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OIL & GAS INDUSTRY DESTROYED, 46% OF CANADIANS NEAR INSOLVENCY, US TRADE AGREEMENTS TRASHED, 2019 GDP DOWN BY $33 BILLION AND RISING.....QUESTION IS.....CAN I FOOL THESE HILLBILLIES ONE MORE TIME???

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HELLO ALL (The Group of 3,750+ and growing):

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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.

**REPLACING THE NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD WITH THE CANADIAN ENERGY REGULATOR IS SIMPLY ANOTHER ASSAULT ON ALBERTA’S OIL INDUSTRY**

It has been made perfectly clear that the federal government of Canada, led by Prime Minister Trudeau and his *puppetmaster, Gerald Butts*, are determined to grind western Canada’s oil and gas industry to a halt. The list of liberal strikes on Canada’s largest industry is extensive, and the reality is clear: they have turned away investment, and hundreds of thousands of people are unemployed because of their actions.

One of the few good Senators in Ottawa, Doug Black from Alberta, offered an ominous warning about potential regulatory changes. He said parts of the government are hoping to kill the oil sands with the introduction of Bill C-69 and a National Energy Board (“NEB”) overhaul.

The proposed dismantling of the NEB and replacement with a Canadian Energy Regulator is just another sinister move by the federal government. Akin to killing Northern Gateway and Energy East, halting the Trans Mountain expansion, banning tanker traffic on the B.C. coast, the other elements of Bill C-69 and throwing countless review orders in front of critical projects.

Can we get a break? Of course not. Because Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Environment Minister Katherine McKenna, and Gerald Butts only sleep well when Western Canada’s oil industry suffers.


**INDIGENOUS PRO-OIL RALLY IN ALBERTA STRESSES ENERGY INDUSTRY IS VITAL FOR THEM**

Indigenous supporters of Canada’s oil and gas industry turned out in Lac La
Biche, Alberta in force last Sunday to make the point that the energy sector plays a vital role in their lives.

“It doesn’t matter if you’re a business owner or a worker or an aboriginal community. We’re all in this together,” Lee Thom, a councillor from Kikino Metis Settlement, told a crowd gathered in a recreation centre in Lac La Biche, Alberta. Rene Houle from Whitefish Lake First Nation said the energy industry generates spinoff businesses that employ hundreds of people in his community and with the money that’s earned spent at car dealerships, movie theatres and other businesses in neighbouring towns.

The bottom line, he said, is the oil and gas sector helps keep people from becoming burdens on the social-welfare and justice systems. “We would not have a proper living. We would not have a meaningful way of life, a healthy way of life,” Houle said. “Alone, our First Nation would not be able to generate that.”

https://boereport.com/2019/02/10/indigenous-pro-oil-rally-in-alberta-stresses-energy-industry-is-vital-for-them/

https://www.jwnenergy.com/article/2019/2/indigenous-pro-oil-rally-alberta-stresses-energy-industry-vital-them/

**ALBERTA’S WOULD-BE LEADER VOWS TO DROP GLOVES IN FIGHT OVER OIL**

Jason Kenney, the leader of Alberta’s UCP, is pledging to use more stick than carrot in solving Alberta’s problems, saying he’d kill a carbon tax, cut off oil shipments to provinces that balk at pipelines, **boycott banks that shun fossil fuels** and pressure Justin Trudeau’s federal government to end billions in transfers to other regions if new pipelines don’t get built.

“People feel like they’ve worked hard, played by the rules and been very good neighbors in the federation and in response, in return, we seem to be getting blockaded and pinned down everywhere,” Kenney said in an interview in Calgary. “How do we move from a defensive to an assertive posture in the fight for our resources and our way of life?”

A BALANCED TAKE ON PIPELINES
(from the Chairman of a Nova Scotia based Energy Company)

Loosely described, Sir Isaac Newton’s third law of physics states that for every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction. That third law has not taken hold in the business of new Canadian pipelines where there has been a lot of action (to prevent pipeline construction) and little reaction (to have pipelines built). Let’s invoke Newton’s thinking and apply some equal and opposite reaction to eight primary concerns.

(1) The Kinder Morgan Pipeline expansion must be prevented as it will increase the number of oil exporting tankers that could pollute the west coast waters and shoreline.
-- By extension then, the Energy East Pipeline must be built as it will decrease the number of oil importing tankers that could pollute the east coast waters and shoreline.

(2) No new pipelines will keep Alberta’s oil in the ground, lessening CO2 production.
-- No new pipelines keeps Alberta oil in the ground, only to be replaced by extra foreign oil taken out of the ground.

