

Welcome to this week's presentation and conversation hosted by the  
**Canadian Association for the Club of Rome,**  
a Club dedicated to intelligent debate and action on global issues.

## ***What Can We Make of the Alberta Election? Implications for Canada.***

Our speaker today is Ruben Nelson, who was born & raised in Calgary, & educated at Queen's U & United Theological College, Bangalore. Today, Ruben is the Executive Director of Foresight Canada. For over six decades, Ruben has taught philosophy & comparative religion, worked for Pierre Trudeau, helped formulate Canada's policy on Multiculturalism, & been a leader in the Canadian Association for Futures Studies, the International Association for Humanistic Psychology, the World Futures Studies Federation, & the Institute on Religion in an Age of Science. Ruben is a Fellow of the World Academy of Art & Science and & of the World Business Academy. He is a Director of CACOR.

DESCRIPTION: Is the political froth that marks Alberta politics today, just froth or is it a sign that we are into deeper trouble than our leaders seem not to understand and certainly do not acknowledge nor address, at least in public? If the latter, where is the trouble we see in Alberta leading us? Why, why now, and what does all this imply for our future? These are the issues Ruben will chew with us.

The presentation will be followed by a conversation, questions, and observations from the participants.

CACOR acknowledges that we all benefit from sharing the traditional territories of local Indigenous peoples (First Nations, Métis, and Inuit in Canada) and their descendants.



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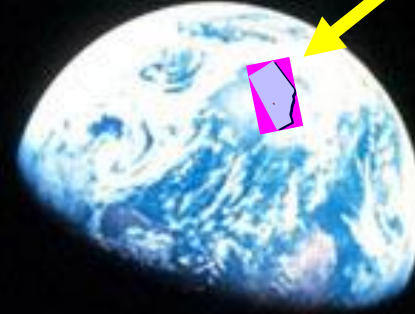
Muchas gracias

Thank You!

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Merci Beaucoup!





# What Can We Make of the Alberta Election?

## Implications for Canada

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June 28, 2023

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# Disclaimer

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What follows is a frank and honest phenomenological description of my experience, i.e. of how I have come to see and experience the recent Alberta election and its implications for Canada. Of course, many will dispute my experience and my take on these matters.

No statement that follows is intended to say, or be heard as saying, “My experience the persons of whom I speak who and what they really are.” Since I do not know who they really are, all I can speak to is my experience of them.

No statement that follows is intended to question the legal right of a person or group in Canada to speak their voice freely in public as long as it respects the laws of land. I recognize that this latter obligation also applies to my statements, today or on any other day.

