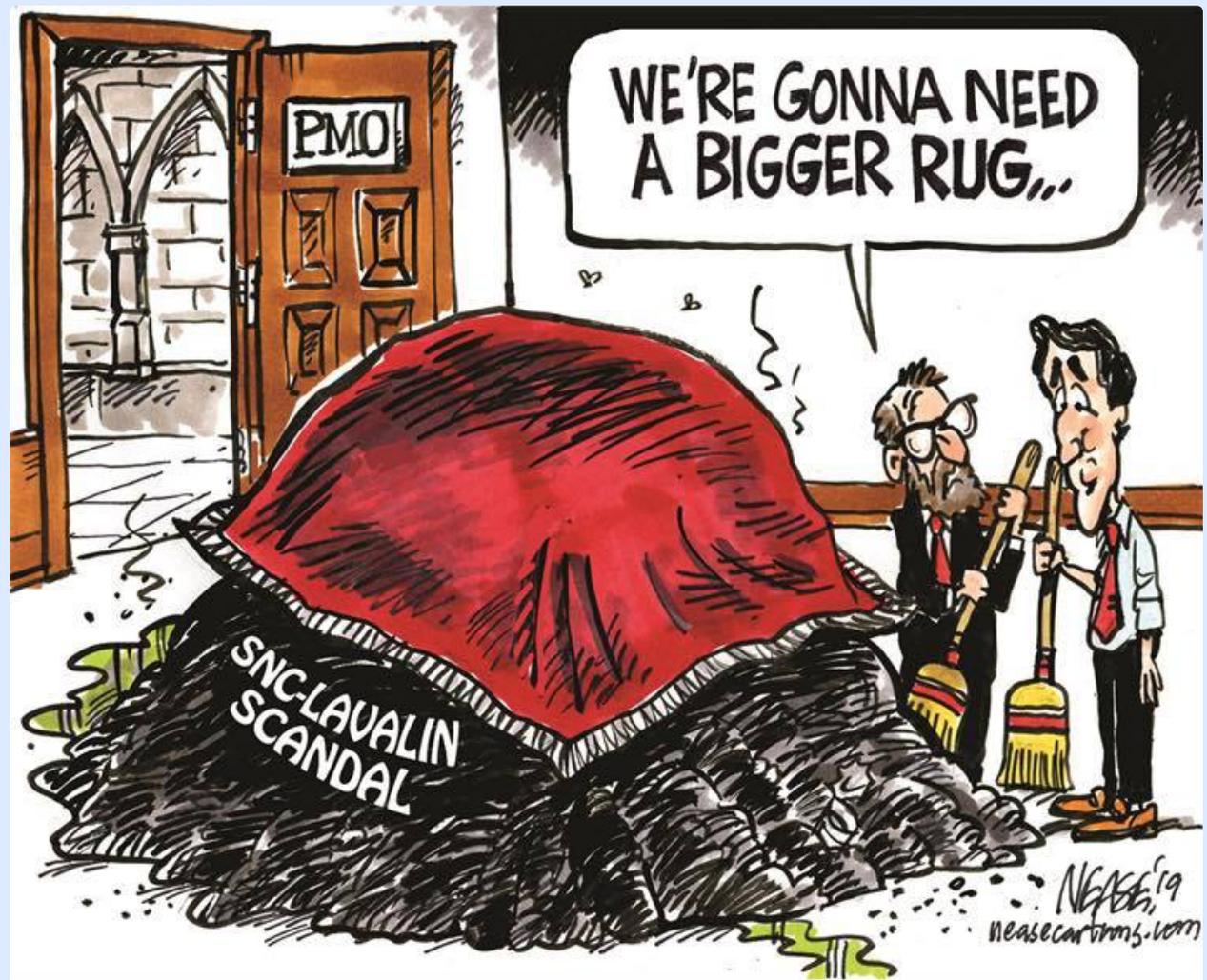


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We are a group of deeply concerned, unpaid Alberta resident volunteers. Our work is intended to educate, inform and motivate all Canadians to be visible and vocal regarding the unequal, unfair and discriminatory treatment of Alberta by our Federal Government. That motivation should naturally flow from the fact that Alberta's energy business is the most important driver of the Canadian economy and its health directly impacts the standard of living of every Canadian.