(3) The Trans Mountain expansion will bring several billion dollars of costs for staffing and equipping containment measures to ensure safety for Vancouver area waters.
-- Preventing the Trans Mountain expansion will result in the negation of the several billion dollars worth of containment measures, which will mean that these resources will not be available for use against mishaps from the other 3,000 ships that visit Vancouver every year.

(4) Building pipelines and LNG facilities will increase B.C.’s carbon footprint. -- LNG produces one-half of the CO2 produced by oil and coal and none of the soot. Increased CO2 is not a regional phenomenon as it rapidly blends into the world-wide atmosphere. Not providing clean LNG to foreign countries means that the atmosphere absorbs double the CO2, as the countries that would benefit from Canada’s LNG will continue to burn oil and coal. B.C.’s carbon footprint may stay lower, but the world’s CO2 production will increase by multiples of what B.C. avoids.
The addition of 400 more tanker passages annually through the Juan de Fuca Strait will stress the decreasing local orca population. Whether it is a tanker, freighter, ferry or cruise ship, it matters not to an orca. Thus, any increase in ship traffic should be banned. If we want to help out the orcas, start with a ban on the high-speed inflatable tourist boats buzzing around the orca pods on a daily basis. Then cut back on the cruise ships and freighters.

Pipelines facilitate the export of oil sands products. No pipelines facilitates the export of carbon intensive Venezuelan heavy crude and oil from third world producers who have scant regulations for environmentally benign production.

Pipelines have spills which are very harmful to the environment. Oil will be shipped, and if not by pipeline, then by rail or truck. Lake Megantic is a tragic example of choosing rail over pipelines. Imagine an oil train derailment near some BC lake or a New Brunswick river.

Keeping Canadian oil in the ground promotes Canada’s shift to green energy sources. Keeping Canadian oil in the ground promotes the purchase of foreign oil from regimes that practice female genital mutilation, execute gay people, suppress freedom of speech and spread terrorism. Keeping Canadian oil in the ground reduces funds that would be used to help Canadians, including indigenous communities, and provide STEM careers from Canadian energy companies that provide workplace environments that are advantageous to women and women. If one thinks that Canada should set an example and lead the way on oil industry environmental issues, then one should recognize that not one leader in Russia, China, India, the UK, Africa, the USA and most every other country spends more than a nanosecond a day thinking about how to follow Canada.

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

**From a Reader:** The following is from a reader that is a serious player that has a significant proposal for our Alberta Government that could save it BIG money, but is having trouble even getting a return phone call from it!!

"Our company has built partnerships throughout the crude by rail value chain."
We have proposed to pool our collective expertise and capital to build new storage and trans-loading terminals capable of handling one unit train per day of crude. We are building a leased rail car fleet, and will have 1,200 rail cars under management by Q2, 2020. We will continue to grow our leased rail car fleet to suit the market demand, and our rail car manufacturing partner has confirmed it is able to build the cars as needed; all 6,000 if that’s what the market requires.

We are asking for no money from the government, nor are we asking for loan backstops. What we have asked for is a ten year commitment to move the barrels for the government. Any investment of this size requires some form of supply commitment to justify the capital cost. We are open to negotiating the terms of that commitment.

With that said, there is a reason the players in the industry lease rail cars instead of purchasing. For one, the up front capital is far less. For a government that is, or should be, concerned with deficit spending, leasing makes much more fiscal sense. Leased rail cars have maintenance agreements, ensuring the cars are regularly maintained, increasing safety and reducing overall downtime. Furthermore, if pipelines are truly the future, leasing allows the cars to be turned back after five or seven years as market conditions change. The rail car lessor is then responsible, and best equipped, for finding new markets to redeploy this assets.

Lastly, logistics and crude marketing is our strength. We have the staff and the infrastructure to efficiently move the barrels. We also have key relationships with major refiners to sell the crude at competitive prices. Let private industry do what we do best. From inception, our business model has always been to share in the potential, and not to punitively steal profit from the upstream producers. A healthy upstream industry provides continued access for barrels that our company can move and market. We have been very transparent in our desire to grow the overall industry in Alberta and Saskatchewan as a partner, ensuring a continued standard of living that is unmatched in Canada. We are committed to moving our headquarters to Calgary should we be successful in securing the opportunities outlined above. We will hire Calgarians, fill empty office space, and re-establish our community involvement with various charities. **BUT STILL NO CALL BACK!!**

