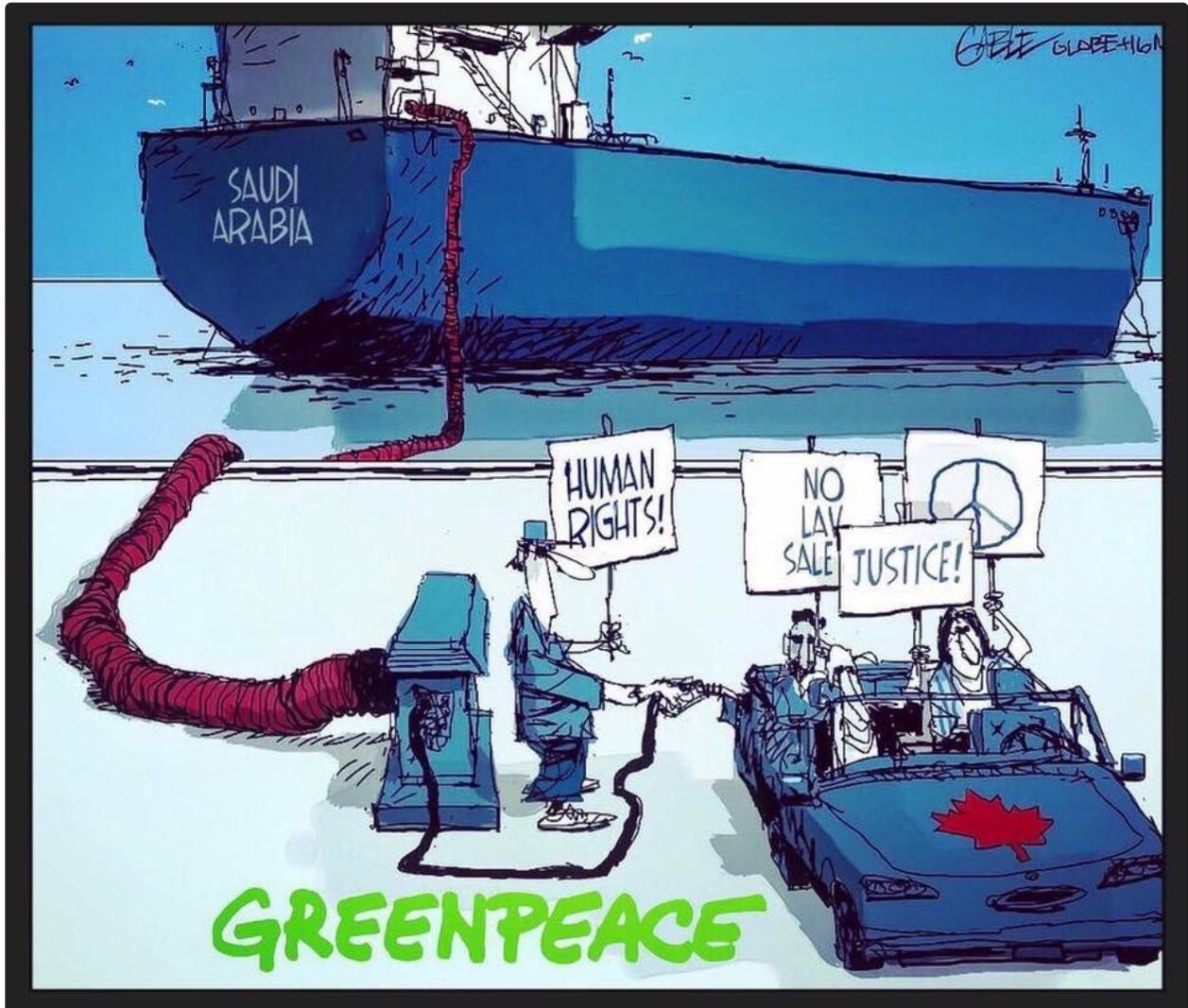


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HELLO ALL:

THE PRIME MINISTER'S DANGEROUS GAME!

It's becoming clear how **Prime Minister Justin Trudeau** plans to escape his **self-created crisis** of transportation **blockades and economic gridlock**: he is going to use **the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)** as a **bargaining chip to end the blockades**.

