wrong and counter productive to the fight against discrimination and racism.

As in the release. 'Canada's first-ever Black Entrepreneurship Program.' There is a reason why it is a first. No other Prime Minister ever had a need to isolate a people from society. For us to all to be equal we must openly acknowledge the obvious differences. Then tailor a society based on performance and standards. We can't eliminate something by creating obstacles and or restriction based on that of which we are attempting to combat.

I remember a wise man once saying. Don't look for anything in life as in nothing you will find everything. Our minds must be open and not tainted or influenced by confusion and or pressure to understand something we yet don't.



Elections Pandemic

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As Canadians struggle to carry on in the shadow of the Covid-19 pandemic, the politicians in this country seem anxious to capitalize on the Covid-19 fallout. It is sad that they should put their ambitions before the interest of the people. They claim, hypocritically, that the democratic process must go on, but political gain is in back of their minds. They are hungry for power.

In their thirst for power they are keen to shrug off laws that were not to their liking, fixed election-date laws, in particular. There are plenty of examples of other laws governments must comply with, such as mandating balanced budgets and privacy laws. However, budgets have gone through the roof with mere lip service paid to

balancing them sometime, or let them balance themselves, and political parties remain conveniently exempt from privacy laws.

Ethics are supposed to deter public office holders from abusing their powers, for their own benefit or that of others. Their ethics does not seem to have deterred them very much. In fact, their abuses have mushroomed lately, similar to a real pandemic. On top of Covid-19, we are currently faced with a political pandemic perpetuated by an unknown virus not yet identified by the World Health Organization. Politicians are notorious for drafting laws in such a way as to excuse themselves from restrictions they apply to others. They are also prone to helping themselves to the benefits of laws intended to benefit others, such as the federal emergency wage subsidy. But let's face it; the people to whom these laws might apply are also the ones who write them and if not to their liking, simply ignore them with impunity.

Most of us, when confronted with a law we do not like, have no choice but to obey it. Our actual political leaders pass then ignore legislation binding them to fixed election dates or balanced budgets or ethical behavior, and the world-weary blame not the lawbreakers but the laws. It appears that this unknown political virus has become a pandemic lately, and we, the public, will need to quarantine the infected.

It is true that the rule of law, absent the will to enforce it, is of little value. That means that we the people, need to raise our standards, and forcefully demand from those we elect to live up to our expectations, and unequivocally refuse to live down to theirs.

So let us look at the latest political developments in our country.

The so called political gurus of every persuasion, as well as a slate of speculative journalists are happy to write about this spate of elections. In their incessant babble and scribbling they put their own predictions forward, writing rivers of words about who is bad and who is ugly and who should be good in forthcoming electoral races. Unfortunately, they forget the ordinary people honest taxpayers, whose thoughts are concentrated on putting bread on the table.

In this challenging phase of our lives, when Covid-19 has hit our health and our economy, Canada is experiencing several provincial elections, and who knows, after the Speech from the Throne of September 23rd chances are that we will be facing a federal election.

We have already experienced an election call for September 14th in New Brunswick by the minority government of the provincial Progressive Conservative Party, led by Premier Blaine Higgs. The election was scheduled to take place on October 17, 2022, as determined by the fixed-date provisions of the Legislative Assembly Act, which requires a general election to be held every four years on the third Monday in October. However, Premier Higgs called a snap election after negotiations failed with the other parties that would have avoided an election until the fixed date in 2022, or the end of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Progressive Conservative Party of New Brunswick, led by Blaine Higgs, won a majority government.

Now let's go to Saskatchewan. Under the Legislative Assembly Act, the general election has to take place on or before Oct. 26 despite the Covid-19 pandemic. So the election will take place on October 26th. There was no appetite to postpone this election either, it seems.

Then we go to British Columbia, where another minority government is in power. After weeks of public speculation, B.C. NDP leader John Horgan is calling a fall election during Covid-19 pandemic. Election Day will be Oct. 24th - a year ahead of the next scheduled election in Oct. 2021.

"We are not at the end of Covid-19, we are at the beginning," Horgan said. "This pandemic will be with us for a year or more and that's why I think we need to have an election now."

