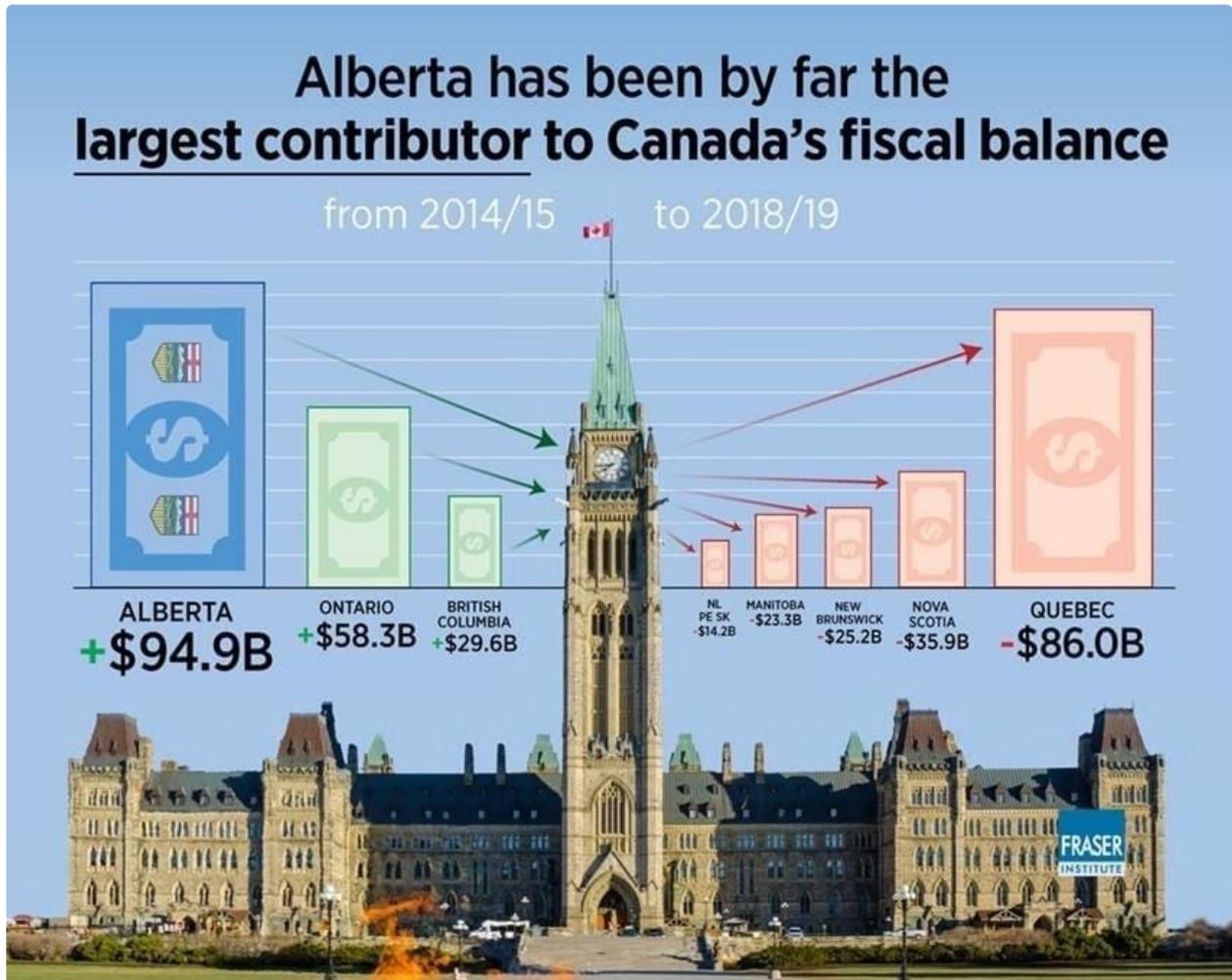


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WHERE ARE OUR ENERGY LEADERS? TWO RESPONSES!

RESPONSE #1: FROM A PRIVATE CITIZEN

Paulette MacQuarrie asked such a good question! “Where have the captains of the oil and gas industry been for the past four or five years?”

A precious few of them have written opeds, or letters to the PM, others have **sided openly with the climate change rhetoric**, and neglected to publicly endorse the evidence of **foreign interests** working to take down the **world’s third largest oil reserves**, right here in Alberta. **Not many** have led the charge on behalf of their **own employees’ livelihoods**. With only a few exceptions, **Alberta’s “captains of industry” did not organize to stand up for our important oil and gas industry. Where were they?**

Where were the CEOs when the **frustrated truckers** made their dramatic **winter convoy to Ottawa**, only to be **snubbed by an indifferent Trudeau**, so **cowardly** he would not even acknowledge them. Afraid to face real working men? No doubt! Paulette is right, **shame on industry leaders** who sat by as their employees and their families **suffered and the industry was decimated** by a malevolent **Eastern Federal elite and by foreign eco-terrorism** and even by some of Alberta’s own **ungrateful academic dullards**.