In return, the **Indigenous militants and their climate change allies** will gain a **virtual veto over all future pipelines** and other major infrastructure projects **in all 10 provinces**. This is a **classic example** of desperate political leaders **trading short-term gain for long-term pain**. Canada's economic future would be **mortgaged for a quick political fix**. This plan should be immediately challenged by all provincial premiers.

The Liberals introduced **UNDRIP legislation** in the previous Parliament, but it did not pass. It was promised for this year in the **throne speech** and was scheduled to be introduced this week. But it was suddenly taken off the agenda.

Now it appears as though the Liberals are offering to **withdraw the RCMP** from **Wet'suwet'en territory**, along with a commitment to **"negotiate" the wording of the UNDRIP bill with First Nations leaders**. For the latter, this is an offer that's **too good to refuse**.

Earlier this month, Canadians were finally given an **authoritative high court ruling** that the judicially created **"duty to consult" does not create an Aboriginal veto** over major infrastructure projects, such as the expansion of the Trans Mountain Pipeline. Predictably, this ruling has been **widely denounced by Indigenous leaders**, who assumed it did. So you can be assured that their **number 1 priority** in influencing the wording around any new UNDRIP legislation will be to **restore that veto**.

An **UNDRIP veto over pipelines and other major infrastructure** projects would be a **dream come true for Indigenous militants** and their climate change allies. But it would be an **economic disaster for Canada**. The **second-biggest losers** would be all 10 provinces and three territories, which

would see all major infrastructure projects on their lands **subject to Aboriginal vetoes** and the **financial blackmail** that would inevitably ensue.

But the **biggest losers will be all Canadians** - including Aboriginals, especially those living in remote, rural regions where new pipelines would create permanent jobs in the local economies - who will watch **capital investment leave Canada** and their jobs and **standards of living slump**, as we grind into **permanent gridlock**.

To prevent this, the **premiers** must collectively go to Ottawa and **insist that they be present and have a voice in any negotiations with Indigenous leaders**. They should insist that this is their **constitutional right**, since any **UNDRIP legislation will quickly become a de facto constitutional rule affecting provincial jurisdictions**. Such amendments require the **consent of at least seven, if not all 10, provinces**. The provinces must insist that they be at the table when any **UNDRIP legislation is being drafted**, to ensure that **no new veto is worked into the legislation**. The language used will be critical to the future of their provinces.

Rather than a **national unity crisis**, this demand might present an **opportunity for much-needed national unity**. By my count, **almost all the provinces — but especially Ontario, Quebec and Alberta — would oppose UNDRIP being phrased in such a way that it gives Indigenous bands a veto over major infrastructure projects**. A **minority government in Ottawa** could not ignore such a united front.

But time is of the essence . If the Trudeau Liberals proceed **unilaterally with this strategy**, the federal Conservatives will not have the ability to stop it. And **once enacted, there would be no going back**.

National Post article: [Click here](#)

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OUR READERS' COMMENTS SECTION

1. From a Reader: I have been receiving Action Alberta emails for about three

months now, and look forward to reading each installment, including the suggested extra articles. Thank you for all you are doing to keep us informed, and all the work that goes into each installment. I would like to tell it as I am coming to see the situation we find ourselves in:

I am alarmed at what I see Canada has become, especially in the past 5 years or so. I witness numerous pieces of legislation that separate and divide us, especially under the current federal government. Bills such as M-103, C-48 and C-69 come to mind. I see Gerald Butts firmly calling the shots in the PMO, even when he supposedly is no longer a sidekick to our weak and ineffective PM. I see us having agreed to the United Nations Paris Accord, the Compact on Migration, Agenda 2021 and Agenda 2030. I see the Carbon Tax transferring wealth supposedly to save the world from mass extinction in only the next eleven years, while nobody except Dr. Patrick Moore talking about the vast boreal forests of Canada that act as a massive carbon sink. And I see the current federal government steadily progressing with their agenda to shut down the oil and gas industries of western Canada. So now I see that trying to have dialogue with the Feds to improve our lot in Confederation will go nowhere, as the Laurentian Elites will never give us anywhere near what should be rightfully ours. This leaves only separation and the formation of a new independent Federation as our only hope for a bright and prosperous future with a place on the world stage. In years past the political slogan was "Screw the West, we'll take the rest!". Well, I'd like to suggest a new western slogan for 2020: "**Screw the rest, let's save the West**".

