HELLO ALL (The Group of 4,829+ and growing):
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.

"LET THEM EARN FRENCH: CANADA'S BILINGUAL ELITE HOLD ALL THE POWER" (from a 2014 article, but very relevant today!)

According to the 2011 census, only 17% of Canadians claim fluency in both official languages.

To be Prime Minister of Canada you have to know French. To be Governor General of Canada you have to know French. To be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court you have to know French (and debate rages about the other eight). To be head of the Bank of Canada, the Canadian armed forces, the CRTC, or the CBC you have to know French.

In 2012 Parliament voted unanimously in favour of making it mandatory for the "auditor-general, the chief electoral officer and a number of commissioners, including those for privacy, information and ethics" to know French. Above a certain rank, most federal bureaucrats (regardless of what province they work in) invariably hit a promotional glass ceiling unless they know French. This is an awful lot of power to concentrate in just 17% of the population. If you heard of some third world dump where a linguistic minority of less than 20% held a permanent, legally-protected monopoly on all of the country's top jobs, you'd probably think it wasn't much of a democracy.

You'd be right. Discriminatory, arbitrary barriers to full civic participation remain a blight no matter where they're practiced, and we undermine any pretense of being a truly egalitarian nation when we seek to normalize or rationalize them. Yet a lot of Canadians seem distressingly eager to do so.

Former Premier Brad Wall of Saskatchewan laughed off the idea that he had prime ministerial ambitions by quipping "I struggle with one official language," as if lack of fluency in a tongue only .5% of his constituents speak at home.
was a perfectly rational reason for excluding Canada's most popular and competent provincial politician from higher office.

Justin Trudeau once quipped that non-bilinguals are simply "lazy," a Marie Antoinette-like bit of victim-blaming ("Let them learn French!") popular with segments of the Canadian elite who simply can't fathom why more peasants can't find the time to study an exotic dying language utterly irrelevant to their daily lives.

Since the party's 2011 Francofication, the NDP has never missed an opportunity to clamor that ever-larger segments of federal jobs should be exclusively reserved for bilinguals, while the Prime Minister has honed a habit of ostentatiously opening with French in absolutely every speech he delivers -- even when speaking to the White House press corps or the Israeli Knesset.

Journalists and academics have long played a role in this "unilingual shaming" as well, posting long, untranslated French quotations in books or articles, excessively praising the merits of being "fluently bilingual" when evaluating the suitability of potential leaders, and of course, drifting in and out of French in supposedly public forums before overwhelmingly unilingual, English audiences -- including social media.

Consciously or not, this sort of thing helps foster class anxiety and self-loathing in the 83% of Canadians who were unfortunate enough not to grow up in urbane Montreal households or spend a couple semesters in Paris, and normalizes the idea, as Jean Chretien once said of himself, that bilinguals are simply "better Canadians" who deserve to be in charge of everything. It's even worse when such smugness is accompanied by condescending untruths about just how easy it is to learn a second language later in life, or how welcoming Canada's existing bilingual elite is towards those who try.

There is a case to be made in favor of institutionalized bilingualism. 60%+/- of Quebec residents claim to speak French exclusively and Ottawa has an obligation to not make their relationship with the state unduly difficult. But Canada's cult of bilingualism has clearly mutated well beyond that humble, utilitarian goal into something far more destructive and disturbing, giving rise to a kind of permanently stratified society in which
a bilingual ruling class inhabit a privileged bubble that insulates them from appreciating the rareness of the peculiar talent they possess, or empathizing with those who lack it.

People can speak -- and tweet -- in whatever language they want, but Canada's second-class, 83% majority have the equal right to recoil from an overzealous, ostracizing culture of bilingualism, which is not, nor has ever been, rational, given the demographic realities of this overwhelmingly English country.

After all, should Quebec leave, Canada's bilingual elite would suddenly be robbed of the primary justification for their existence.

The above discussion draws heavily from the following article:

LET THEM LEARN FRENCH
https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/jj-mccullough/bilingual-elite-canada_b_4977174.html

OUR READERS' COMMENTS SECTION

1. From a Reader: It was refreshing to read your latest email to your contacts. For years I have been aware of the damage Maurice Strong and his friend Mikhail Gorbachev have done to the world democracies with their socialistic ideologies wrapped in their anthropogenic global warming lies. Unfortunately, millions of lemming like people have unknowingly been swept up in the politically charged rhetoric, which in the main is funded by socialist billionaires through their foundations. Thank goodness there are still many sane people such as yourself who have seen through this vail of darkness that the AGW ideologues are attempting to foist upon the world. Please keep up the good work you do.

2. From a Reader: Thank you for your newsletter on “AGENDA 21”. This agenda reminds me of a similar movement after WW1, started in Germany all in the name of saving that country from complete downfall. The people of that country embraced the movement wholeheartedly until it was too late for Germany and lucky for the rest of the world to have escaped from the Nazi agenda. These environmental zealots must be stopped or it too late ??

3. From a Reader: I am so annoyed by our federal and provincial politicians I can hardly speak. I stay in touch with the politics fairly closely and I think your
can hardly speak. I stay in touch with the politics fairly closely and I think your organization is a really good beginning. I would really like to see your organization expand to all of Canada. I realize Alberta is the most effected but there are a lot of Canadians on your side. I am from B.C. and I am in your court. When you consider how financially organized environmental groups got us to where we are, I think you will need to organize and finance a national voice to move the needle. I am sure there are tens of thousands of Canadians that feel the same. I appreciate your efforts.

4. From a Reader: Just looked at the World Bank list of companies banned for corruption convictions. The 115 of 117 list is six years old. Pretty sure there are more than two other non-SNC companies now listed. But among barred Canadian firms, SNC and its affiliates still make up 90%+

5. From a Reader: I, like you, am beyond sick and tired of the abuse that Alberta in particular has suffered while laws are changed, then broken to accommodate a crooked Quebec, company. I am a Canadian first, let that be known, but if a major statement must be made to wake up the blatant, unapologetic abusers and their trough feeding supporters, then I’m interested in learning more. My primary question is this; how does this movement have any chance of being taken seriously if you don’t have First Nations on board. What discussions have been had with them. From what I’ve seen, the same band can’t seem to agree on issues, let alone all the collective bands in your Canada West vision. We need to open eastern eyes (and apparently some glassed over eyes to the west as well) and I agree that some drastic measure is required. I just want to know that this movement has a reasonable chance of making headway before committing to anything.

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. GWYN MORGAN: TALK ABOUT 'COLLUSION' : HOW FOREIGN-BACKED ANTI-OIL ACTIVISTS INFLTRATED CANADA’S GOVERNMENT

2. CANADA MOVING FORWARD TO IMPLEMENT THE UN’S 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
3. INVESTORS WOULD FLOCK TO CANADIAN ENERGY UNDER A CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT

https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/investors-would-flock-to-canadian-energy-under-conservative-government-economist-1.1228465

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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