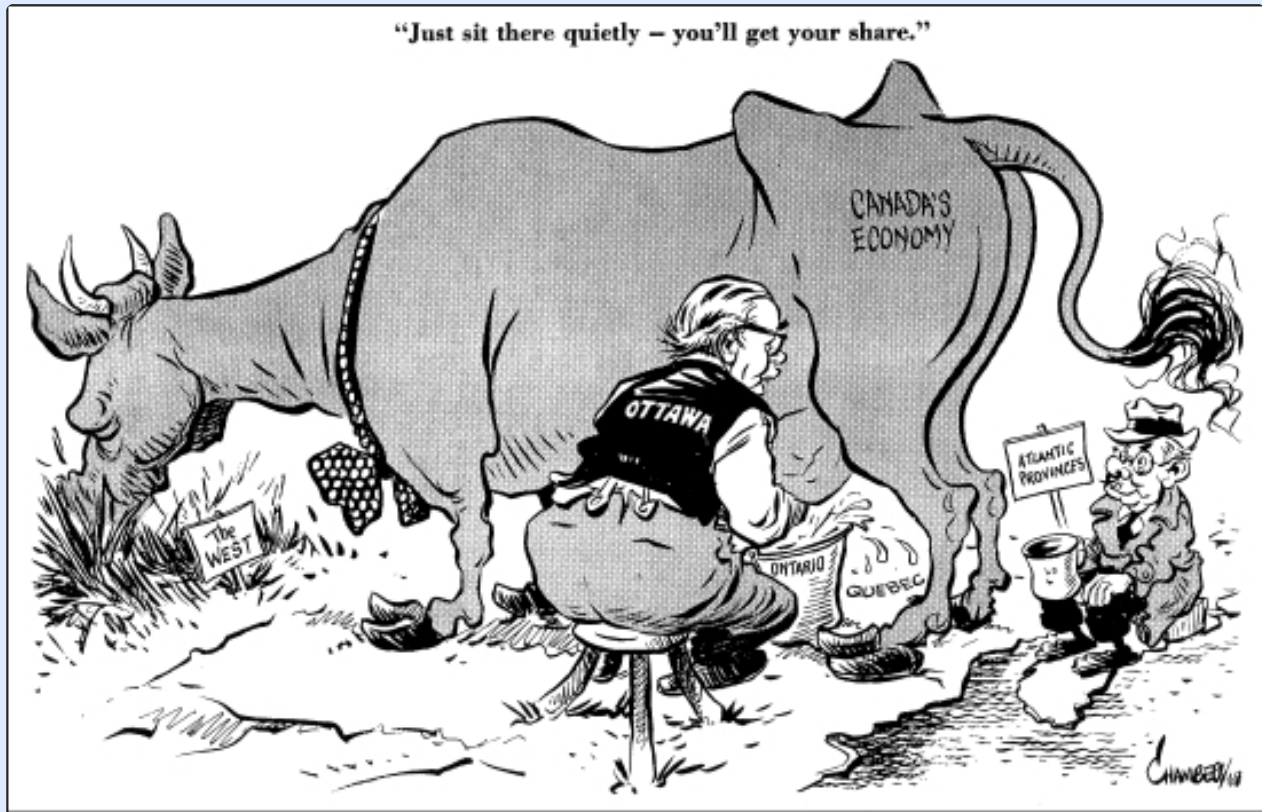


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HELLO ALL (The Group of 3,360+ and growing):

We are a group of deeply concerned, unpaid Alberta resident volunteers. Our work is intended to educate, inform and motivate Canadians to be visible and vocal regarding the unequal, unfair and discriminatory treatment of Alberta by our Federal Government.

Our Federal Government.

THE OIL PRICE DIFFERENTIAL!

At the time of writing this article, Alberta's Western Canadian Select oil ("WCS") was trading at **US\$36.26** per barrel, while West Texas Intermediate ("WTI") was at **US\$53.76** per barrel.

The Differential (or Discount) continued to be **US\$17.50**. This means that Canada is still selling its WSC, mainly to the US, for **67.5%** of the WTI price or a discount of **32.5%!!** Over the last month, the Differential has narrowed, but **ONLY** because the Alberta Government has mandated a temporary **9% reduction in oil production** commencing January 1, 2019.

What Alberta producers really need is more pipeline takeaway capacity. Then the Differential would be substantially lower and the government's interference in the market would not be necessary!

A FAIRY TAIL OF CANADA

by Gwyn Morgan, the retired founding CEO of Encana Corp.

Once upon a time in a northern Dominion called Canada, there was a thriving oil industry that provided fuel for vehicles, trains and airplanes. There was also a large natural gas industry that kept the people warm during the long cold winters and supplied the raw material for plants that manufactured plastics, detergents, fertilizer, synthetic clothing and a great many other items needed and used by people every day.

That oil and natural gas industry employed more than a million people and its exports were the biggest contributor to the country's international balance of payments. People working in the industry were proud that their operations were among the most technically advanced and environmentally responsible in the world.

