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ALBERTA IS BEING BLOCKADED, SOMETHING MUST BE DONE!
(By Michael Binnion)

The current situation facing Alberta is intolerable and cannot be allowed to stand. Like his father, Justin Trudeau believes in weak provinces and a strong Ottawa. And like his father, he is willing to push the constitution far beyond past convention to make Ottawa supreme over the provinces.

No wonder Alberta Proud has convened a conference of experts on January 18th in Calgary to discuss a credible plan for what Alberta can do. Click here

Justin Trudeau has allied with ENGO’s to impose a blockade on Alberta, to effectively landlock its resources and strangle its revenues. His ultimatum is that Alberta must transition off hydrocarbons and beef. However, his true goal is a weak Alberta who can’t stand up to Ottawa. Trudeau wants to continue the history of laurentian elites in Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa calling all the shots in Canada.

The constitution is clear that resources and cattle ranching come under provincial jurisdiction. It’s just as clear that Canadians have a right to transport goods freely across the country. But you won’t see Trudeau enforcing those parts of the constitution.

Instead, Trudeau Jr. has invoked federal powers over waterways and pipeline approvals to achieve indirectly what he cannot accomplish directly. In doing so, he has in effect imposed a blockade on Alberta to choke its revenues.

Potentially worse, he is seeking to expand the meaning of the “Peace Order and Good Government” clause in the constitution to mandate a national carbon tax scheme that mainly targets Alberta. This tax has different rates for different parts of the country depending on the arbitrary judgment of Ottawa bureaucrats — also known to favour centralized power. Adding insult to injury, the carbon tax targets resources and agriculture. Affecting less than 10% of the Canadian economy overall, this tax targets 30% of Alberta’s economy. The Conference Board of Canada found in two separate
studies that Ottawa’s environmental tax will cost the economy over $500 per tonne of global emissions reduced. It is but an environmental fig leaf for another attack on Alberta.

Imagine if the Supreme Court allows Ottawa to impose a tax that falls arbitrarily and unevenly on some regions over others. Future federal governments, or even this one, will find this an irresistible loophole for buying regional votes. It is far from good government and virtually guaranteed not to encourage peace among the confederation. If the Supreme Court allows this perversion of the “Peace Order and Good Government” clause it could very well sow the seeds of the end of the Canadian experiment.

The last time an unbridled attack on Alberta happened with Trudeau Sr., it was Alberta and Quebec who led the fight back with some success. The Quebec – Alberta coalition ended the National Energy Program and brought in the political shifts that eventually led to NAFTA, enduring changes both.

That attack on Alberta, led to the Reform Party and the ‘West Wants In’ drive to reform Ottawa from within. It disrupted Canadian politics as usual for almost two decades. In spite of peace and mostly good government in the confederation for more than a generation, it led to no enduring change. It was a failure, a worthwhile failure but nonetheless a failure. Justin Trudeau is remounting his father’s anti-Alberta agenda and anti-provincial rights agenda. The consequences are that national unity is threatened in a way that Canadians have not seen in a quarter of a century.

If “the West Wants In” won’t end the blockade, then will the alternative of “the West Wants Out” finally make a difference for Alberta? Something has to give because the current situation is intolerable.

Albertans are ever more frustrated that their own federal government is leading a movement to prevent the sale of Alberta’s resources to a world that wants to buy them. It is a threat to Alberta’s future and its prosperity, and it prevents Alberta from contributing to a more prosperous Canada.

THE BLOCKADE MUST END. SOMETHING MUST BE DONE!

(Michael Binnion is a CEO with a Canadian energy company.)

ALBERTA PROUD CONFERENCE
Alberta Proud has convened a conference of experts on January 18, 2020 in Calgary to discuss a credible plan for what Alberta can do. A great line up of speakers include: Lord Conrad Black, Ted Morton, Jack Mintz, Hon. Joe Oliver, Danielle Smith, Michael Binnion, Prem K. Singh and Becca Polak.

For more information and to register Click here

OUR READERS' COMMENTS SECTION

1. **From a Reader:** Without adjusting for inflation, or for population growth over the years, both of which would increase the per person payout, the efforts of each and every Albertan have paid just shy of $140,000 more than the federal government has returned to us via services and transfers. A majority of those funds have been paid to Quebec which has $7 per day daycare, the lowest tuition costs, and the shortest medical wait times in the country. Today’s question is **"Just how is this equalization?"** Tomorrow’s question is "What lost jobs and opportunities will equalization cost your children and grandchildren?"

2. **From a Reader:** Maintaining that the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change is scientific rather than political is hilarious. The UN and its agencies are completely and utterly political; political coercion is the core essence of the organization. World climate change conferences (COPs) are entirely political. Look at the list of delegates to verify that. The very poorest of nations manages to fly a delegation to these events and put them up for the two week duration. They are not attending for the benefit of industrialized nations or to “save the world”. Where do environmental organization get the funding to attend? If they had an interest in the world and its people they would expend the millions spent on climate change conferences to improve the living standards of their citizens. Since most are dictatorships or tyrannies, that will not happen. What they want is to shame industrialized nation into providing “aid” for climate change so they can siphon off much of it to their personal bank accounts. Claiming that IPCC climate change theory is science based and apolitical requires a combination of willful blindness, ignorance and naivety.

3. **From a Reader:** Someone sent me this George Carlin video recently (Click here). I remember it from when George first did this routine all those years ago.
I remember it from when George first did this routine all those years ago and it is still relevant, possibly even more so, today. I would love to see this in the Action Alberta newsletter but it might be a bit too risqué for that! Possibly with a warning about potentially offensive language? Although this was part of a comedy routine, the message itself is a view that should be presented as food for thought, and as an alternative to the manmade climate change hysteria that we are being bombarded with daily. Possibly our young people should be asked to step back, take a big breath, and consider the much larger picture, rather than being brainwashed by leftist hysteria. Basically George is asking, "who do we humans think we are"? I think there is some relevance to that question.

4. From a Reader: As a retired Canadian army veteran who was once so very proud to serve this country, I've been doing some serious thinking for the past four years and with the imposition of an unnecessary, ineffective, economically destructive national carbon tax, I've reached a conclusion. Canada is no longer my country.

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. JOE OLIVER: TRUDEAU JUST DOESN'T GET WESTERN ALIENATION AS HE INFlicts TWO MORE HITS TO THE WEST'S ECONOMY: Click here

2. BRAIN LILLEY: TRUDEAU CAPS OFF A DISASTROUS 2019 WITH A BEACH VACAY Click here

3. DIANE FRANCIS: IF OTTAWA WON'T LISTEN TO THE WEST ON RESOURCES, PERHAPS THE WEST SHOULD STOP LISTENING TO OTTAWA: Click here

4. TRUDEAU KEEPS THE JETS, FREELAND DOES THE WORK Click here

5. CARBON TAX PLOWS THROUGH FARMERS' EARNINGS 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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