**From a Reader:** “Is Canada becoming a place where laws are no longer laws
but merely guidelines? The Northern Gateway pipeline painstakingly achieved due regulatory permitting (including 203 conditions), yet Trudeau and Co. instigated an oil tanker ban which killed the project. When the Energy East Pipeline was two-thirds of the way through the permitting process, the rules were cleverly changed, killing that project. The PM was confirmed on ethics violations by Canada’s ethics commissioner regarding a holiday trip to see the Aga Kahn. The federal government has refused to assert its jurisdiction, letting Alberta and BC battle it out over the Kinder Morgan expansion. And now when asked about why the federal government is fomenting illegal immigration (and barely reimbursing the provinces for the cost), the PM labels questioners and intolerant and racist. And now we have the whole SNC subversion of process by the PMO and false denial by the PM. These are examples of breaking the law, frustrating the law, twisting the law and not enforcing the law. Since when did Canada adopt the governance morals of Venezuela, North Korea, Iran and Cuba?”

From a Reader: “Coinciding with the IPCC’s annual report and a recent Nobel Prize, the Globe has published an impressive array of articles and letters regarding the concerns over climate change. For this casual observer, the trend seems to be going the other way. People seem less concerned and are pushing back on carbon taxes, green energy sources and regulation. Actions speak louder than words and those wishing to tackle climate change should take a page from the reduce-the-use-of-plastics playbook. That group is getting plastic straws banned. Small measure, but yet a start, and a highly visible and awareness raising one. Those seeking to fight climate change should endeavour to have patio heaters and related propane appliances banned. Like banning plastic straws, a small step but very visible and consciousness stirring. After all, what is a propane patio heater but a device to heat the atmosphere and belch out CO2? Of course we will never see this happen, one needs warmth when sitting on the patio whilst latte sipping and discussing ways to reduce global warming.”

From a Reader: "There was a great piece of advocacy published by Deidra Garyk who works in the energy industry in Calgary. Her open letter to Elizabeth May is yet another common sense rebuttal against a lot of the hyperbole and misinformation that is in circulation throughout society. Please take a read and forward this to friends and colleagues."

https://energynow.ca/2019/02/an-open-letter-to-elizabeth-may-leader-green-
From a Reader (42 years in downstream): "Thanks for a great newsletter. Terrific stuff here, much I already knew a bit about as I have an intense interest in this whole topic. I have a concern that if we get four more years of Trudeau we may not be able to undo all the ills he has foisted on us. The hypocrisy is unbelievable in so many ways.

My dislike for Trudeau goes much deeper than that I had for Trudeau Sr. At least his father was intelligent and he could speak. I have been in the downstream side of the industry since 1977 and have traveled the world selling our equipment and training engineers on production optimization. I have seen the worst of the worst in environmental damage. I know this really has nothing to do with what or how we produce our natural resources. We are by far the most environmental diligent producer and 'handler' of oil and gas on the planet.

Back to Trudeau....., my concern is with Gerald Butts - a very dangerous man that has puppeteered Trudeau from the beginning. And yet very few Canadians have ever heard of him. There needs to be some ongoing exposure for what this man has been responsible - which has been most of Trudeau's thoughts, policies and actions.

In addition, there is no motivation by our elected officials to stop the foreign interference by such organizations as The Tides and Rockefeller Foundations. The money flowing into Canada to bolster the environmental movement must be stopped. Butts must be very pleased as to their success.”

From a Reader (in Nova Scotia): “Can you ask your group if they know anyone who owns or wants to own greenhouses to grow vegetables. Alberta imports from USA $3 billion each year, while we sit idle with minimal greenhouses, and almost free energy to run the greenhouses.

Do you know how much power you would need to generate to operate the equivalent greenhouse needs? I calculated 750-1000MW, which uses a great amount of the natural gas we now give away. That greenhouse size for Calgary alone equals 10 Million cubic feet, plus the same in Edmonton, and the same again in Southern Alberta. The opportunity uses natural gas and hits USA on the chin. What a great way to use our own resources, if only we were awake. Fresh vegetables are..."
to use our own resources, if only we were awake. Fresh vegetables are becoming more rare as we import poor quality. No one seems to notice that either. We get lousy vegetables in Nova Scotia, and negligible being produced locally.”

**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. **Ottawa convoy distances from Yellow Vests, gets ready to roll**
   [Link](https://www.jwnenergy.com/article/2019/2/ottawa-convoy-distances-yellow-vests-gets-ready-roll/)

2. **Sask. warns of 'big brother approach to federalism' at first day of carbon tax court fight**

3. **Liberals accused of 'coverup' as justice committee limits scope of probe on Wilson-Raybould affair**

4. **Goldstein: One law for SNC-Lavalin, another for the rest of us**

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