## **SEVEN REASONS WHY CANADA IS DOOMED!**

Posted on February 28, 2019 by Donna Kennedy-Glans

IT WAS CENTENNIAL YEAR when **Jacques Parizeau had an epiphany. Travelling by transcontinental train from Montreal to Banff in 1967**, the future Quebec premier and leader of the Parti Quebecois realized the country was unworkable. **"He got on board as a federalist,"** a former colleague said, catching the train from the central station in Montreal, the birthplace of the Canadian Pacific Railway (which made Canada possible in the first place). Ironically, Parizeau had accepted an invitation to speak on the success of federalism. He hadn't written the speech. The three-day train trip gave him time to reflect and put words to paper.

**By the time he arrived in the shadow of the Rockies and the Banff train depot, he was of the view that Canada was not sustainable.** It was a political contrivance that was doomed. And right then and there, the architect of Quebec's financial system – with a separate pension plan and monetary clout to invest abroad - created the economy for an independent Quebec, to exist in association with the rest of Canada.

### **WHY CANADA IS DOOMED #1**

**The United We Roll Convoy for Canada was a test. Canada failed.**

When tractor-trailer sized loads of deeply-rooted frustration from the West landed on Parliament Hill's doorstep, **the prime minister didn't bother to acknowledge the truckers arrival** let alone their concerns (although Justin Trudeau eventually came around days later with froth & fluff when it was clear the convoy wasn't going away).

Mainstream media coverage was mostly perplexed, and social media downright hostile (CBC Ottawa, for instance, ignored the raison d'être for the convoy, offering tips to angry limo drivers on how to dodge snarled traffic in the nation's capital).

And like Parizeau's journey to Banff with a startling realization that the country doesn't work and is likely doomed, should Albertans prepare a different vision for our place in Canada?

We think so.

## **WHY CANADA IS DOOMED #2**

**There is no question the province of Quebec is a 'distinct society'**, the Quiet Revolution during the 1960s had seen to that in every sense of the word culture.

Think of Quebec in Canada like **Switzerland** does in its association with continental Europe, at arms-length from the European Union. Separate but connected. And when a situation benefits Switzerland, they're in.

The Swiss are picky. While the rest of the EU had to absorb migrant refugees, Switzerland would have nothing to do with the resettlement scheme.

Quebec chooses its immigrants (and cares less what the rest of Canada thinks about their choice). **The province has its own legal system and**

**jurisprudence based on the Napoleonic Code. The Quebec Pension Plan (co-created by Parizeau) is controlled by the province. Canada can't touch it. And it's a huge pile of money the province uses to invest around the world. Quebec is an international financier. Quebec also regularly gets federal handouts in the form of equalization payments (heavily subsidized by Albertans).**

Quebec is a smart cookie. As a 'nation' they know who they are. They are very adroit at playing The Canada Game to their distinct advantage.

As Albertans, we also know who we are. Not fools, for one.

## **WHY CANADA IS DOOMED #3**

**The history of Norway is instructive.** It's a large country with a small population and enormous petroleum resources. When Norwegians were asked to join the European Union, two plebiscites on the question were decisive.

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Norway said no thanks. Their memory of a prior association with a distant and insensitive government was a Parizeau Moment.

In 1905, Norway gained its independence from Sweden, the same year Alberta & Saskatchewan became provinces in confederation. Norway aggressively exploits its petroleum resources. It makes no apology for what the country does, nor does it care much about what non-local 'climate change' activists have to say.

Norwegians enjoy a respectful association with the European Union, and when it suits them, it's a mutually-beneficial relationship. Norway has never shared its trillion dollar sovereign wealth fund with others. And it's not going to start anytime soon. The Norwegians learned how to save their money from petroleum riches by copying Alberta's Heritage Trust Fund. Imagine if Alberta had been a sovereign nation and was able to keep everything we earned from petroleum royalties. How much would our savings fund be worth today?