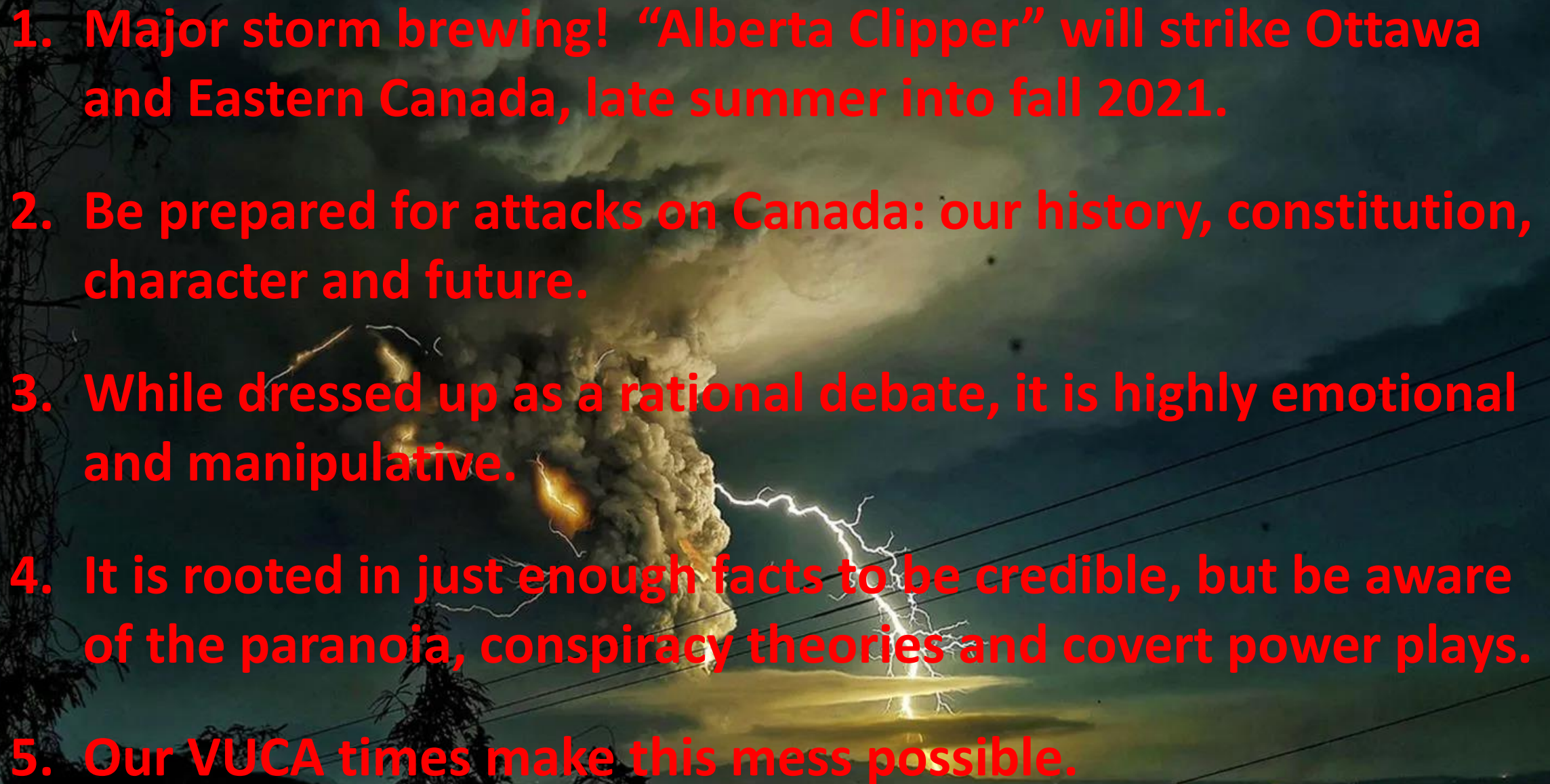
# The Structure of this Presentation

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1. The View I have come to.
2. The Election and its Results.
3. The Conditions which Enabled the Election result and our present dangerous situation.
4. My Observations.

# The View I have Come To

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  - 4. It is rooted in just enough facts to be credible, but be aware of the paranoia, conspiracy theories and covert power plays.**
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December 16, 2020

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**Disruptions Ahead!**

**More Alberta Clippers coming.**

The most dangerous time for Canada since the 1980 – 1995 turmoil.



# The May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Alberta Election

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- Wildrose Loyalty Coalition (WLC) \*\*
- Solidarity Movement of Alberta (SM) \*\*
- Green Party of Alberta (GPA)
- Pro-Life Alberta Political Association (PAPA) \*\*
- The Buffalo Party of Alberta (BPA) \*\*
- Reform Party of Alberta (REF) \*\*
- Communist Party - Alberta (CPA)
- Alberta New Democratic Party (NDP)
- Wildrose Independence Party of Alberta (WIPA) \*\*
- Alberta Party (AP)
- Advantage Party of Alberta (APA) \*\*
- Alberta Liberal Party (LIB)
- The Independence Party of Alberta (TIP) \*\*
- United Conservative Party of Alberta (UCP) \*\*

# Results May 29<sup>th</sup>, Alberta Election



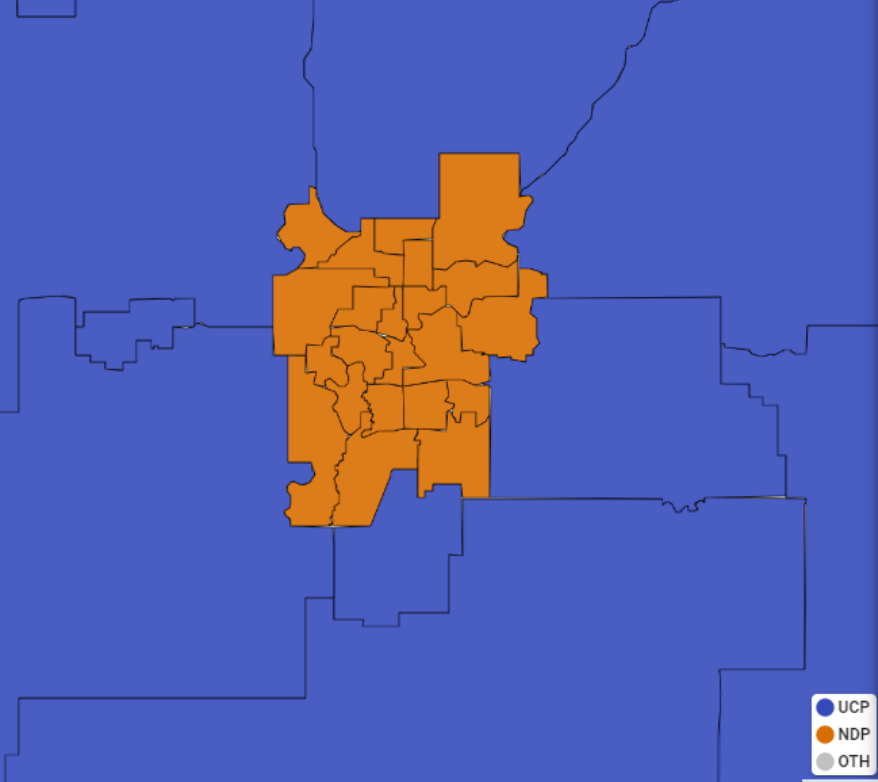
- UCP 49 seats -11 52.6%
- NDP 38 seats +15 44.0%
- Other -4 3.4%

