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The **prosperity and freedom** generated by the sacrifice, diligence and commitment of the generations that fathered **Millennials** and their offspring, has persisted for too long; leading to the **entitlement mentality and financial ignorance** that **permeates most of the electorate** who are either electing those that presently govern Canada, or who themselves will be providing such alleged leadership in the future.

Unfortunately **it may take a Depression** (not a recession) and/or **a war** to shake these generations **out of their fantasy world** before they self-immolate.

Canada, as geographically the **second largest country** in the world, but with a **population less than the state of California**, and spread across the breadth of the country like a string with widely separated urban knots, has **only one type of economic base** that is of practical and redeeming value; that of **natural resources**. Even the most adamant of anti-natural resources activists should check every item of their assets owned. In doing so, they would find that **not one item did not have its derivation from some sort of natural resource**.

Underlying our **present social and economic state** is of course another important factor; perhaps the **single most relevant aspect** of the fractured society that is Canada; namely that **we are a confederation of separate interests and not a unified country in any way whatsoever**.

Whether **Quebec** is governed by an **official socialist government** or not, it **regards itself as an autonomous entity** possessing special interests that are over and above those of the other sectors of the country.

The **Maritime provinces**, physically **cut off from the rest of the country** by Quebec, possess such **limited influence** that their role in Canada is largely of **little interest to federal governments**; bolstered from time to time by the odd government maritime contract.

Re: **Newfoundland** and its oil-dependent economy being **destroyed by federal government policies**; where's Newfoundland?

Ontario for the most part regards itself as **being Canada** and has **little time for the rest of the country**. The frequent satirical reference to Ontario being COTU (**Centre of The Universe**) is seemingly carried with pride by a major

component of its citizenry.

While the geographical location of **British Columbia** has it being on the “**left coast**”, that phrase when capitalized frames a sardonic reference to not only its **present socialist government** but to the long history of socialist and **anti-natural resource leaning liberal governments**.

The **three northern territories**, while bathed in the beauty of northern lights, could in all probability not be properly named by the majority of the population, and for all intents and purposes **may as well not exist** (except of course for **global warming activists** embracing with gratitude, the minutest of ice cap melting).

That leaves central Canada, namely Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba to contribute a **disproportionately large amount** of natural resource based **funding to the national economy**; the latter now bent on somehow miraculously maintaining this flow while **destroying its source**.

It does not take a **kindergarten graduate with a Ph.D.** to predict where is heading both the social and economic future of the present geographical **entity named Canada**. Since a society must inevitably be **funded** by a functioning and productive economy, and **not by debt** underlain by not even the vaguest of security, the various political, social and economic entities that presently describe **Canada may become irrelevant**.

That a **new country consisting of Alberta, Saskatchewan, and possibly Manitoba** would have the potential to achieve **economic and social prosperity in a financially stable fashion is beyond doubt**. Unfortunately, under the present reality, the result would be a **land-locked entity** in which the export of its natural resources to the wider world would face similar if differently sourced impediments to those existing at present.

A plethora of **maritime outlets** of course exist in British Columbia. Consequently, the only solution to the port problem might be to in some fashion to **inject brain cells into the electorate of that province**.

Mission impossible?

Perhaps on a broader scale as it encompasses **Canada as part of the**

democratic world, might be an examination of where the latter is located on the “**cycle of democracy.**”

From the **COVID-19 pandemic to racial unrest in America** to major political unrest in various other regions of the world, the year 2020 will be a noteworthy addition to the history of mankind; notwithstanding the year is not yet half over. **Canada, while of insignificance as a notable component of the world’s population**, although not as an important supplier of vital natural resources to the industrial world, is also undergoing a **major political divide and economic threat**, that being its federal government and a number of provincial counterparts **bent on destroying the only viable economy** the country possesses that can build a comfortable and prosperous middle class society; namely that of exploiting our **prodigious natural resources** in a responsible manner reflective of modern standards.

So **will 2020 be politically and socially pivotal**, as well as notable for Canada and the rest of the world? Perhaps for those living within a democracy as well as those shut out from such, a look at the cycle of democracy may if not answer that question, at least give us pause to reflect. The “**Cycle of Democracy**” is a formulation that has been attributed to **Scottish Professor of History Alexander Tyler in 1770**; although this attribution apparently remains doubtful in the minds of many. Various alternative attributions remain still under debate. Nonetheless in **a 2020 environment of major biological, political and social unrest**, no matter what its true attribution, be it singular or collective, it remains an interesting and provocative concept and a challenge to identify where in the cycle present democracy might reside.

The concept of the “Cycle of Democracy” rests on the following unattributed premise: **“A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the voters discover that they can vote themselves largesse from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates promising the most benefits from the public treasury with the result that a democracy always collapses over loose fiscal policy, always followed by a dictatorship. The average age of the world's greatest civilizations has been 200 years.”**

“Great nations rise and fall. The people go from bondage to spiritual truth, to great courage; from courage to liberty; from liberty to abundance; from

abundance to selfishness; from selfishness to complacency; from complacency to apathy; from apathy to dependence; from dependence back again to bondage.”

