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## **SCREW THE WEST, WE'LL TAKE THE REST!**

**Liberal organizer Keith Davey**, during a **1980 election**, coined the slogan **“Screw the west, we’ll take the rest”**. The election brought back **Pierre Trudeau** and his government installed the notorious **National Energy Program (NEP)**. NEP **damaged Alberta and the oil-rich west**, bringing in the infamous bumper stickers: **“Let the eastern bastards freeze in the dark”**. Trudeau **damaged** more than the western economy with his cynical legislation - he seriously aggravated a longstanding suspicion in the west that the **Liberal Party was more vampire than friend**.

Pierre’s son is **doing it again with Bill C-69**. This legislation, meant to replace the then National Energy Board (NEB), **adds to the existing mountain of regulations** (and other obstacles) that stand in the way of oil and gas pipelines and other vital energy projects. **Environmental and Indigenous** “duty to consult” requirements - already onerous - will become almost **impossible to meet**.

But it gets worse. While the **NEP was an assault on Alberta governments and taxpayers**, it was not an attempt to destroy an entire industry. **Bill C-69 is**. The feeling is strong in the west that the **Liberal Party’s extreme ideology** - that the **oil and gas industry must be shut down to save the world** - is the **real reason for C-69**. **Murdering** the fossil fuel industry **by federal legislation** would **cripple western Canada’s tottery economic recovery**.

**And worse: C-69 is also a direct assault on fundamental property rights.**

The **Canadian Association of Energy and Pipeline Landowners Association** (CAEPLA) - Canada’s leading national grassroots property organization **advocating on behalf** of farmers, ranchers, and other rural landowners - promotes property rights. **CAEPLA reports that under C-69, federal government inspectors would bring along “Indigenous Monitors” onto private land and without the landowner’s approval.**

**“Indigenous Monitors”** could decide that something on a farmer’s land is **archaeologically valuable** to them. Through C-69, they also have the **right to perform “cultural ceremonies” without the landowner’s approval**. Landowners with a federally regulated energy project located on their land

could find their land **part of the federal government's "Reconciliation Agenda"**. Reconciliation" sounds nice, but not if the **ultimate goal of Bill C-69 is expropriation**. Astoundingly this is **unveiling in secret**.

This **secret assault on property rights** should **not surprise** those following the current federal government's indigenous initiatives. For example, the **recent deal with unelected people**, who call themselves "Wet'suwet'en hereditary chiefs", **is secret**. Thousands of town and rural landowners might soon be **horrified to find** that **they don't own land** (perhaps with houses, farms, and businesses) that were bought and paid for years ago, **Why? Because the government chooses to call what they thought theirs to be "Wet'suwet'en land"**.

The current federal government has also introduced a **"Practice Directive"** that **prevents federal lawyers from even defending the approximately 45,000 outstanding Indigenous claims** - that is **if a proper defence would interfere** with ... yes, there's that **"reconciliation"** word again. Or, should it be spelled **\$Reconciliation\$**? And if you think that the federal government will be on the landowner's side, **think again!**

**C-69 is not only bad legislation; it is an unconscionable interference with property rights**. If the federal government **plans to change fundamental property rights** it should do so openly, and give every citizen an opportunity to participate in what is in reality a **constitutional debate**.

**By: Brian Giesbrecht, a retired judge and senior fellow at the Frontier Centre for Public Policy**

## **OUR READERS' COMMENTS SECTION**

**1. From a Reader:** Rob Anderson's comments do not face reality. Canada is the last remaining Colonial system in the world. All other subjugated people of the world have thrown off the yoke of oppression and become free and self governing. Jason Kenny was elected because he talked of moving Alberta out of Eastern oppression. He talked of being tough with Ottawa but has only done the same as Notley. Talk, talk, talk. Keep doing what you have been doing, and you keep getting what you have been getting - - - a screwing by the Laurentian Elite. Firm, decisive action is the only path forward. Kenny's government should have immediately cancelled equalization fraud, dumped the RCMP &

established our own Alberta police force ( Quebec and Ontario have their own), set up our own tax collection (Quebec has their own) and replaced the Canada pension plan with our own (Quebec has their own). Anyone who thinks the \$20 Billion Alberta is forced to give Every Year to the foreign power in Ottawa (which is totally controlled by Quebec) would not more than cover our costs for becoming independent and free is a damn fool. There is none so blind as he who will not see!!!