Urban 12	Rural 37
Urban 37	Rural 1
Urban 0	Rural 0

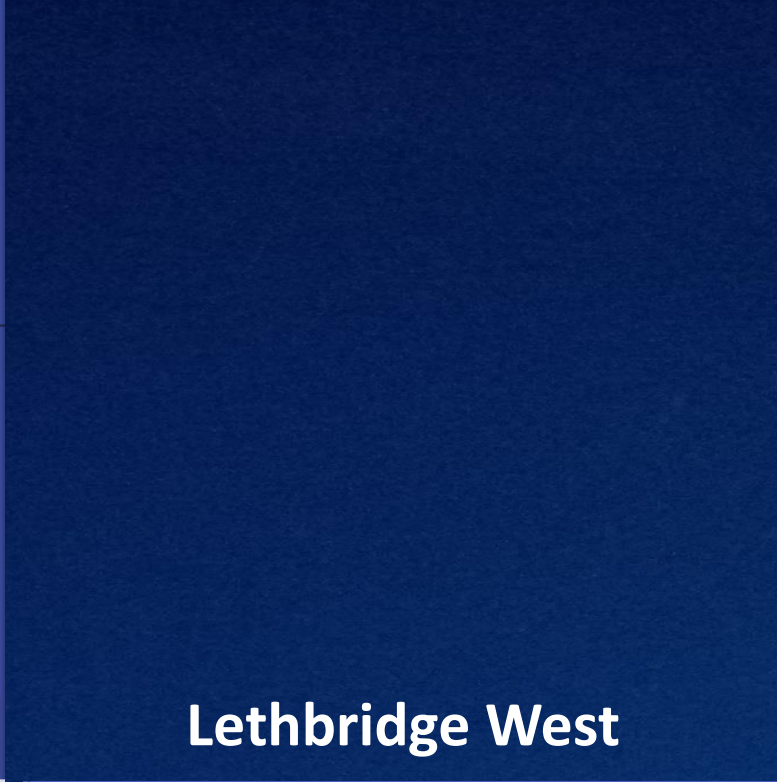
➤ Turnout: 2019 67.5% 2023 59.5%

Votes:	2019	2023
UCP	914,749	928,896
NDP	534,642	777,397
AP	152,335	12,576
LPA	16,206	4,259

