I would like to explain my version of what happened in the SNC Lavalin affair...

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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. Unfortunately that has not happened so far!

HOW EASTERNERS VIEW ALBERTA!

We thought it would be interesting to see how some Eastern Canadians view the West (particularly Alberta). Here is a sample of those opinions and the uphill battle that Alberta faces!

1. From a Reader’s Friend in Toronto: May I humbly suggest that you are the one who has his head stuck in the tar sands. Be careful, when that stuff dries up, and it will, you will not be able to pull your head out. That does not provide a good view of the world and I suggest is not a future you want to be "fully invested" in.

I read the Macleans article and smiled, shook my head at its creativity, even laughed at its satirical bent and wondered who might take it seriously? Seriously!? You came to mind my younger friend - because it is just the sort of fiction you want to believe, as you feel you "poor" westerners are so put down upon.

Interesting time-line for the article - some people argue it fits rather well with the demise of fossil fuels in their entirety. Where does the $$ to drive your new state economy come from with that demise? I don’t bother to send you articles about the rest of the world - Europe and China come to mind - where in the short-term foreseeable future ALL motorized vehicles will no longer need gas or oil.

I also don't send you articles about Norway. Trace back the parallels with your West and oil and that country. Then look at the $$$ in your respective funds. You had your chance. They did too. Quite a difference in the results.
Great country we live in - free speech allowed, free thinking allowed, differences of opinion tolerated, with mostly civil discourse following all that. Keep those cards and letters coming!

2. From a Reader: Alberta, Appreciated, Yet Not! Perception is one thing, but reality is…the same, at least in this case. Consider, in 2016, Alberta sent $49 billion of taxes to Ottawa, but received just $27.2 billion back in federal spending. This gap of $21.8 billion was $5,265 per Albertan. Meanwhile, Quebec paid $50.3 billion in federal taxes but received $66.4 billion. That’s a $16.1 billion boon!

3. From a Reader in Calgary: It’s time folks! I just returned to Calgary from a week of meetings in Ottawa, where I endured endless criticisms and jibes (directed by implication at the UCP), by feeble-minded politically appointed liberal policy wonks, to which I reminded them of Ontario’s recently elected premier, Doug Ford. I have to admit, I grinned, slightly, with perverse pleasure, as I reminded them of the political ideology in force in Ontario. Their hypocrisy is nauseating and egregious; "Let Her Speak" was plastered everywhere in Ottawa specific to SNC Lavalin, and reminders to voters all over social media that Trudeau famously stated in an interview, just a few years ago, that he admired China’s dictatorship and held distain for Alberta, Canada’s economic powerhouse.

I believe people in Alberta and other western provinces and territories have had enough of this fractured Federation we call Canada. I speak as an informed Canadian who has lived in Vancouver (UBC), Waterloo (Waterloo), Montreal (U Montreal) and Calgary. For the last 30 years, I’ve lived in four provinces, and I’ve travelled to almost all provinces and territories and just about every state south of the border. I can say with absolute assurance, there is no province or state which receives as much criticism and national alienation as Alberta.

Trudeau's Bill C-69 is the proverbial straw that broke the camel’s back. While in Ottawa, I attended numerous meetings with policy people, inquiring why my organization (an Alberta based company, serving all of Canada in both French and English) gets less than 1% of the federal grants awarded, whereas two other competing, Ontario based organizations, get 99%. We’re talking about tens of millions of dollars doled out each year. I provided well documented summaries, and emphasized the fact that we reach more people each year in
Canada (all provinces and territories) with our services than the other two Ontario based organizations combined. The tension in the meetings was palpable.

The icing on the cake, so to speak, was the willfully ignorant man I sat beside on the plane who inaccurately derided Alberta’s energy sector as the major global contributor to climate change and kept ranting, “Why don’t Albertans care about the environment?” 3.5 hours of listening to this bonehead! I suggested he, an Ontario resident working for a major industrial manufacturer, research the Commission for Environmental Co-operation, where he would learn that Ontario, and by extension his company, is Canada’s leading polluter, keeping good company with Ohio, Texas, Michigan, Indiana (and Ontario), in that order. He did not want to hear that these are the worst-polluted jurisdictions on the continent. Alberta and BC are mid-way, neck in neck.