Alberta Proud!

**2. From a Reader:** Sir. It is time we stopped standing by and allowing Trudeau to destroy the West. Time for action is now! The immediate separation of our pension will be a step to self-determination. Time for words are over! Time for sons of the prairies to unite! My great grandparents and grandparents were all pioneers. They & others built this country with their hands and a vision to the future. It is time for us to apply our hands to the task and set down a vision - that no one is left behind

**3. From a Reader:** Then, speaking of words, why aren't the people of Alberta enabling a Constitutional committee, either officially or ad hoc, to create a document that, when ratified by the voters, will free it from the clutches of the federal de facto government and corporation?

Reference 1: [Click here](#)

Reference 2: [Click here](#)

**4. From a Reader:** I do not fly the Maple Leaf flag on my property. It does not represent Western Canada. Maple trees only grow naturally in Ontario, Quebec, and the Maritimes. I proudly fly the Alberta flag on Colonial Day (also known as Canada Day), and on July 4th I fly 'Old Glory', the Stars & Stripes, to help my American friends happy INDEPENDENCE DAY!

**5. From a Reader:** Excellent cartoon of our "emperor" and the actual reality of Canada shown by the "emperor's" real world clothing. As for Mr. Anderson's panegyric on Alberta's current condition and the choices facing us, I agree totally with his statement of facts as they were and as they stand now. His solutions to our current situation are reasoned and well thought out. Unfortunately, Kenney is throwing away any chance for Alberta's salvation by his go-slow approach and thus needs a fire lit under him to hold the referendum this coming fall.....not a year from now. Even all the self-congratulatory fuss by Kenney last week on commencement of work on the

TMX project is smoke and mirrors. Unless and until everything is settled with the hypocrites in BC (both in government and out), we are building a pipeline to nowhere. When TMX reaches the BC border and Horgan starts even MORE delaying tactics, Sock Boy will throw up his hands and walk away saying "Well, we tried, Alberta....." and we'll be left looking VERY foolish, never mind much poorer. Referendum NOW and no back room deals with Sock Boy to make Kenney look good and stay in power. Alberta Firearms regulator NOW and let the eastern "progressives" and the MSM howl. Alberta pension plan soon and let US look after our own monies. Pension plan experts will be begging to be let in to run such a plan. Maybe we can even hire some of the guys who've made such a success of the Ontario Teacher's Pension Fund. However, non-government oversight is critical to the success of such a plan and this is NOT a trivial detail if the APP is to succeed. The APP must NOT be a retirement home for political wheel horses and bagmen.

**6. From a Reader:** In the 1980's when oil prices were sky high, Trudeau Sr. artificially dropped oil prices within Canada to benefit Quebec and Ontario. Billions of dollars were transferred into Central Canada and produced levels of wealth in that area never before seen. That action, the National Energy Program, devastated Alberta and the oil patch. Now with oil prices at record lows, why can't Trudeau Jr. correct oil prices higher within Canada to assist Alberta and the oil patch? Because these low prices benefit Quebec and Ontario again. The Federal Liberals do not give a tinker's damn about Alberta hurting and in fact actually enjoy seeing Alberta taken down a few notches.

#### **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. MICHAEL SCHELLENBERGER: ON BEHALF OF ENVIRONMENTALISTS, I APOLOGIZE FOR THE CLIMATE SCARE** [Click here](#)

**2. MICHAEL WAGNER: THE "CODE" OF ALBERTA'S CONSERVATIVE CULTURE** [Click here](#)

**3. BILL MORNEAU DIDN'T RECUSE HIMSELF FROM WE DISCUSSION DESPITE DAUGHTER'S EMPLOYMENT** [Click here](#)

**4. RECORDS SHOW CHARITY CLOSELY LINKED TO TRUDEAU HAS RECEIVED MULTIPLE SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACTS FROM LIBERAL GOVERNMENT [Click here](#)**

**5. LICIA CORBELLA: WHY ALBERTA SHOULD ESTABLISH ITS OWN PENSION PLAN [Click here](#)**

**6. JACK M. MINTZ: ALBERTA IS THE FIRST TO THINK BEYOND THE CRISIS. NOW LET'S SEE OTTAWA'S RECOVERY PLAN [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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