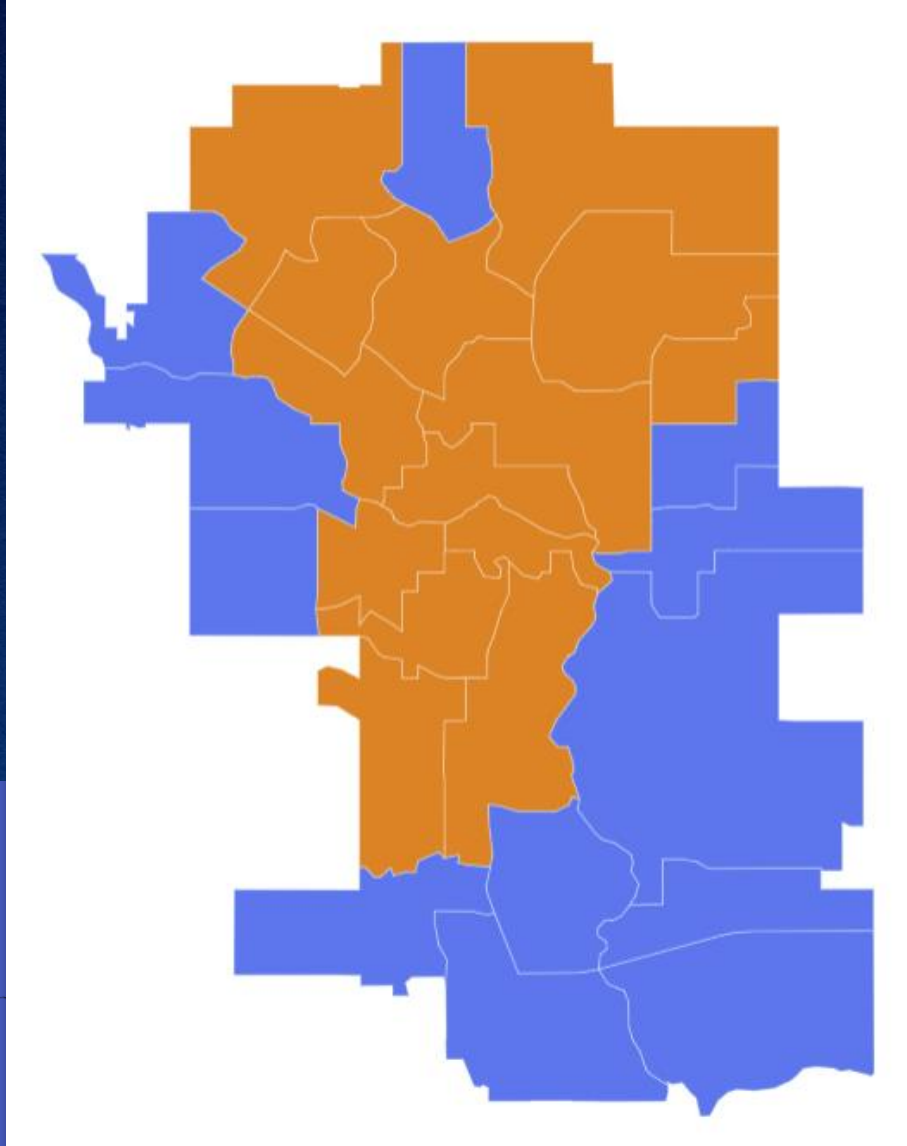
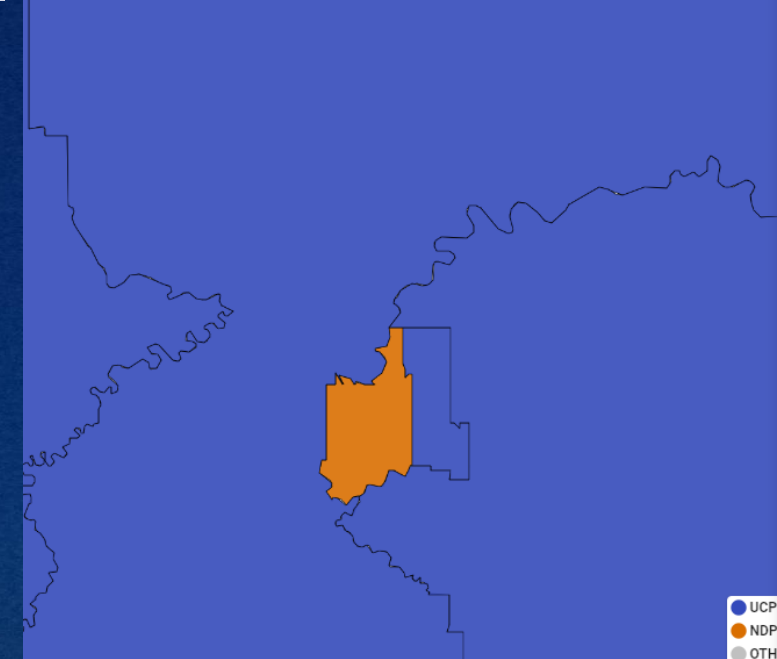
113,000+ UCP Did Not Vote  
1,400 could have swung election



**Edmonton**



**Lethbridge West**



**Calgary**

# 1. Conditions of the Election/the Coming Storms

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“The Election Campaigns.”

# Key Features of UCP Campaign

- ❖ Forced Rachel to run on her record as Premier – 2015 to 2019. “Can’t afford her.”
- ❖ Focussed on ‘conservative’ not the UCP or Danielle Smith. “Low bridged” the Premier.
- ❖ Policy focussed: could have been old PC or even NDP. Little content.
- ❖ Danielle Smith presents herself well.
- ❖ UCP had a far better ad agency.
- ❖ Dumped Lacombe candidate.
- ❖ Hard issues avoided.

A screenshot of the United Conservative Party (UCP) website's 'Platform 2023' page. The header includes the UCP logo, navigation links (Home, About, Action Centre, Events, Team), and buttons for 'Join' and 'Donate'. The main heading is 'UCP Platform 2023' with the tagline 'Moving Alberta Forward'. Below the heading is a search bar and a grid of 12 policy areas, each with a representative image and a 'Read More' link.

United Conservatives  
Alberta Strong & Free

Home About Action Centre Events Team

Join Donate

## UCP Platform 2023

Moving Alberta Forward

Search

- Tax Cuts For All Albertans**  
Read More
- Safe Streets Action Plan**  
Read More
- Alberta Job Growth And Diversification Strategy**  
Read More
- Mental Health**  
Read More
- Union Charitable Donations**  
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- Community Rec Centres**  
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- Education And Career Training**  
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- Investing In Tourism**  
Read More
- Compassionate Intervention**  
Read More
- Improving Healthcare For Women And Children**  
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- Savings For Seniors**  
Read More
- Public Health Care Guarantee**  
Read More

# Key Features of NDP Campaign

- ❖ Rachel did not address/defend/explain her record.
- ❖ Failed to make Danielle Smith the main issue.
- ❖ Never a serious appeal to old “progressive” PCers.
- ❖ Lots of policy. No overall focus.
- ❖ No stick in the ground to define what they stand for.
- ❖ Rachael presents herself as a good, trustworthy politician. Almost never as a person.
- ❖ Inadequate ad agency.
- ❖ Hard issues avoided.



