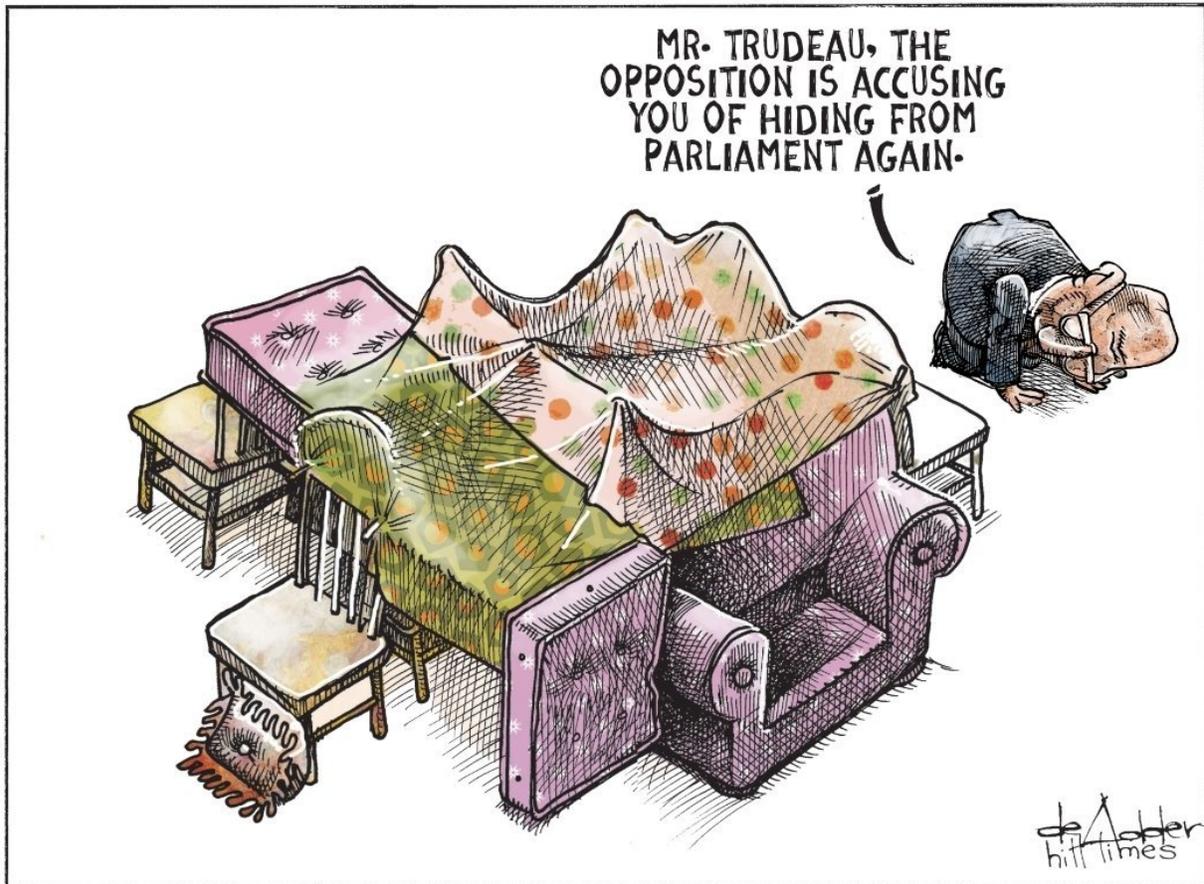


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### FEAR AND GREED!

If Alberta truly seeks to separate, it must employ more than fear – the desire to leave the deficiencies of Canada’s confederation. It must **employ**

...to leave the generosity of Canada's compensation. It must employ **greed** - the desire to attain something of much higher value. **The prizes for separation are numerous and spectacular.**

Consider **Switzerland**. It too is **landlocked**. It lacks **Alberta's massive resource and agricultural wealth**. Yet it's per-capita GNP is US\$83k or 60% more than **Alberta's per-capita GNP of US\$52k**. Imagine what prosperity would ensue if Alberta was run Swiss-style.