**If you're beginning to think the cost of keeping the The Canada Game going is too high, then you would be thinking like we do. And perhaps Alberta and Saskatchewan should join forces to be the Norway in Canada.**

#### **WHY CANADA IS DOOMED #4**

Jacques Parizeau was pragmatic. He understood what was plain as day by looking out the window of his train car. And he did something about it. Pragmatism leads us to the beginnings of a discussion that urgently needs to be had now.

**Canadians need to wake up to the truth that our country doesn't work anymore, not as our founders envisioned.** It's badly governed (the recent Liberal scandal and shocking testimony from the former justice minister Jody Wilson-Raybould is proof enough). And it's not because we want to be out of the country — to secede like Quebec has tried to do — but rather how we can rescue regions of Canada from neglect. This will make for an unexpected journey.

#### **WHY CANADA IS DOOMED #5**

Rapid-fire political movements are upending status quo governance around the world. And conditions are ripe for the same to happen here.

**We tried The West Wants In**, a powerful rallying cry which **founded the Reform movement**. A mixed success as history will record. Yes, it created the conditions for a Conservative prime minister from Calgary to lead the House of Commons, but only because the federal Liberals had become so corrupt and couldn't keep their Quebec get-liberals-elected-block-no-matter-what card in play. **It's time for something completely different.**

George Soros speaks of an illiberal movement in Europe. He makes it sound like a negative thing, but it's a matter of perspective.

**What Norway learned from Alberta** - how to manage your own financial affairs, look after your own people, in your own region, to the benefit of your neighbours (if only to keep the peace) — **Alberta needs to learn from Norway**. What the Bloc Quebecois has been able to accomplish in a political generation is also worth emulating. By completely concerning itself with and behaving in the interests of Quebec, the province enjoys a substantive advantage in confederation.

It's an interesting political strategy, but it comes with a terrible risk. Canada is not vaccinated to resist bad government and arrogant leadership. No country is, anymore. We owe it to ourselves to give the idea of Canada one last shot.

## **WHY CANADA IS DOOMED #6**

Canada is huge. That our ancestors were able to weave together stories of First Nations, French & English founders and flagship too-big-to-fail enterprises like the Hudson's Bay Company into a nation capable of making immigrants and foreign investment feel at home, well... it's a miracle given the history of the world. Our current prime minister disagrees with these stories.

**In an exclusive interview with the New York Times, Justin Trudeau said since "there is no core identity, no mainstream in Canada," we are no longer a country with a shared vision, so it follows we must be the first post-nation nation state.** That was in 2015. And given how the country has floundered since his astonishing statement, we unfortunately find ourselves in agreement with the prime minister in 2019.

**We must do confederation better if Canada is to survive.** And if only to have a regional political party on par with the clout of Quebec, we envision a

a regional political party on par with the bloc of Quebec, we envision a movement that transcends partisanship of the current choices playing with prairie fire.

**A movement that doesn't merely unite the right or left, but all of The West. And that means our West: Alberta, Saskatchewan, the parts of Manitoba and British Columbia that share the same core values, the same identity, the same smarts that our current prime minister utterly lacks, in his pandering to voters that he stands to lose in Quebec and the Lower Mainland of BC.**

### **WHY CANADA IS DOOMED #7**

**If you love Canada, as much as we do, please look North.** It is where the biggest play for natural resources in the world is playing out. And with a year round open seaway, 'climate change' will trigger a mass migration of people into the region. Already **Russi** with its eleven time zones abutting the Arctic Ocean is gearing up for the future. Ditto for our 'friend' the **United States**, which has declared the entire region in it's 'strategic interest'.

It is worth recalling that the Dominion of Canada was created in 1867 because Canadians didn't want to be Americans. The War of 1812 was still fresh in everyone's mind. **We shall collectively lose sovereignty of the North, if we don't get our act together quickly.**

### **MAITRE CHEZ NOUS**

And now — especially if you are having a Parizeau Moment — it's pragmatic to **think seriously about forming a West Block.** What shall it be oui, or we? We'll have more to say in a week or two...