## 2. Conditions of the Election/the Coming Storms

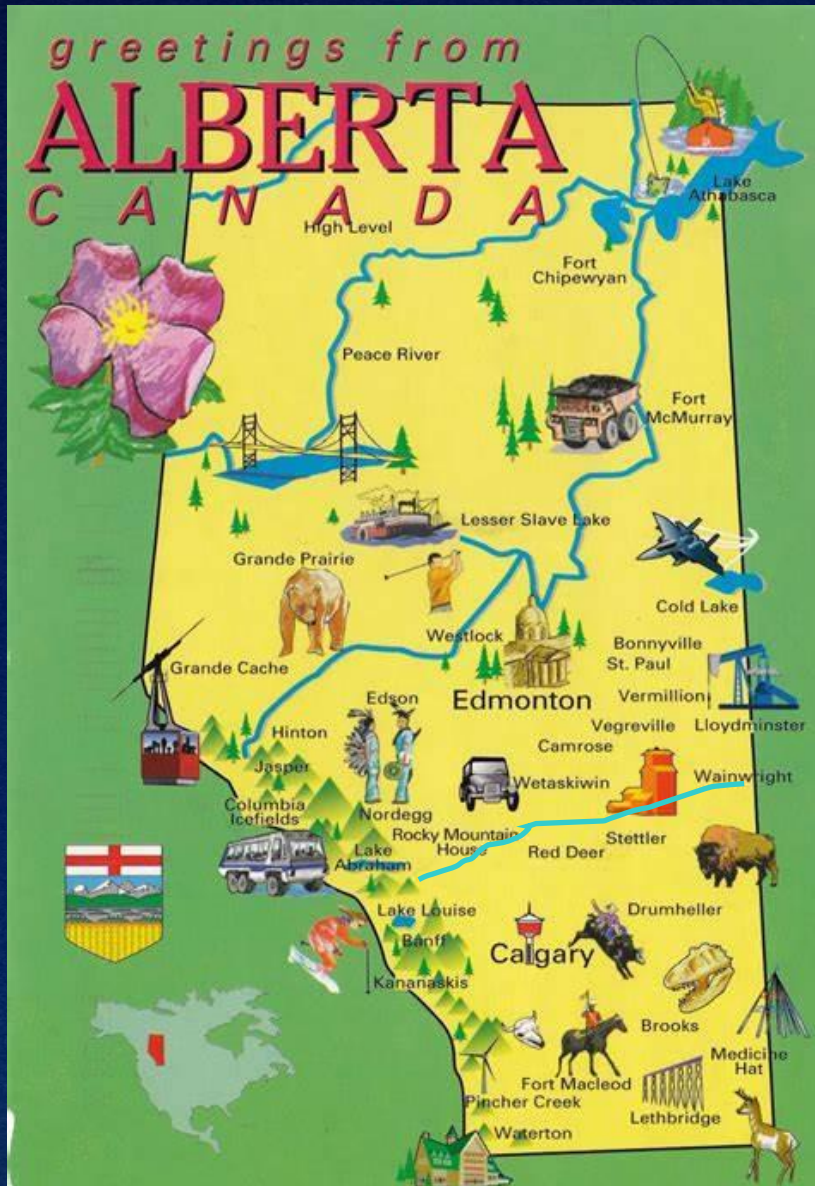
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“It Matters when you are cast into history.”