Failing decisive resource leadership, a **void has been left** for the province’s **working men and women**, who themselves have been **laid off by the thousands**. It is now up to these ordinary men and women of Alberta, who realize what has been going on, to **stand up together for their own sake and for their children’s future**. We must financially support independent truth telling media, we must put our children in independent, truthful schools or home school our own kids, for their sake. **Government is only as good as it is held accountable**. Therefore, citizens must **stand for public office** at all levels of government to clean up the **legislative incompetence** of the last number of years. Why let others less competent than ourselves make the rules for us? Simply stated: **Freedom isn’t free. What have you got to lose?**

The only other way to put pressure on elected officials, is by **standing publicly and financially with the new organizations** that have Alberta’s future interests at heart. Thankfully there are a number of them and they deserve our support: **Alberta Proud, Alberta Institute, Energy Citizens, Action Alberta and even Wexit!** These people are **working hard to educate Albertans** and provide alternative ways forward for our province. The time has come for these

...the alternative ways remain for our province and mine has come for these groups to set aside any egos and **sit down together**, in order to hash out differences and work together to reach **one unified goal: a better future for Alberta**. If they can include the **indigenous chiefs** who support resource development, then their voices will be **magnified** to the good of all our citizens.

As Paulette argued so well: **we cannot passively leave others to do the hard work of protecting our resource livelihoods and our hard-won freedoms**. Whatever we neglect to do today will mean that the Alberta we have enjoyed in the past will be lost forever. Our ancestors strived so hard to build a free and prosperous future for their families. **Now it is our turn. The future of the West is in our hands. Only one question really remains: Will we fail them?**

Susan Hearn
Calgary, Alberta

RESPONSE #2: FROM THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF PETROLEUM PRODUCERS

Ms. Paulette MacQuarrie
Ladysmith, B.C.

Dear Paulette,

I recently received an **email from Action Alberta** in which you had asked a number of questions in relation to the oil and gas industry, wondering who the **“Captains of Industry”** were and what we and the **Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP)** do to defend our industry and to protect our livelihoods, as well as our country’s economic well-being.

As the **Chair of the Board of Governors of CAPP**, I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with **significant detail** respecting the **day to day activities of CAPP** and its thousands of volunteers and paid employees.

I often hear the same question you asked from numerous people across different walks of life. **Why don’t you, and other executives from the oil and gas companies and CAPP defend the oil and gas industry?** Where is your voice of reason? Why do you let people who dislike fossil fuels frame the

voice of reason. Why do you let people who dislike fossil fuels frame the discussion?

I am a **born and raised Albertan**. As I grew up, I believed that Alberta, and the **development of its natural resources, in a responsible and environmentally friendly way**, provided the means for any honest, hardworking, committed, individual to earn a reasonable living, sufficient to raise and educate a family. As a result of our hard work, commitment, grit and entrepreneurship, **Alberta had a standard of living that was enviable to many Canadians**. Alberta paid **more than its fair share of taxes** to Ottawa as the price of being part of a great nation. Today, I believe that **others are trying to take that away from Albertans and Canadians**. The spread of **misinformation by environmentalists** is a serious issue, the lack of education and understanding about what energy is, where it comes from and how it is used by Canadians is **pathetic**. More concerning is that **almost half of Canadians do not seem to care anymore about Energy**, or its responsible development. Instead **they talk about a transition. To what** reliable source of economical, responsible, repeatable, environmentally friendly, source of “transition Energy” seems **yet to be determined**. If the problem does not affect you, then people simply choose to ignore it. I know that I want my ventilator powered by fossil fuels!

Myself and what seems the majority of Canadians believe that **Energy is the most important industry in Canada**. Without it, we would simply not have the **standard of living that Canadians enjoy**. I am a volunteer and spend a considerable amount of my time advocating, educating and communicating with Canadians, sometimes until I am blue in the face, in order to **protect our standard of living**, to ensure that we can pay for everyone’s education and national healthcare, so that our **next generation can have what we have enjoyed**. I often comment to my “jockstrap friends” that if they donated 15 minutes of their time to charity for every hour they exercised we would not have to rely on the **“Captains of Industry” whose voices are being ignored**.

