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There are **those who passionately believe** that human induced CO2

emissions are leading to a **catastrophe**. That does not make **attacks on pipelines** reasonable or logical.

Canada's oil sands, the **largest energy project in the history of the world**, have long been a **primary target of global activists**. They constantly show the ugly tailing pond images while somehow overlooking pristine forests from projects already remediated. Notwithstanding every effort imaginable, they have not achieved their objective to **shut down the oil sands**.

The activists do understand, however, that by **eliminating takeaway capacity** they will eventually **dry up future investment**. To do so they have invented an issue - **pipelines**. A simple hypothetical analogy will explain.

Let's assume that the increasingly active **food police** determine that pizza is **an undesirable food**. While admittedly a bit of a stretch, we are seeing increasing interventions that direct our food choices.

The obvious approach would be to convince government to **outlaw pizzas**. Similar to any attempt to outlaw the consumption of oil, this is an **unlikely outcome**. Unable to achieve their objectives directly, they turn their **attacks on the chefs** who make their living preparing pizza. As with oil producers, they **influence government to further regulate, tax, and shame** the chefs. Not surprisingly, chefs continue to practice their profession, **satisfying demand** for a popular product, while supporting their families, paying taxes, and contributing to their communities.

Having failed to dissuade the producers of pizzas, **the final desperate response is to attack the pizza delivery guy**. Sounds silly, yes; but this is **exactly what is happening with pipelines**.

Pipelines have long been an **integral part of Canada's infrastructure** safely and efficiently moving water, waste-water, cable fiber, telephone copper, electrical lines, and yes, oil and natural gas. Currently there are more than **2 million miles of oil and gas pipelines in North America** with at least 80 pipes crossing the US/Canadian border.

Unacceptable as they are, **spills are a rare occurrence**. According to a recent study by the **Fraser Institute**, accidents and incidents represent a minuscule **0.049 per million barrels** of oil equivalence transported. It is a fact that

pipelines are the **most environmentally friendly** mode for moving the products that heat our homes and buildings, fuel our transportation system and provide feedstock for a surprisingly broad array of everyday products.

It is an important fact that **80% of CO2 emissions are generated by the end user** while producers emit between 15 and 20%. **Pipelines** are responsible for **only 1% of emissions**, substantially less than moving oil by truck or train. Forcing emerging market consumers to access hydrocarbons from **less environmentally friendly countries than Canada** actually results in a detrimental outcome for the environment. It is an established fact that Canada enjoys one of the world **strongest energy regulatory regimes** and is an **outstanding environmental performer** by virtually every metric. It should be one of the first choices of environmentalist for countries sourcing oil and natural gas.

Canada's economic engine, the energy sector, cannot grow without access to markets. Already, as a result of lower commodity prices, **important revenues to fund health, education, social, and other priorities** are less available. Producing provinces such as Saskatchewan and Alberta are **suffering significant deficits** leading to inevitable **cuts** to these and other important services. A strong and growing energy sector is **critical** to maintain our world class medical, educational and environmental standards. Good intentions aside, **our progressive elites fail to see the link between prosperity and pipelines.**

The **National Energy Program** in the early 1980s was designed to capture growing wealth in Alberta and move exploration and production to Canadian lands in the north. It was about **transferring** some of the **benefit of the energy sector to Central Canada** where the majority of voters reside. **NEP II and Trudeau II** are about ultimately **eliminating the energy sector** but have naively **exposed its voter base to both higher costs and reduced security of supply**. Actions such as this, **devoid of strategic thinking and common sense**, are creating an **economic crisis in Alberta** and beyond, and **political ramifications that are deeper** than most choose to understand.