He added that: "I want to get the election behind us, not for myself but for the people of B.C. I believe stability will come when the people of British Columbia identify the issues that are important to them and who they want to lead them."

A recent poll from the Angus Reid Institute suggests if an election were held right now, the NDP would win a massive victory, so he is going for political gain hidden under empathy for the interest of the people. The Liberal led federal government has also called for two by elections in Ontario for recently vacated seats in Toronto. Despite the fact that there was plenty of time to call by-elections, the PM called these by-elections for the 26th of October. The question arises; is he testing the waters for a general election? We will soon see.

There is no apparent need for a federal general election. At least, I believe that is what most people think, but we never know what is in the cards for the politicians.

Minority governments typically survive the confidence vote associated with a throne speech and there are many reasons to believe this will be the case with the current one. Apparently, none of the opposition parties has a compelling interest in bringing the government down.

However, securing enough opposition support for a budget or a fiscal update could be a different matter and that confidence test also looms large on the fall calendar.

The crucial point will be how the Liberals manage the Speech from the Throne and any collateral actions such as the Prime Minister's address to the nation. This will certainly give some indication of the events which will unfold, because such events tend to be associated with wartime, or with constitutional or political crises.

Really speaking my personal thoughts on this new pandemic, the "elections pandemic" I believe that this virus is real and contaminating the politicians in this country. And we are only at the beginning.

What do you intend to do about this new virus? Let's call it the "Canadian Political Virus of 2020", CanPol-20 for short.

Open Letter from the Ontario labour movement to Doug Ford and Christine Elliot: Declare racism, including anti-Black racism and anti-Indigenous racism, a public health crisis

Dear Hon. Doug Ford and Hon. Christine Elliott: We are writing to urge you to declare racism, including anti-Black and anti-Indigenous racism, a public health crisis. Anti-Black and anti-Indigenous racism is historic, pervasive, and systemic issues in our province. Black and Indigenous Ontarians experience disproportionate levels of racial profiling; systemic discrimination within our institutions; higher rates of precarious employment, underemployment, and unemployment; significant poverty; and overrepresentation in criminal justice, mental health, and child welfare systems. Black, racialized, and indigenous workers also experience very significant amounts of racially motivated physical and verbal assault working in the Ontario health care system. Black and Indigenous peoples are more likely to be living in low-income households, have less access to safe housing, have significantly higher rates of child poverty and mortality, earn less for equal work, and die at significantly younger ages. The intersection of race with inequities in housing, income, and other social determinants of health has placed Black and Indigenous Peoples at greater risk. This is unacceptable. This must change. In order to adequately address anti-Black and anti-Indigenous racism, we need a public health perspective. We ask that the government of Ontario commit to addressing the social determinants of health by supporting culturally relevant policies and programs that address the inequities that marginalized groups continue to face, with a focus on Black and Indigenous communities and residents. We ask that the Minister of Health, through the 2021 Budget process and COVID-19 recovery planning, make recommendations to the Ministry of Health on reprioritizing Provincial resources to address the social determinants of health, focusing on racism facing Black and Indigenous Peoples. We request that the Medical Officer of Health, in accordance with public health advice on physical distancing requirements and the Provincial Order that limits public gatherings, to organize training sessions for Public Health leaders to help them fight anti-Black and anti-Indigenous racism in their organizations, on understanding Equity with Black and Indigenous Peoples' values and principles, and embedding equity and anti-Black and anti-Indigenous Racism prevention principles in Governance and Leadership to build capacity to provide equitable space for racialized and marginalized representation. We request that public health-related organizational board memberships reflect the full diversity and range of voices in our Province, with particular attention to voices from Black and Indigenous communities, during the next recruitment of board members and in the event of any vacancies. In this time, when we're seeing that this crisis is being unequally experienced, we need real and immediate action to support all Ontarians. We need the province to declare racism a public health crisis. Sincerely, PATTY COATES President AHMAD GAIED Secretary-Treasurer JANICE FOLK-DAWSON Executive Vice-President

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