**Leaving Canada** would bring an **immediate gain by ditching transfer payments of \$20 billion per year**. That's **\$4,600 per Albertan or \$18,000 per typical household**. Think of the **tax cuts or enhanced healthcare, education or government services** that would bring.

Leaving Canada would set Alberta free from its supposed share of the **Canada's \$1 trillion of debt**. This equates to **\$27k per Albertan or about \$100k per typical household**. Why should Alberta have any share of Canada's debt? After **giving the other provinces \$600 billion**, it is a clear case that no federal borrowing was done to the benefit of Alberta.

Alberta as a nation would need **only two levels of government** – municipal and national. The current provincial government could easily morph into a **newly minted federal government**.

There is a long list of **Canadian institutions and structures** that could be **modernized, renovated or discontinued**. Design an **unemployment system** that motivates people to **return to work rather than become perennial seasonal workers** on the dole in the off-months. Build an **immigration system** that welcomes the truly persecuted as well as those who bring **tangible skills**, entrepreneurialism and wealth generation and screens out the economic migrants who are currently receiving **RCMP concierge service at Roxton Road**. **End the disastrous Indian Act** and end Canada's practice of **two sets of laws** and build a nation where **one set of laws applies equally to all**. The **expense of bilingualism** to appease a province that has no respect for Alberta could be **culled**. Write a **tax code** where the impoverished benefit from a **high minimum threshold for taxation**, where an income tax return could be completed on **one page** and progressive taxation could be flattened. And **kill the GST**.

**Alberta could take over its own policing, pension funding and energy and environmental regulations.** Even better, Alberta could adopt a **European style health care system**, and bring its health-care ranking into the **top-ten tier** rather than being ranked in the 30s on a world scale. The current march towards **globalization with its wealth-zapping**, ineffective foreign funding and virtue-signaling aspects could easily be ended.

Alberta could have a field day with democracy, starting with the **establishment of its own constitution**. It could choose to have an **elected senate, an appointed senate, or no senate at all**. **Gone would be the days when the town of PEI, with its 156,947 residents, has four senators, and Alberta, with 4.3 million residents and 50 times the GDP, gets only six.** Elections could be mandated to a certain day, rather than being opportunistically “called” by the government in power. The leader of the Alberta nation could be **elected as an individual**, rather than being chosen by the party in power. Judges could be elected rather than appointed. Best of all, **Alberta’s national leadership would be self-determined**, rather than be influenced by those in other provinces who vote for what is good for their locale, and who give **two hoots about the consequences to Albertans**.

**How to achieve this? Start with a fresh leader – the business community alone can surely supply many excellent candidates to be the first President of the Republic of Alberta. Commence negotiations to become a protectorate of the USA.** Canada will never negotiate in good faith over Alberta’s departure but it will have no choice if Alberta and the USA band together. **Stage a referendum to separate with a clear question. Commit the new government to call a free election within six months of separation from Canada. Start the process and watch Saskatchewan join in. Forget Greenland, the USA would love to add Yukon, NWT and Nunavut as a protectorate to foil Russia’s north pole plans and impede China’s northern passage desires.** Soon to follow would be Manitoba and B.C.

**There is a huge prize awaiting. It’s now the time for Albertans to do what they do best - get the job done!**

**John Budreski  
Vancouver, B.C.**

## OUR READERS' COMMENTS SECTION

**1. From a Reader:** If Alberta is ever going to separate, the only solution for economic stability would be to join the United States as this would solve market access issues. The biggest problem with any separation is how to deal with the indigenous population that may oppose the process.

**2. From a Reader:** Mr. Semple's description of the Cycle of Democracy chillingly paints an all-too-accurate picture of what is happening, not only in Canada, but worldwide right now. Regarding Canada:

First step: Trudeau/Singh shut down parliament for the next three months.

