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**BUILD BACK BETTER REALLY MEANS AN END TO ALBERTA'S FOSSIL
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THE SLOGAN

Build Back Better. Get used to hearing it. It's the new "it" phrase of **2020**.

Newly minted Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland said it when she framed her priorities for a budget she will deliver this fall. It is Democrat candidate **Joe Biden's campaign slogan**. It appears in an **economic resilience task force** report commissioned by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, a task force that incidentally included **his old pal Gerald Butts** as a member.

And why not? No one sets out to rebuild something worse. Of course, we want things to be built better. **But is the Trudeau government's vision of building back better in sync with what Alberta needs to get back on its feet?** I have **grave doubts**.

The failing of **conservatives** is they **don't take progressives seriously** when they propose **grandiose schemes**. Conservatism, by its very nature, believes in the adage you **don't need to fix something that's not broken**. It's why conservatives don't run on grand national visions to **transform everything**. They don't believe that much needs to be transformed. Fix a few things **around the edges**, offer some tax breaks so people can enroll their kids in sports, take the bus to work or renovate their homes. Try to keep government from **growing too much** or too fast, **balance the budget** (if you can), and let people keep more of what they earn so they can take care of themselves.

While this vision suits me just fine, it is no match for the **revolutionary zeal of the left**. It's why **conservatives lose the ideas war**. When progressives put a **costly national scheme** on the table, conservatives have no answer to it.

If progressives say, "We need national pharmacare," Conservatives say, "That's provincial jurisdiction."

If progressives say, "We need national childcare," Conservatives say, "The Child Tax Benefit is working just fine."

If progressives say, "We need a guaranteed annual income," Conservatives say, "The best social program is a well-paying job."

I happen to **agree with the conservative view**, but to an increasing number of Canadians, it sounds like a **con out**. This brings us to the **latest scheme**

Canadians, it sounds like a **cop out**. This brings us to the latest scenario.

The concept of **Build Back Better** comes from the disaster recovery world and was first introduced in **2006** by former U.S. president **Bill Clinton**, the UN's Special Envoy for Tsunami Recovery. Building back better **makes sense after a natural disaster** - if a landscape, buildings and infrastructure are completely razed, you have to physically rebuild them. **Of course**, you'd use better materials, better engineering and better design to make sure the next tsunami doesn't wipe the place out again.

But what do progressives mean when they apply the term to the post-COVID recovery? **COVID didn't damage landscapes. It didn't wipe out buildings.** It didn't destroy infrastructure.

The only thing **it destroyed** was **economic growth** as most nations of the world, with the exception of Sweden, enforced rigid lockdowns on its citizenry. A conservative would probably say all that is needed is for government to **ease restrictions**, wait for **consumer confidence** to recover and growth will take care of itself. **Progressives have another idea.**

The latest application of the Build Back Better philosophy appears to come from the **World Economic Forum**, which is holding its **Great Reset conference in January**. If you want to know what it has in mind, you should read a couple of articles on its website, **To Build Back Better We Must Reinvent Capitalism [Click here](#)** and **COVID 19: The Four Building Blocks of the Great Reset [Click here](#)**.

As you read through both, you are going to be struck by how much **it sounds like The Leap Manifesto [Click here](#)** or The Green New Deal, which recommended a socialist utopia built on a foundation of green energy. And by gum, **you'd be right.**

The **World Economic Forum** states "some analysts now reckon that **fossil fuel demand may have peaked in 2019 - for good.**" The article it links to states, "**It would be deeply irresponsible to try to build back the fossil fuel system ...** As you stimulate to drive economic growth, then invest in industries like **solar or wind or electric vehicles**, with lower costs than the fossil alternative."

To me, this Build Back Better global movement doesn't sound like it is at all going to be in Alberta's interests. The Conservative Party of Canada is choosing a new leader on Sunday. My fear is they don't know what is about to hit them.

By: Danielle Smith

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Here is her article in the Calgary Herald: [Click here](#)

OUR READERS' COMMENTS SECTION

1. From a Reader: Action Alberta. I agree with everything you say and I understand your situation. We in New Brunswick also suffer from inequality. Language inequality. Years ago there were several groups seeking language equality, all with a slightly different approach and because they were mainly small the governing parties chose to ignore them. I personally contacted each group and suggested that they meet, find their common ground, unite and as one challenge the system. I certainly cannot take the credit but if you follow our political scene you will note that the Peoples Alliance Party of New Brunswick (PANB) is now a party of reckoning, the governing Party has to listen to them, modify their approach to governing and the result is, at the moment, New Brunswick has a "Common Sense" government. A working minority. Just a thought. It worked for us.

2. From a Reader: Trevor Tombe, needs to do more homework on Quebec. Quebec is actually a resource rich province, in metals for mining, forestry and oil and gas. It is the later they refuse to develop and explore, and are unlikely to do so under the current transfer payment scheme. Once Alberta separates, Quebec and eastern Canada will have no choice but to develop their rich resource endowment and make their own way in the world.

3. From a Reader: Ted Morton is an accomplished political scientist and author from the University of Calgary. It is revealing but not surprising in the contrast of the Quebec experience to the unrest in the west. Alberta's tax payments from the oil boom were bountiful for Ottawa's spending in Quebec to appease the separatists regardless of the party in power. The unrest in the west has resulted in various movements, and they shall have vigorous, interesting debate. In light of past experience and of Alberta's leadership and in the people's alleged preference for Canada, we can with reasonable

certainty project “no change”.

4. From a Reader: With no animosity to individual Quebecers, what is the point of Quebec staying in Canada? They and the rest of Canada would have an easier time planning their futures separately. I don't see English and French Canada as compatible. Canada is young, borders change in countries regularly, it's not something to stick with solely because we're used to it. And what is fair about a country where only 20% of the population has a chance to be PM, or a senior beaurocrat because of the need to speak both languages? We in the west have little in common with the east, its too far away.

5. From a Reader: So now with Morneau out of the way and no one to disagree with Justin's green agenda, he prorogues Parliament and so now he can push forward with further debt to finance the “Green Recovery”! Just watch this idiot spend us further and further into debt, my God, didn't Ontario's failure almost sink that province under financially, they are still suffering with high electrical rates and massive interest payments on their debt and our illustrious P.M financial wizard is about to do the same thing. Perhaps the people of Ontario will think about this before putting an "X" in the Liberal box. We need to bring this moron down along with his minority government real soon!!

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. ANDREW COYNE: IS JUSTIN TRUDEAU A RACIST? NO. HE IS A SANCTIMONIOUS FRAUD! [Click here](#)

2. DIANE FRANCIS: NEW TORY LEADER WILL BE THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF JUSTIN TRUDEAU [Click here](#)

3. ROB ANDERSON: FACE MASK HYSTERIA [Click here](#)

4. ROSS MCKITRICK: DITCH THE FASHIONABLE GREEN RECOVERY PLANS [Click here](#)

5. GOLDSTEIN: TRUDEAU'S BIG PLAN IS TO SPEND OURSELVES RICH! [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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