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# ACTION ALBERTA



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**HELLO ALL:**

**ALBERTA - A COLONY OF A COLONY!**

Before **Teck withdrew** for its **Frontier oil sands project**, rumors had it that if Ottawa **rejected** it, then a “**rescue package**” for **Alberta** would be proposed. This is emblematic of the **gulf in thinking between Eastern and Western Canada**. **Alberta doesn't want handouts and dependency**. It wants **investment and jobs**. The Federal government, rooted in **colonial thinking**, believes that it can buy peace and compliance by **offering trinkets**.

**History tells the story of this gulf in thinking!**

**Upper and Lower Canada** (Ontario and Quebec) were **colonies** loyal to the **top-down Imperial system**. In 1780, the **United Empire Loyalists** fled the American Revolution with its ‘**crazy**’ **ideas of freedom, democracy and individual rights** and came to Upper Canada, reinforcing subservient loyalty.

**American expansionism threatened to encircle the Canadas**. In the great land grab of the mid-1800's, it became clear that **if you settle it, you own it**. Mexico lost 1/3 of its territory (Texas to California) because it allowed Americans to settle in its lands. And now **Americans were drifting north**.

The Canadas decided to **populate the prairies** to stop the Americans. However, there were not enough loyal British subjects to fill these vast lands. It was opened up to **continental Europeans**. They had **no connection to the British Crown** or the Imperial power structure. Indeed, the opposite was true. They were **fleeing the tyranny of Europe**. They sought freedom, democracy and self-initiative as described coincidentally in American recruiting.

**Today, the West is a colony of a colony**. But its **foundation** was a desire for **freedom, democracy and self-initiative**. This is contrary to colonial loyalty in Upper and Lower Canada.

The Canadas were slow in relinquishing the colonial mindset. An Act of the British Parliament in 1931 finally **cut the apron strings** (Westminster Act). Australia held its independence referendum in 1902.

When Canada did exert independence, its **constitution of 1982 (no ‘pesky’ referendum)** did more to **cement the power of English Ontario and French Quebec** than to create equality for all citizens.

Over the years the **Prime Minister has assumed virtually all of the powers of the Crown**. Canada centralized and consolidated power (an Imperial theme) even though Britain devolved it.

Canada's **Equalization Program** is an economic cornerstone of colonial thinking. Central Canada takes **70% of the wealth transfer**. **Canada is the only modern state to take from the hinterland to support the industrial heartland.**

In the United States, **all states were admitted** to the union with **full rights**. **Not so in colonial Canada**. The prairies fought to get control of resources through the Progressive Party in 1925. **The equality fight continues today.**

The **National Policy** was an instrument of **economic colonialism** as was the National Energy Policy.

The historic legacy is that **the West wants to be part of a representative democracy that supports freedom, true democracy, self-initiative and equality of all citizens**. New arrivals take on that same thinking. Some of the most adamant supporters of the western spirit have arrived from eastern Canada.

Understanding is possible. But a quirk of **colonial thinking is that it ranks people by colonial value**. It is difficult for those in the heartland to comprehend that there is an **alternative**, one that might actually be more fair and that it is **firmly planted "out west"** (a colonialism) in the hinterland.

In an age where **differences are supposed to be celebrated**, why is it so difficult to overcome **colonial stratification** and even consider that **we in the West think fundamentally differently?**

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## **OUR READERS' COMMENTS SECTION**

**1. From a Reader:** Protests have destroyed the Alberta economy. Investors fled. Now protests are driving investors from Quebec. How much economic destruction must happen before the government and the country exert their

obstruction must happen before the government and the country exert their authority to protect our rights? Either first Nations are Canadians or a foreign threat. If they are Canadians then the same laws apply to all of us equally. If they are a foreign threat then let the military protect our nation.

**2. From a Reader:** Given that Alberta and Saskatchewan have a resource based economy, an entrepreneurial working class and a proud and different culture than Eastern Canada, we should seriously consider whether our differences with eastern Canada and the Laurentian establishment are reconcilable? And politically, whether our policy differences with the Liberal party and their UN based globalist supporters will ever be accommodated? I think the realistic answer is NO, they will not! Jason Kenney continues to believe, naively, that he can broker a better deal for Alberta with the federal government, or perhaps help get the conservatives elected again in Ottawa, as a tactic to help Alberta. This is also unrealistic and wishful thinking. In the last election, over 2/3 of voters cast their ballot for left wing, anti-energy industry parties. Why would that voting pattern change in the future? Alberta and Saskatchewan need to get real and face the music that the rest of Canada is moving in a different direction that is not going to be positive for our region. Alberta and Saskatchewan together separating from Canada with a negotiated economic and military alliance with the USA is our very best option going forward, to ensure a decent future for our economy and quality of life. In Europe for example, Czechoslovakia separated into two countries (the Czech Republic and Slovakia) due to differences that could not be reconciled. I ask why could this not happen in Canada? A bold new direction is required.

**3. From a Reader:** Dedicated residents of Fort St. John, BC braved -11c temperature, frequent gusts of even colder wind, and snowfall in an effort to convey their message "Build Canada Up, Not Shut Canada Down". FSJ for LNG, a grassroots movement held a 'Rally for Canada' February 29, at the heart of the City of Fort St. John in BC. These northern weather hardened individuals held a rally in support of the majority of the Wet'suwet'en Nation and Coastal GasLink Pipeline. The rally is also a protest against the illegal blockades that have resulted in mass lay-offs of rail employees, ships in port without cargo, farmers not being able to move crops to market, and empty grocery shelves. The messages that these illegal blockaders want to convey are lost in the 'Shut down Canada', local and foreign, anarchist groups that have influenced the blockades. The rally in Fort St John is a fine example of a protest action protected in the Canadian constitution. No obstruction nor inconvenience to the public were done and the rally had a permit and proper

inconvenience to the public were done and the rally had a permit and proper insurance. The group is expressing the sentiments of the silent majority and hopes that their action encourages the citizenry in voicing out their frustration on the effects of these illegal blockades on the Canadian economy and on their daily lives.

**4. From a Reader:** Thank you for trying to do something about this atrocity to Alberta's and our oil and gas industry. Our premier Mr Kenny owes every citizen of Alberta a Referendum on Independence. This is insanity. Talk, Talk, Talk! Talk is small, action is Large. Let's go! I feel so helpless! What can I do to help? Our citizens need direction on what to do!

**5. From a Reader:** The time for action is now. We have talked for years about how Quebec is taking advantage of the rest of Canada with Ontario close behind. The United States would be glad to have us and our oil and we would have good trade partners.

#### **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.

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##### **3. DIANE FRANCIS: ARE FOREIGN INTERESTS FOMENTING INDIGENOUS DISSENT ABOUT CANADA'S RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT?** [Click here](#)

##### **4. REX MURPHY: KILLING HOPE WHERE IT'S MOST NEEDED - AMONG ABORIGINAL YOUTH** [Click here](#)

##### **5. DIANE FRANCIS: HOW MANY MORE RESOURCE 'WAKE-UP CALLS' WILL OUR PM SNOOZE THROUGH?** [Click here](#)

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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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