Second step: Trudeau extends CERB for two months.

Trudeau figures he's bought millions of new votes with his 'we will be with you every step of the way' pandering and the CERB cheques. The citizens have no idea where all this money has been coming from. Canada didn't have the money that he is doling out. The Trudeau government borrowed the money. And, it is very true that many citizens collecting CERB are not returning to work. Some are preferring to continue collecting CERB. This scenario is exactly what Mr. Semple described about the Cycle of Democracy. No parliament means dictatorship. Huge (ginormous) federal debt means pay-back time. Every citizen is going to be hit hard with every conceivable/invented tax possible. We can blame the Covid-19 pandemic for only some of the mess we are in.

**3. From a Reader:** I agree with most of Ian Semple's piece in #131 but he really misses characterizing the Maritimes as "possess such limited influence". They voted 31-0 Liberal in 2015 and 25 Liberal 4PC 1Green 1NDP in 2019. Oil dependent NFLD voted unanimously anti-oil both elections. This is a fact that Alberta cannot fail to acknowledge! The warm folk in the Maritimes are sadly our enemy nearly as much as the PM and PQ. They cancel Alberta's vote and will continue to do so in perpetuity. Mr Semple described the democracy cycle. The Maritimes are mired in the dependency stage. As Albertans we are dangerously naive to see the warm Maritimers as redeemable politically despite the sentiments of Rex Murphy. Should Peter Mackay dare suggest pulling the financial soother he might not be electable in his own riding. On another note, I took the Fair Deal Report to be timid. Mr Kenney seems to have chosen the panel or at least authors carefully so as to reflect his federalist view. References in the reports press conference to separation submissions as few and extreme sealed it for me. Jason Kenney is a liability and wasting time!

**4. From a Reader:** Another vanity project by Canada's Prime Minister has gone sideways, thankfully rejected both publicly and globally. One must ask why the world accepted bids for Security Council seats from Norway and Ireland while rejecting Canada's? Mexico and India were also accepted as regional representatives and will join Niger, Estonia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Tunisia and Vietnam as non-permanent members. This public rejection is similar to several years ago when the Prime Minister tried to inflict his version of progressive leadership during trade missions to India and China. Could there be a realization that the Prime Minister is more style (do you like my socks) than substance? While we struggle through an economic crisis and a pandemic, Trudeau has been chatting up world leaders for something which is largely symbolic. Instead of focusing on democratic and domestic issues like debating legislation in parliament, Canada's needs have played second fiddle to the Prime Minister's dreams of grandeur. In fact, I'd say Trudeau spent more time, money and political capital over the last 4 years bidding for a seat on the Security Council than he spent campaigning in Alberta and Saskatchewan during the last Federal election.

As a eunuch might say, Trudeau has come up short, again.

**5. From a Reader:** Albertans need to pressure our White Knight Kenney (ha!) to hold a referendum on separation. This guy is all talk and little action. Not the same guy that campaigned - that is obvious, carpetbagger in my estimation.

## **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. LORNE GUNTER: DESPITE PANEL'S RECOMMENDATIONS, ALBERTA SECESSION NEEDS TO BE ON THE TABLE [Click here](#)**

**2. RICK BELL: KENNEY SLAMS ALBERTA SEPARATISM, SAYS HE'S A PATRIOT [Click here](#)**

**3. BARNES RESPONDS TO KENNEY: "I AM AN ALBERTA PATRIOT", DOESN'T SUPPORT UNCONDITIONAL FEDERALISM [Click here](#)**

**4. MACKAY SAYS QUEBEC WOULD GET FINAL SAY ON PROPOSED PIPELINE [Click here](#)**

5. **LORRIE GOLDSTEIN: THIS IS TRUDEAU'S LOSS, NOT CANADA'S** [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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