When considering the **pandemic-related social adjustments** imposed on democracies to one degree or the other by governments, including **non-parliamentary “government” by Canada’s federal politicians**, will these adjustments be temporary or permanent?

Thus might **several questions** be posed as to where in the cycle of democracy were we through 2019; where might we be in a post 2020 environment, and is the postulated 200 year cycle of democracy a valid one?

An examination of **the cycle of democracy as it pertains to Canada** might disturbingly conclude that the latter’s **natural resource economy is being strangled** by the collective factors of **selfishness, complacency and apathy**, that when combined may quickly find the **entity known as Canada**, if still existing in its present form, in a state of extended dependence and federal bondage.

By: Ian de W. Semple

OUR READERS' COMMENTS SECTION

1. From a Reader: As Canada Day approaches, we would be remiss not to acknowledge Alberta’s true place within Confederation. Though Canada was declared a nation in 1867 it wasn’t until 1905 that the land we call home became a province. Did you know that from the beginning there was a strategic plan for Albertans that would carry on right through to today? It’s true, and is outlined beautifully in a little-known quote from the Interior Minister at the time, Clifford Sifton. In 1904, he told an audience in Winnipeg this: “We desire, every patriotic Canadian desires, that the great trade of the prairie shall go to enrich our own people in the East, to build up the factories and the workshops of eastern Canada, and to contribute in every way to its prosperity.” Our little piece of land, our home, was occupied, taken over, and settled by a government who had no desire to recognize the interests of Albertans. Rather, the focus was on how we could work to support them. No negotiations. No fair deals. And to this day, there is nothing new under the sun. In every possible way, our economic freedom has been exploited. By the grace of God, we survived the devastating and inequitable effects of the Wheat

of God, we survived the devastating and inequitable effects of the wheat Board and the National Energy Policy. The regulations around supply management continue to safeguard and favor other provinces before Alberta. Add to that, purposely created and strategically generated obstacles were implemented to stop our oil from getting to fair markets, putting us in a politically motivated recession that has us now teetering on the brink of a depression. Yet we continue to be forced to give tremendously to equalization and looked upon as spoiled brats for having the temerity to suggest the favour could be returned. I don't know about you, but I'm not feeling very patriotic this Canada Day and I don't apologize for that. What I am feeling however is a lot of hope for Alberta. Change is in the air my fellow Albertans and it's time to be true to ourselves by exploring some other options. It's time to be truly 'Strong and Free'.

2. From a Reader: All citizens of Alberta and Saskatchewan need to realize and realize very soon that there is absolutely no hope that any federal party will be able to fix the damage that has been caused and the majority of people in central and eastern Canada are lost and there is no hope to get any political support from them. Jason Kenney and Scott Moe have no idea what's going on and are bought by Trudeau. Alberta Independence is the only solution and it can't happen soon enough. I will be in Edmonton Friday, June 19th at 11:30 at the Legislature Grounds for the Alberta4all rally. I hope to see you all there.

3. From a Reader: If Drew Barnes wants to see government departments change and become more efficient and effective representing Albertans and saving money, then change the leadership of them to be businessmen and women. Current leadership has no business experience. We have thousands of business leaders in Alberta who would do the job at far less than what we're paying now!! And do a great job. It's time for action in government. Stop the talking. A perfect example: two years to have a referendum on equalization when everyone in Alberta knows the Feds and others won't agree and the Feds know that as well. So why wait.... another political agenda which has killed our economy just for an election cycle!! Apparently it's too much to ask political leaders to actually listen to (ask the people what they want!) and serve the people who elected them?

4. From a Reader: Trudeau and company are the most arrogant irresponsible bunch of Bastards that Canada has had to govern our country in my 60 years of being interested in Politics. No words printable can describe my feelings in how their actions in handling Covid-19 situation, climate and energy have

now their actions in handling Covid -19 situation , climate and energy have done permanent damage to this country with the next 2-3 Generations left to pay for their stupidity and irresponsible actions

5. From a Reader: How is it possible that this puppy can favour some journalists and ban other journalists from debates and public meetings, etc. Apparently he has banned "Rebel News" from attending many meetings that have journalists present. I believe the premier of the country must allow journalists, regardless of his preference for only those that favour him. How is this possible? What happened to free speech? Does "Action Alberta" have interest/concerns in what happens with this fool in Ottawa that we must suffer while he ruins our country? How can we stop this mayhem that is happening?

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. RICK BELL: ALBERTA SCREWED, MUZZLED UCP MLS SPEAKS [Click here](#)

2. PRIVATE CITIZEN LAYS CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST TRUDEAU LEGALLY (PART 2) [Click here](#)

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4. TRUDEAU WILLING TO BOOST OIL AND GAS IN AFRICA WHILE CANADIAN INDUSTRY SUFFERS [Click here](#)

5. OPINION: FEDS CONTINUE UNEVEN TREATMENT OF ENERGY SECTOR [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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