Then a report written by a scientific advisory group called the **International Panel on Climate Change** was published, stating that the earth was warming and carbon-dioxide emissions from burning 'fossil fuels' were the likely cause. And so it came to be that lowering emissions of the very substance that plants need to breathe in the same way as animals need oxygen, and that provides the fizz in soda drinks and the bubbles in champagne, became the world's most

important environmental priority.

Suddenly, **after fueling the world's progress for centuries**, oil, natural gas and coal became environmental pariahs. Eco-elves flew in from far and wide to proclaim Canada's oil and gas industry a major contributor to global warming. But in the real world, the industry contributed just a small part of Canada's emissions, and Canada's emissions were only two per cent of global emissions. Nations of the world gathered together in the magical Kingdom of Japan and promised they would reduce the use of fossil fuels. But a decade later, fossil-fuel emissions had gone up, not down. So, world leaders gathered in the French Fifth Republic to once again pledge reduction of fossil fuels. But even as world leaders announced this pledge, three dozen countries, **including two with more than a third of the people in the world**, continued to build hundreds of new coal-fired power plants. Coal was already the biggest source of carbon dioxide and those new plants would raise coal emissions by another 40 per cent. That meant that, even if Canada were to disappear into stardust, its tiny share of global emissions would be replaced in a matter of months. Amazingly, these realities mattered not to Canada's starry-eyed prime minister, who vowed that his little northern country would set an example to the world.

His paladins imposed special taxes on the users of fossil fuel, creating hardship for the people while also weakening the dominion's competitive position with its largest trading partner. The prime minister journeyed to the main oil and gas producing province, hoping to use his imagined charisma to convince workers worried about losing their jobs that 'phasing-out' their industry was necessary to stop global warming.

People asked the prime minister what was to replace all that fossil fuel energy? He proclaimed that it would be '**green energy**' generated by the wind and the sun. But the people knew that the wind only blew some of the time. And that, in this northern land with little sunlight during short winter days and none on long cold nights when energy is needed most, solar was useless. And the government had not learned from experience in a province called Ontario, where billions of dollars spent on green energy had yielded only small amounts of very expensive and unreliable power that needed back-up fossil-fuel power plants to prevent black-outs.

The folly of relying on green energy was undeniable, but, alas, neither the eco-

elves nor the prime minister took heed. Neither did they face the truth that trying to force down Canada's already tiny global emissions would hamstring the country's most important industry only to have its fossil-fuel production, and emissions, replaced by production from other countries.

The prime minister and his paladins remained convinced their green dream would come true, if only they believed. So, this fairy tale of doing good for the world became a nightmare for this small northern dominion. Sadly, the rest of the world didn't even care.

The End

REX MURPHY REALLY NAILS IT!

“The environment and the economy go hand in hand.” — Environment Minister Catherine McKenna, Feb. 23, 2018. The Liberals' simplistic slogans are feeding a radical campaign that has cost Canada billions of dollars and tens of thousands of jobs.

The political, activist, ideological “the environment and the economy go hand in hand” mantra is an intentional delusion. The environmental movement is an implacable foe of the industrial economy of the West, and has a singular dedication to killing the oil economy of Alberta.

Understanding this, Minister McKenna’s chirpy slogan is a mockery of the biggest internal issue in Canadian politics today.

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/rex-murphy-spare-us-the-yoga-mat-mantras-about-the-environment-and-the-economy>

QUEBEC PREMIER LAYS OUT HIS PROVINCE'S DEMANDS FOR FEDERAL LEADERS FACING FALL ELECTION AND GUESS WHAT?

Just last week, Justin Trudeau met with **Quebec Premier Legault**. At that meeting, Premier Legault laid out his demands for federal party leaders heading into a fall Canadian federal election. Legault presented that list to Trudeau on Thursday but said there will likely be more demands to come. **He’ll also have a list of things he doesn’t want any federal party to advocate, including the prospect of an oil pipeline from Alberta to eastern Canada.** Legault reiterated Thursday that in his view, there is no social acceptance

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Will he also demand an end to the federal equalization payments that his province receives from Ottawa, funded mainly from funds Ottawa receives from Alberta? Let me guess!!

<https://nationalpost.com/news/politics/quebec-premier-legault-leaves-trudeau-meeting-empty-handed-but-hopeful>

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER FROM A SOLDIER IN THE CANADIAN ARMY (PPCLI)