"Yes, that’s right," I said to him, "BC is on par with AB – don’t let the green-NDP BC party fool you." I tried to educate him on US dark money, and its egregious efforts against Canada’s industry, and I also informed him of the many stringent energy environmental policies (too many to detail here) regarding not only Alberta’s Oil and Gas sector, but BCs as well, since it is the largest coal producer in the country. I referred him to a G&M article that sites the CEC, based in Ontario, as stating on public record that Ontario is the worst jurisdiction in North America for companies collecting their pollutants, and either dumping the carcinogens into the great lakes or St. Lawrence river, or moving them from factory sites to landfills/dumps, where entire water basins are contaminated.

He didn't want to hear anything about facts. He is what I describe as a radicalized Canadian -- his actions and sentiments are egregiously and frighteningly ill-informed. But, why should he bother to become properly informed? He lives in Ontario, and is originally from Quebec, where his extended family lives, and western alienation has no direct impact on his community. The flight attendant asked him on two occasions to lower his voice. She gave me an empathetic look.

In any case, it's time folks. Alberta and Saskatchewan, perhaps the Territories, and maybe Manitoba need to separate from the country called Canada. Confederation is nothing more than an experiment, which consistently shows failed results culminating in persistent western alienation, constitutional abuses of power, discrimination against entire
alienation, constitutional abuses of power, discrimination against entire regions of people, and economic disenfranchisement. The price we must pay to remain part of this experiment is too costly, literally, with zero return on investment. First, get Kenney into power. Then, either get rid of the federal Trudeau government (was close on Thursday with resolution 146 and the liberals near non-confidence vote, which would have forced an election). Or, if the current federal government does not fall off the cliff they’ve put themselves on, then plan B needs to kick in. Establish the country of New West (or whatever name), and let’s be done once and for all with this joke of a thing called the federation of Canada.

4. From a Reader on Returning to Alberta: I believe the attached article is from an Ontario newspaper called The Star. I don’t know anything about that paper. In my view, the article is typical of the way that I fear much of Canada thinks about us Albertans generally, and Alberta conservatives in particular. I have read some articles that are much worse, but this one is offensive enough.

The author’s disdain for us is subtle but unmistakable. The article says that Albertans are “accustomed to prosperity“. (Should we now accept poverty? Why?) It says that one of the issues in the upcoming election is racism. (It is? I wonder who the unnamed racists are, and where is the evidence of their racism?)

There is a quote from Rachel Notley, regarding Climate Change. Climate Change is not defined. Is it Catastrophic Climate Collapse in 12 years caused solely by fossil fuel CO2 emissions, and especially those from Alberta oil? Is it the possibility of a 3 degree rise in global temperature, caused by a multitude of complex factors, in 100 years? Something else?

But the clear impression given is that it is something very real, and that Albertans who want to cancel the carbon tax, want to “pretend” it doesn’t exist.

The article pretends to inform the reader about the issues involved in Alberta’s upcoming election. But it makes only scant and indirect mention of tens of thousands of jobs lost to Federal Liberal and NDP policies, no mention of the alarming and undisciplined growth of our mountainous government debt, incompetent and unqualified NDP ministers, Alberta’s fear for its future, or the Equalization payment outrage.
My point is that articles like this reinforce my resignation to the fact that many Canadians have a view of us that is poorly informed and far from sympathetic. That view has been in formation for many decades. It won’t be corrected easily. The chances that we will be treated fairly and with respect in this Country are very slim.


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. VIVIAN KRAUSE EXPOSES U.S. MONEY AND TACTICS BEHIND CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTALISM

http://resourceclips.com/2019/03/23/american-machinations/

2. A LINK TO THE TRANSFER PAYMENTS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO THE PROVINCES

https://open.canada.ca/data/en/dataset/4eee1558-45b7-4484-9336-e692897d393f

3. GWYN: ANTI-OIL GROUPS ARE DEEP INSIDE CANADA’S HALLS OF POWER


4. DON BRAID: LEADERS ERUPT AS SENATE CUTS ALBERTA OUT OF TANKER BAN HEARINGS


5. PETER ZEIHAN: SPEAKING TO AN AUDIENCE IN NORTH DAKOTA FIVE YEARS AGO

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