Northrop Frye

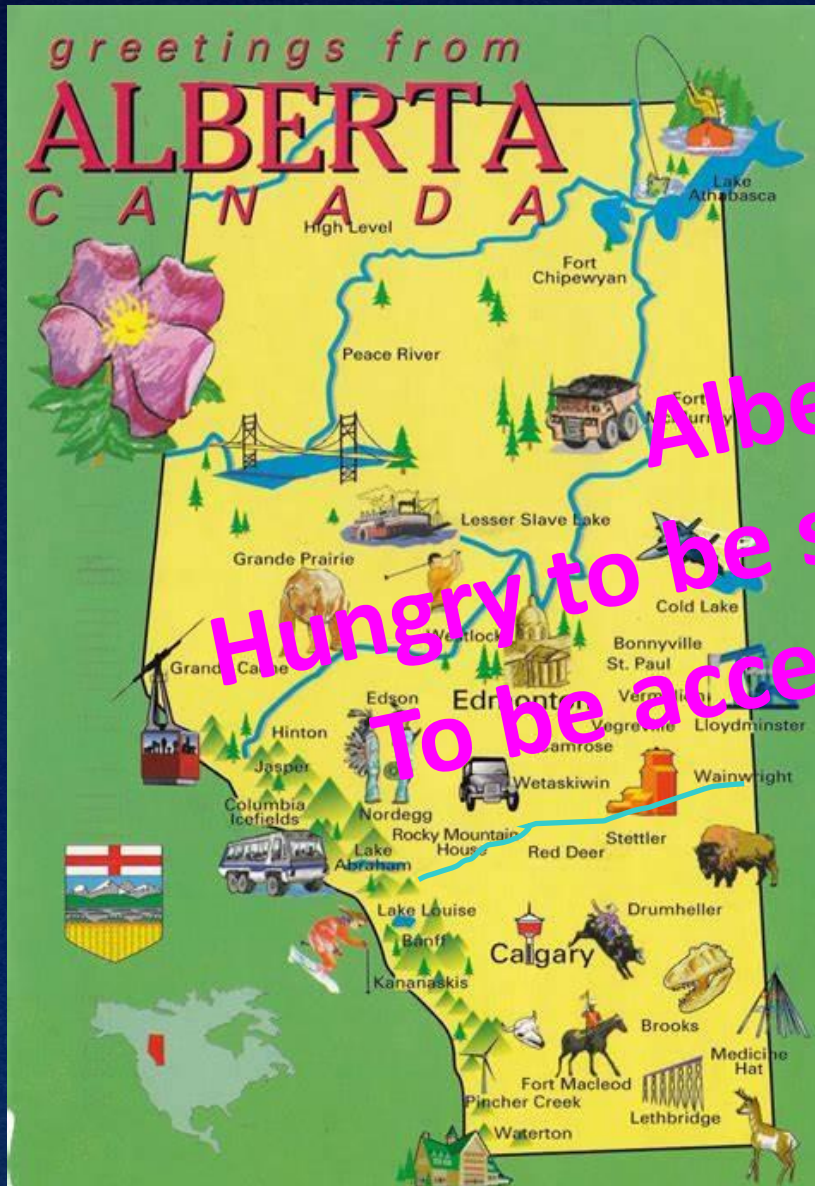


# Alberta: A Resource Rich Late MTI Creation



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*Albertans are Newly Rich  
Hungry to be seen, heard, respected, counted.  
To be accepted as one of the "big boys."*

# 3. Conditions of the Election/the Coming Storms

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Smouldering resentment. A 120 year old chips on our shoulders.

“God damn the CPR.”

1905: 2 provinces, not just 1.

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“Alberta script” ultra vires 1938.

“Crow” railway rates.

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# Now Taken for Granted



**“The system is rigged against the West, after all.”**

Ruben

On Thursday, the 2023 federal budget passed the Senate without any amendments, meaning it is now law.

Buried almost halfway through the 400-page omnibus document was the renewal of the deeply unpopular and unfair equalization formula - a five-year extension through 2029.

It should come as no surprise that the Senate didn't put up much of a fight.

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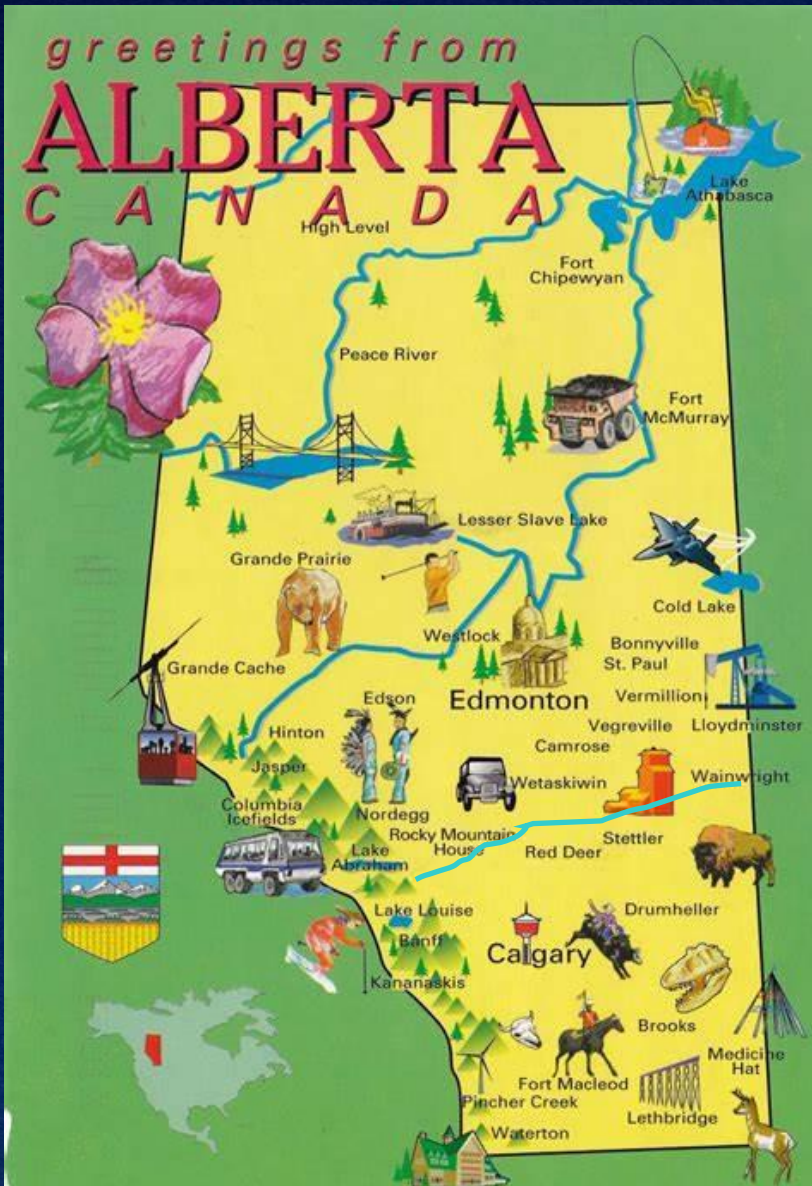
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How Alberta has Developed.