**This column is the consensus opinion of the writers Donna Kennedy-Glans & Don Hill.** Here is the actual column. You can subscribe to it there. <https://beyondpolarity.blog/2019/02/28/seven-reasons-why-canada-is-doomed/>

### **OUR READERS' COMMENTS SECTION (AGAIN MANY)**

**1. From a Reader** I agree totally with all the readers' comments. What I want to know is this: **if the CPC forms the next federal government how does he**

**intend to FIRE all those environmentalists in all the departments?** He has not uttered a word on the subject. Who is going to be his RIGHT-HAND MAN in the PMO? **How does he hope to approve any pipeline in Canada in view of the SC of C decision and the waffling by the Lieberal government on this issue? How does he propose to halt the outflow of money from Canada and encourage the business community to reinvest in Canada? What does he intend to do with the TransMountain pipeline that Turdo bought from Kinder Morgan?** Has Scheer indicated to anyone that he will abolish the secrecy of cabinet meetings and open up the books, so to speak, to the public? Not at all.

On the question of a referendum for separation I have only read that Kenney will allow a referendum on the question of the restructuring of the equalization formula under the CHARTER! He has not mentioned the word SEPARATION because he is NOT an Alberta separatist; he is and will always be a federalist and will NOT look after the economic and financial interest of Alberta.

**2. From a Reader** I find it rather interesting that SNC Lavalin can bribe government officials in Libya to the tune of several million and then have the federal gov't try to achieve a DPA for them but a Calgary based O and G company bribes an official in Bangladesh for \$190 K and pays almost \$10 MM in fines! There may be a good comparison here that some in the journalist circle could write about! Thank goodness for a strong AG to stand up to these criminals!

<https://www.mccarthy.ca/en/insights/articles/95-million-fine-first-significant-action-under-canadas-foreign-corruption-law>

**3. From a Reader** Strange that Trudeau says he is fighting for jobs. However **that is only in Quebec, what about the lost jobs in Alberta and BC because of no pipelines.** Is that an Oxymoron or just words from a moron?

**4. From a Reader (from Edmonton):** Let there be no doubt why the policies of the liberals are so anti-oil, anti-west & detrimental to the entire Canadian economy when you see who the leading influencers of policy are within the Liberal Cabinet.

**TWENTY TWO (yes, 22) Cabinet Ministers have people from varying degrees of (anti-oil) Climate Orgs as senior staff members.** These tend to be the people engaged in **high level policy brainstorming and formulation.**

You can scroll the list of which Cabinet Ministers and the full details of the number of high ranking federal civil servants who have the anti-oil backgrounds arising from longtime affiliations with various eco groups pursuing the limitation/elimination of hydrocarbons – when there is NO VIABLE energy resource with the capability of replacing hydrocarbons.

**The selection of senior staff with this single-mindedness in anti-oil policy setting is no accident and is a disaster for the Canadian economy** as hydrocarbon related businesses are the source of very substantial tax payments to the feds, used for health care, equalization payments and other govt support across the entire country. And of course, it is **an even bigger disaster for Alberta and Saskatchewan** due to those provinces producing most of the hydrocarbon revenue. This type of attack is unprecedented in scope or damage to our country and is mounted in spite of Alberta having among the toughest and most environmentally conscientious regulations for oil and gas production/transportation in the world.

The damage being done to jobs, to investment that creates jobs, to our international reputation and to our energy security within Canada is very substantial. Without new pipelines our export potential is strangled – limited only to the US and what it is willing to pay as opposed to having numerous countries as customers and selling for full market price.

**Please speak out about your concerns/oppositions to all levels of gov't – most of all to the PM & Cabinet Ministers at the federal level. Share your concerns widely on social media.** The traditional and much of social media is dominated by foreign funded and carefully choreographed pro-climate messaging that does not acknowledge the damage done by the attacks on the oil industry, nor does it provide any viable proposals for how to replace hydrocarbons (oil, natural gas etc) as our primary energy source.