Ultimately the only efficient way to **reduce CO2 emissions** is to **stop consuming oil**. **Focusing on pipelines is no more sensible than attacking the pizza delivery guy.**

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OUR READERS' COMMENTS SECTION

1. From a Reader: After reading Action Alberta Newsletter #133, I am more convinced than ever that in Canada, “Confederation” is just a word. The true intent is long gone...non-existent. How can it be otherwise, when one segment of the country runs the whole show. Should Alberta separate? Absolutely, along with every other province! The co-existence with this part of the country just does not work. It never has, certainly does not now and never will. Canada will remain a train-wreck as long as we are coupled with the French speaking dominance that presently, controls everything. We need to let them go down their own path, taking their own acute mis-management skills, blatant corruption and language with them. Think of the savings right off the top..the \$13 billion in Transfer Payments and a further \$3 billion that is thrown away on the Official Languages Act (“OLA”). This segment of the population has dragged the rest of us down for the past 50 years. Enough is enough. This will never happen as, there isn't a politician alive in Canada with the fortitude to even whisper this POV. I live in Ontario and I am embarrassed by our part in this mess.

2. From a Reader: It now has got to a point of despair. The feds destroy our economy, in the name of climate change. Then they destroy our hopes through scare tactics, then take full advantage of Covid-19 to make us think the feds are actually helping Canadians. It's not the politicians' fault. It's my fault for not getting off my ass and doing something about them. We are not stupid but we let it happen because most of us just can't be bothered. So we are going to get what they shove down our throats. Shame on us for being so damn accepting. It is only going to take one person to start making people realize at some point to help everyone understand what is going because most won't believe you. It's never too late.

3. From a Reader: The talk has been going for years now. It is time to shit or get off the pot. There needs to be a mail out or some form of contacting every registered citizen of Alberta and find out - do Albertans want to go it alone or is this just a few disgruntled citizens venting? We keep reading about this ... but nothing gets done ... other than more writing, more BS. The time has come for

action not more talk and more BS. The only way to find out if Albertans want to part is to get their response!

4. From a Reader: Perhaps it is time for Albertans to ponder how they have fared as a province under Quebec sovereignty, governed, plundered and pillaged by ruling Laurentian elites for over a century. What benefits have Albertans ever enjoyed? What help has been provided in our time of great need over the last 5 years, with over 200,000 lost jobs, and faced with ever increasing regulatory and tax burdens for the benefit of Laurentian, central and eastern Canada. Historically, during the 1930's, the only people that came to Albertans' aide were Newfoundlanders, who shipped salted cod so Albertans wouldn't starve. The Wildrose Independence Party couldn't have arisen at a better time as the Trudeau Regime plans a post covid transition to the UN's Agenda 2030, preparing to follow UN dictates on climate, economic, social and immigration policy, based on a build out of renewable energy and state corporatism, similar to the late Maurice Strong's "state capitalism" model he developed for and adopted by China. Margaret Thatcher once said: "Our sovereignty does not come from Brussels - it is ours by right and by heritage." Indeed. Alberta's sovereignty doesn't come from Ottawa. It belongs to Albertans by right and by heritage and Albertans only need to formally declare their independence via a referendum. Albertans contribute to Laurentian Canada about \$11,110 per each of the 4.428 million Albertans, or about \$49 billion each year. With full control of governance over land, resources, rail, roads, pipelines, and airspace above etc, and unfettered by the chains of Laurentian elites' regulatory and tax burdens, Albertans would prosper, building a new and bright future for many generations to come. Vive L'Alberta Libre!

Note: Albertan's annual contribution to Canada: [Click here](#)

Note: Population statistics: [Click here](#)

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 WAGNER: CANADA WILL NEVER CHANGE UNLESS ALBERTA IS WILLING TO LEAVE IT [Click here](#)

2. JACK M. MINTZ: ALBERTA IS THE FIRST TO THINK BEYOND THE

CRISIS. NOW LET'S SEE OTTAWA'S RECOVERY PLAN [Click here](#)

3. CHINESE GOVERNMENT-OWNED FIRM WINS \$6.8M CONTRACT TO SUPPLY SECURITY EQUIPMENT TO CANADA'S EMBASSIES [Click here](#)

4. CNN: HOW JUSTIN TRUDEAU'S LATEST ETHICS SCANDAL COULD SPELL THE END OF HIS CAREER [Click here](#)

5. DIANE FRANCIS: CHINA IS AN ENEMY OF THE WEST AND CANADA NEEDS TO ACT LIKE IT [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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