# Alberta: Progress/Culture Trapped (“At ease in Zion.”)



- ✓ Successful 20<sup>th</sup> Century society/economy.
- ✓ With 20<sup>th</sup> Century imagination/aspirations.
  - Economic Growth is the overriding project
  - Money is the measure.
  - Treat sale of assets as earned income.
  - Low taxes & loose regulations.
  - Full of MTI male virtue/vices.
  - Pride in “The Alberta Advantage.”
- ✓ Last bastion of conservative neoliberalism?

# Albertans are Not Asked to Be Owners and Citizens

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1. 1976 Premier Lougheed created the Heritage Trust Fund: *"to save for the future, to strengthen or diversify the economy, and to improve the quality of life of Albertans."* 30% of royalties into the fund.
2. 1982 Premier Lougheed cut the royalties going into the fund to 15%.
3. 1987 Premier Getty cut the royalties going into the fund to 0%.
4. Albertans accept all of these moves as a good deal. No discussion of treating cash from the sale of assets as if it were earned income.
5. Premier Klein never addressed Albertans as "citizens." Only as "stakeholders" and "shareholders."
6. Having the lowest taxes in Canada becomes part of the identity of the majority of Albertans.

# Predominant Public Flavour of (many) Alberta's Elites

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1. Committed to/organized for/identified with success as an MTI culture/society/economy. Free range capitalism. "TINA."
2. Hostile to those who get in our way:
  - Ottawa, especially the Trudeaus: NEP, Petro-Canada, C15, C21, C48, C69.
  - "Laurentian Elites", Ontario/Quebec.
  - Environmentalists, Foreign environmental money.
3. Resentful that we Albertans do not get our way in Canada when we pour so much money into Ottawa (and through it to Quebec).
4. Worked Albertans into a major snit. BIG chips on our shoulders.
5. Become the next Quebec in Canada; go it alone if need be.
6. **The Right is organized/institutionalized. The progressives are NOT.**

# Many Albertans Hungry for a Saviour

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“In the past year, I have heard more expressions of support for Western or Alberta separatism than I’ve heard in my whole life. It’s a reflection of deep frustration from people who think: *We helped the federation pay the bills, we’ve played by the rules, we haven’t really complained about it, and yet we’re getting royally screwed here.* The hypocrisy in this country is driving a level of alienation I haven’t seen in my whole life. People are angry, and they should be.”

Jason Kenny  
Premier of Alberta  
2019 - 2022

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Perfect conditions for  
shameless, power-hungry  
“leaders” who work hungry  
folks into a lather, tell them it is  
justified, and pass themselves  
off as Alberta’s Moses:

“Just give me your life and  
I’ll lead you out of bondage.”

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# Assertion:

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**Now is not the time to be sowing seeds of distrust  
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# 5. Conditions Populist Leaders Do Not See

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The Foundations of MTI Cultures are Shifting.