2. From a Reader: Yep my friends, enough is enough.....the government needs to either resolve this mess or step down and face that they no longer have the intestinal fortitude to govern and the Conservative minority need to push this to the limit. The people of Canada are discussed with the weak kneed and blundering P.M. who prefers to gallivant all over the globe searching for a seat in the U.N. instead of being here and supporting the people who are suffering from the impact of a few unelected old guys who want to protest.....so now we have a crisis...I can't believe the ignorance and disregard OMG.....these people need to leave from what they deem to be governing....what a shame.

3. From a Reader: Trudeau Virus more of threat to Canada than Corona Virus. Business Paralysis now spreading Nation-Wide. Canada, like China, a place to avoid. Trudeau's Dereliction of Duty on full display on Rail Blockade issue.

Federal and Provincial Conservatives alike should be seeking every legal avenue available to remove Trudeau for his Incompetent, Reckless and Unconscious performance in Office of Prime Minister. Canadian Patriotism is about 10 Provinces not two. Trudeau Piddles while Canada burns.

4. From a Reader: 3. From a Reader: An article "U.S. wants Canada's coal help" was on the front page of the financial section of the February 8, 2020 Ottawa Citizen. [Click here](#) It says that the U.S. Energy Secretary wants to use Canada and Mexico under the terms of the USMCA agreement to export coal from Wyoming because California, Washington and Oregon states have blocked permits for coal ports. Vancouver is already the largest coal terminal in North America and has been expanding. About two thirds of the coal exports is BC coal (BC's largest export commodity) and one third US coal. I bet the feds will agree to exporting even more US coal and further expansion of Vancouver's coal terminal. After all, it's needed to feed the 1,000 plus coal-fired power plants under construction and in planning in Asia. The pressure from the US will be significant, particularly because Trump has stated that he will revive the US coal industry. At the same time, the feds want to kill Alberta's energy industry. This is something to watch closely to see where it goes.

5. From a Reader: This country is being controlled by or for several small minorities and not for the benefit of the silent majority and no politician has the fortitude to raise the primary issues of First Nations, Quebec and equalization preferences and provincial entitlements. Political correctness has silenced free speech, honest opinions and common sense.

ADDITIONAL READING/ VIEWING

In closing, here is additional information on the problems we are facing and the need for us to take remedial action immediately to right our sinking ship.

1. DIANE FRANCIS: THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF CANADA'S HIGH LIVING STANDARDS [Click here](#)

2. STEPHEN LEDREW: TRUDEAU MIGHT AS WELL GO TO THE BEACH! [Click here](#)

3. FED'S CLIMATE CHANGE PLAN COULD POSES 'SIGNIFICANT NEW RISK TO ECONOMY' SAYS SUPERINTENDENT [Click here](#)

4. DON BRAID: CANCELLED TECK FRONTIER MEANS EVEN FIRST NATION'S SUPPORT CAN'T GET PROJECTS BUILT [Click here](#)

5. JOE OLIVER: TECK DECISION PROVES CANADA IS INHOSPITAL TO ENERGY DEVELOPMENT [Click here](#)

6. MARIEKE WALSH: CANADIAN BUSINESS LEADERS SAY TECK'S FRONTIER DECISION SENDS 'TERRIBLE MESSAGE' TO INVESTORS [Click here](#)

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We are a group of deeply concerned, unpaid Alberta resident volunteers. Our work is intended to educate, inform and motivate all Canadians to be visible and vocal regarding the unequal, unfair and discriminatory treatment of Alberta by our Federal Government. Alberta's energy sector is the most important driver of the Canadian economy and its health directly impacts the standard of living of every Canadian. Unfortunately, that is not happening under our current Federal government!

Please **share** this email with your contacts so we can turn this unfair, inequitable, unjustifiable travesty around for the good of all Canadians. If you would like to submit information or articles, please send them to me.

Thank you for ALL of your support and interest!

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