Mr. Prime Minister of Canada

Justin Trudeau, **when I joined the military, I swore allegiance to God, Queen and Country. I have never forsaken that oath. You have attacked all three of those very precious entities I swore to honour and protect.** You and your party were legally voted into office (I think). However, that does not give you carte blanche to completely change Canada into a country aligned with the United Nations, Social Justice Warriors and globalists. Canadian values you often speak about are not the values of most Canadians. Tell us sir, if you could form your very own global government, how would it govern? Certainly not by a democracy. A democracy requires free thinkers, a free people. A global government can only be governed....no, ruled, by a dictatorship, much like your favourite country, China, where elites will be at the top and hard-working people like myself relegated as mere worker bees doing the bidding of elites like you. You have attacked free speech, even legislated against it. You have ignored our border security, thus making Canada a less safe place to live. You have manipulated the mainstream media, you cater to known and convicted terrorists, while denigrating veterans. You have grossly mismanaged Canadians' hard earned tax money. You are tampering with the election system and you are blindly following the actions of the EU on immigration knowing full well what that has done to Europe, yet you insist in taking Canada over the proverbial cliff with them. Why? In preparation for globalism? That can be the only answer. What is your end game Mr. PM? Please have the intestinal fortitude to explain during question period to all of Canada, just what you and your "liberal" party plan to do with this great

nation. Make no mistake, Canada is a great nation, though in the last three

years has been battered and assaulted by you and outside forces undermining freedom and sovereignty.

Mr. Trudeau you are my Prime Minister in name only. **Anyone who wishes to drag Canada into third world status, dismantle its freedom, surrender Her sovereignty and desecrate those who sacrificed to make Canada a great nation is indeed my enemy. You sir, and your far- left party are fast becoming my enemy.** Unlike your ANTIFA pals, I don't hide behind a mask; my name is at the bottom of this letter. You see Justin, that's what free people and people with integrity do. They stand up against tyranny, they don't ignore it or hide from it. History shows us that oppressed people address tyranny in every possible way required to preserve freedom and sovereignty. In closing, I always knew Canada had enemies, but *I never thought the most dangerous enemy this country would ever face would be its own government.* **As the saying goes: I'd rather die on my feet than live on my knees. You are underestimating the intelligence and resolve of Canadians.***

FROM TERRY JOHNSTON, MD

Ineptocracy (in-ep-toc-ra-cy) - a system of government where the least capable to lead are elected by the least capable of producing, and where the members of society least likely to sustain themselves or succeed, are rewarded with goods and services paid for by the confiscated wealth of a diminishing number of producers.

Canada is fast becoming an "ineptocracy"! (Editor's addition)

SOME ADDITIONAL FACTS ON THE FEDERAL EQUALIZATION PROGRAM

In 2017, according to Statistics Canada, **the federal government generated \$50.3 billion from Alberta taxpayers and only spent \$28.5 billion in Alberta – a net transfer to Ottawa of \$21.8 billion.** Albertans pay more in federal taxes than we get back in federal spending. It is this difference that goes in part to support the equalization program.

Meanwhile, **the federal government generated \$53.7 billion from Quebec taxpayers and spent \$70.1 billion in Quebec – a net transfer to Quebec of \$16.4 billion.**

Does that seem fair to you?

ALBERTA – IT IS TIME TO PUT “INDEPENDENCE” ON THE TABLE!!

As we have said in previous email, **Canada is not only broken - it is totally broken! In fact, Canada is in the ditch!**

Alberta **MUST** get the other provinces and the federal government to the negotiating table to rectify these egregious issues so that Alberta receives a fair deal in Canada.

It's time to stand up for ourselves and to stop overly accommodating others who don't appreciate our contribution AND it's time to stop apologizing for our successes.

If elected, Jason Kenney (of the Alberta UCP) has proposed the calling of a referendum of Albertans to vote on the “equalization” system. If approved, all provinces and the federal government **MUST** then sit down and renegotiate the “equalization” system.

However, that is not enough. **When renegotiating the “equalization” system with Ottawa and the rest of Canada, Alberta must have the “independence” referendum option on the table.** We cannot continue to let our political leaders refuse to even raise the topic, as that leaves Alberta negotiating with both hands tied behind its back.

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. **Jack Mintz: Alberta has better reasons to Albexit than Britain did for Brexit**

https://business.financialpost.com/opinion/jack-mintz-alberta-has-better-reasons-to-albexit-than-britain-did-for-brexit?video_autoplay=true

2. **Gwyn Morgan: Welcome to another year of stomping on Canada's most important industry**

<https://business.financialpost.com/opinion/gwyn-morgan-welcome-to-another-year-of-stomping-on-canadas-most-important-industry?2>. **Fraser Institute:**

Alberta Under Siege in 2019

<https://www.fraserinstitute.org/articles/alberta-under-siege-in-2019>

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3. Angus Reid: Six-in-ten Canadians say lack of new pipeline capacity represents a crisis in this country

<http://angusreid.org/western-canada-pipelines/>

4. Robert Lyman - Friends of Science Society - DARK GREEN MONEY - A GLIMPSE INSIDE THE BIG GREEN FUNDING MACHINE

<https://friendsofscience.org/assets/documents/Dark-Green-Money-Foundation-Funding-Jan-11-2019.pdf>

5. The Fraser Institute - Alberta Under Siege in 2019

<https://www.fraserinstitute.org/article/alberta-under-siege-in-2019>

Please **share** this email with your contacts so we can turn this unfair, inequitable, unjustifiable travesty around. If you would like to submit information or articles, please send them to me. **Thank you for ALL your support and interest!**

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