**5. From a Reader (in Vancouver):** Thank you for this information. I am shocked and did not know **the saturation level of self-serving people, completely disconnected from actual, real world economic and social conditions is past crisis stage in Ottawa.** Anyone residing in the West has known for a long time that the West and in particular **Alberta, is viewed by Ottawa as a slave area, populated by a slave people and comprising a slave province;** however, **for any Federal government to deliberately and in a premeditated way, over an extended period of time measured in years,**

**obstruct, deny, mislead and finally commandeer a lawful, historic, and legitimate provincial industry is unacceptable by any measure** and is not consistent with any definition of what constitutes a country. The completely unnecessary Federal interference in the Kinder-Morgan pipeline constitutes a direct and crippling assault on the livelihoods of the people of Alberta, who have done nothing wrong. The only thing Ottawa needed to do regarding the pipeline is utilize the considerable legal and other capabilities at its disposal to cause the pipeline to proceed immediately - years ago.

**The people of Alberta must accept that their resources, their access to world markets, their lawful and ordinary access to, and benefits from the results of their labour have been ignored, denied, obstructed and squandered by their own Federal government;** that same government in no way acting in the interests of the people of Alberta or even cognizant and respectful of the dire circumstances their actions have directly caused and continue to cause for the people of Alberta.

**6. From an Reader (an “environmentalist”):** You can add me to the list of environmentalists. Your “Jurassic” philosophy is **flogging a dead horse**, as fossil-fueled vehicles are nearing the end of their legal existence in many countries/jurisdictions. “Unfair treatment”?, while you are the richest province and have **no PST**. Go ahead and separate – you think you have a problem getting your products to market now? You have no coastline or river passage to any ocean. Imagine added costs (export tariffs) to transport by rail or other means to either coast. Start developing alternative energy sources and leave the air (and the dinosaurs) alone. Love your planet.

**7. From a Reader: The environmental staff imbedded in almost every Federal government ministry makes it absolutely clear that Trudeau and Butts, his chief of staff, clearly intended and planned to destroy Alberta and its energy industry with Bill C- 69 and multiple other deliberate actions and non-actions.**

They commit breaches of the rule of law within their own government to save 9,000 jobs at SNC, a Quebec company. Plus, subsidize Bombardier, another Quebec airplane/rail transport company by the billions, when all analysts both sides of the border say this company is so poorly run it should have been put into bankruptcy years ago..... and they have never made any effort or taken any material action to support Alberta and its more than 100,000 job losses.

Why? Because **they always intended to destroy Alberta and its energy industry. How can pipelines ever get approved and built with so many enviro-heretics imbedded in all ministries of the Federal government?**

**8. From a Reader:** On the subject of the environment, we just arrived at the Mumbai port and we encountered a **coal burning destroyer** spewing crap into the atmosphere.....pollution we'll ALL be breathing in if we cannot get clean LNG to Asia! AGHHHHH!

**9. From a Reader:** Trudeau has abdicated Federal responsibility by not declaring the Trans Mountain pipeline project **in the national interest** - particularly now that WE THE NATION owns it. Work **MUST** be done to simply and clearly communicate that message. **This is a declaratory power that has been used hundreds of times to get railroads, etc. built across provincial lines.** It's a foundational piece of our Constitution. No one talks about this. And by **NOT** using it, he is rapidly stoking separatist sentiment in the West.

### **ADDITIONAL READING**

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. REX MURPHY: The Trudeau Virtuecrats Come Tumbling Down**

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/rex-murphy-the-trudeau-virtuecrats-come-tum>

#### **2. MICHELLE REMPEL: The best explanation of SNC-Lavalin scandal yet**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K4Vx6kmfutc>

#### **3. A GREAT VIDEO EXPLAINING EQUALIZATION**

<https://energynow.ca/2019/02/watch-want-to-understand-equalization-payments-great-video-courtesy-of-energymminute/?source=de&wtv=irqrcgrad@yahoo.ca>

#### **4. PREMIER MOE WON'T MEET WITH PM WHEN HE VISITS REGINA THIS WEEK**

<https://regina.ctvnews.ca/premier-moe-won-t-meet-with-pm-when-he-visits-regina-this-week-1.4321949>

## 5. FERRIES AND ECOTOURISM IMPACT KILLER WHALES MORE THAN OIL TANKERS

[https://context.capp.ca/energy-matters/2019/ep\\_bc-ferries-and-whale-watching-boats-harm-killer-whales-more-than-oil-tanker](https://context.capp.ca/energy-matters/2019/ep_bc-ferries-and-whale-watching-boats-harm-killer-whales-more-than-oil-tanker)

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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