Please see the link to this letter which describes in detail CAPP’s current activities. [Click here](#)

Thank you for your comments and continued support of our industry.

With respect

Jeff Tonken

Chair, Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers

President and Chief Executive Officer, Birchcliff Energy Ltd.

OUR READERS' COMMENTS SECTION

1. From a Reader: Where is all that cheering, laughing, and high fives coming from? Oh, it's David Suzuki, Elizabeth May, NDP Leader Singh, Greenpeace, World Wildlife Federation, Greta Thunberg, academics, Trudeau and his entourage rejoicing that the Western Oil Industry and with it the economies of Alberta and Saskatchewan have been eviscerated and driven into the ground! Their wildest dreams have been answered. Before you hop on that bandwagon, be careful what you wish for. I remember living in Alberta prior to the development of the Alberta petroleum industry. I can tell you from first hand experience it was a minimal existence. The standard of living in many cases was far, far less than what welfare recipients receive today. My old Dad worked 5 1/2 days a week at a steady job and earned about \$50.00 per month. My family of four lived in the City of Medicine Hat in a one room shack that had a door but no windows. No electricity, no sewer, no furnace, no hot water tank, no toilet, no bathtub, no washing machine, no bus service, no sidewalk, no street lights, and no paved road. We had only natural gas, cold water, and an outhouse. When we moved to a better accommodation it was to a single garage that my father built, still one room, same outhouse. But hey the garage had one window! The Prairies have been shafted by the Government of Canada since day one and have been ever since right up to today. I can only hope and pray that the current generation of Albertans have more balls than my generation and rebel at being a colony of the Laurentian Elite. Albertan must demand real and significant changes immediately to the predatory system we Westerners have been forced to live under. Separation being Plan B and a bright light at the end of the tunnel.

2. From a Reader: Would have liked an even stronger endorsement of Alberta's oil and gas industry by the U of A's President and as well that his reply to the Buffalo Project was made public like his April 9th statement. He should have dismissed the comments by the 13 U of A professors without having to be prompted to do so because of concerns about the loss of financial support from large donors. Don't forget that in June 2018 the U of A

awarded an honorary doctor of science degree to David Suzuki, a staunch critic and enemy of Alberta's oil and gas industry!

3. From a Reader: Personally, I would like Alberta, Saskatchewan and northern BC to strike out on our own as I believe that without the anchor-like drag of constantly appeasing and paying Quebec and its bureaucratic and corrupt economy, our growth could explode at a rate that would surpass all expectations. The West is full of entrepreneurs who have been suppressed and oppressed for more than a decade. The desire to shake off the shackles is palpable. I know that the current conditions might seem unfavourable, but at the same time, what do we have to lose? Staying in Canada today is a guarantee of higher taxation, more regulation, less opportunity, more top down control and a constantly increasing bleeding of our efforts and energy to feed the moribund East. This is the future if we cannot gather the strength to go forward on our own. Now more than at any other time in our brief history we must summon the confidence and courage to step up and lead. To go forward to a brighter place full of opportunity and prosperity for our children.

4. From a Reader: If you say something stupid in public when working for a bank, or an oil company you will get fired. The U of A profs may have academic freedom but they should still be fired for being stupid.

5. From a Reader: So, U of A's president, Dr. Turpin, wants it both ways on the Buffalo Project, it seems. His letter of April 9th supporting Alberta's oil and gas industry is all fine and well as far as it goes. However, there is nary a word mentioned therein that explicitly divorces the university from the traitorous opinions of those thirteen ivory-tower academics that signed the original letter to Trudeau. In fact, their names are not even mentioned and neither is the letter they signed. Dr. Turpin seems afraid to grasp the nettle and name names. I had hoped for better but, unsurprisingly, I received worse. The cosy world of academia remains so.

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. GWYN MORGAN: ALBERTA'S TRAGIC NEVER-ENDING NIGHTMARE WILL ONLY GET WORSE IF OTTAWA DOESN'T ACT [Click here](#)

2. MAY AND BLANCHET DECLARE THE OILPATCH 'DEAD', WARN OTTAWA AGAINST FINANCIAL SUPPORTS [Click here](#)

3. UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH CHANCELLOR RESIGNS AFTER SCHOOL PASSES ANTI-FOSSIL FUEL MOTION [Click here](#)

4. MURPHY OIL CLOSES CALGARY OFFICE, MOVES HEADQUARTERS TO HOUSTON [Click here](#)

5. TRUDEAU GOVERNMENT REFUSES TO RELEASE CARBON TAX DATA, SAYS IT'S 'SECRET' [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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