# Once Our MTI Foundations Were “Solid as a Rock”

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**Prudential**



# Our Foundations Rely on Coherence and Trust

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*But we now know that even rocks erode, move, become unstable if the time line is long enough.*

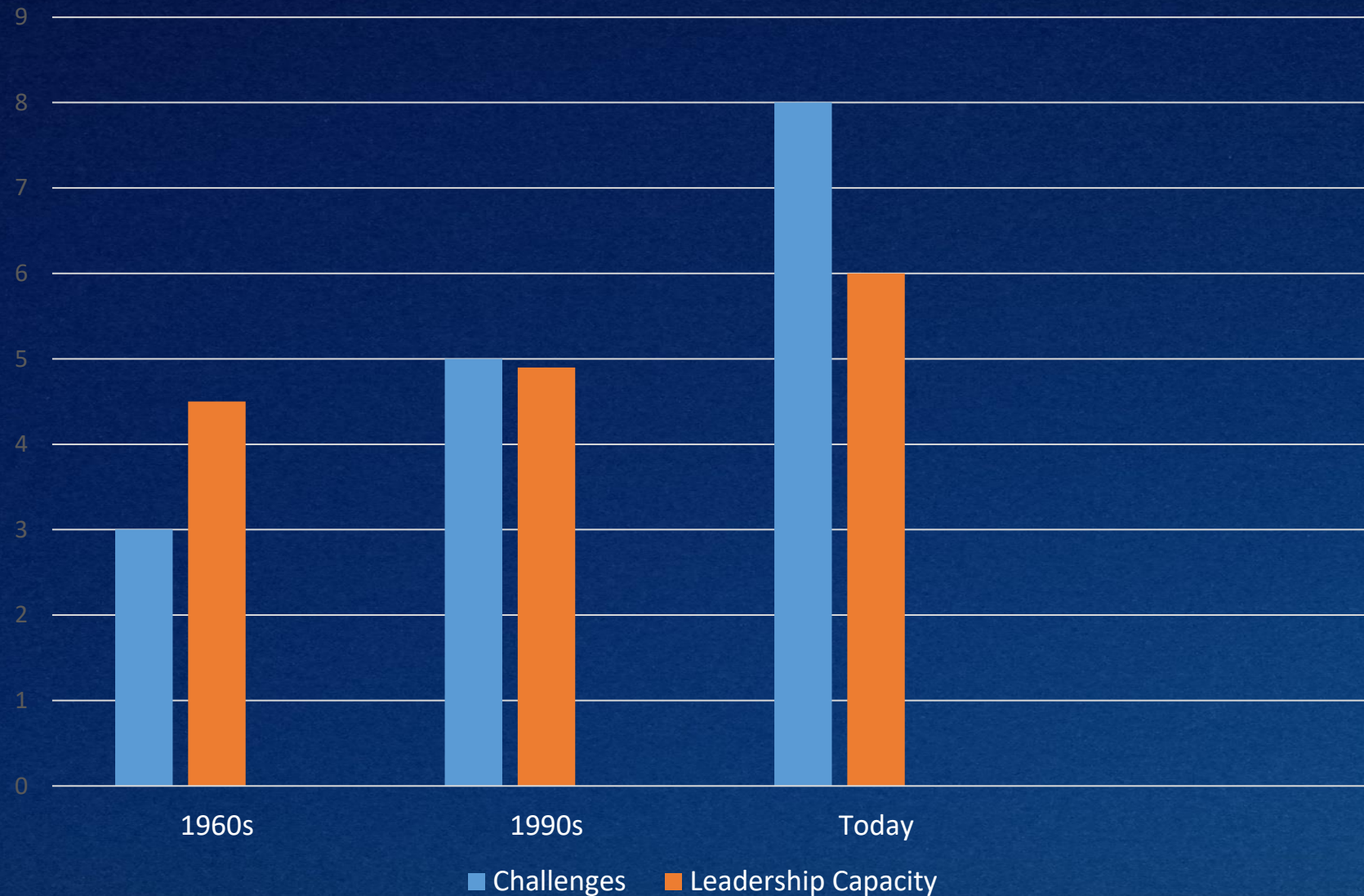
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# Our Foundations Rely on Coherence and Trust

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Social realities are social constructions.  
Far less stable that rock.

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# Ratio of Challenges Faced to Leadership Capacity



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# 6. Conditions Canadians Do Not Yet See

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Alberta's Liberation Story.

# The Alberta Liberation Story (Heroes in our own minds.)

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1. We have been colonized by “The Eastern bastards.”
2. We are virtuous victims of their attitudes and actions.
3. They neither see us, not respect us.
4. Nothing will change. They are beyond redemption.
5. We must free ourselves. Fight back. Become masters in our own house.
6. The evidence is overwhelming.
7. The law is on our side.
8. We have a right to develop our economy and society as we see fit.
9. We love Canada as much as “they” do.
10. If you love Alberta and are a real Albertan you will join us.

# MOMENT OF TRUTH

How to Think About Alberta's Future

GO IT ALONE

51<sup>ST</sup> STATE

LET THEM FREEZE

ROLL OVER

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## BUFFALO DECLARATION

# Standing Up for Albertans.

Jason Kenney and United Conservatives believe in the unlimited potential of Alberta. Stand with us and help make an Alberta that is strong and free today.

United  
Conservatives  
Alberta Strong & Free



## THE INDEPENDENCE PARTY OF ALBERTA

THE PARTY THAT WILL LEAD ALBERTA TO SECESSION!

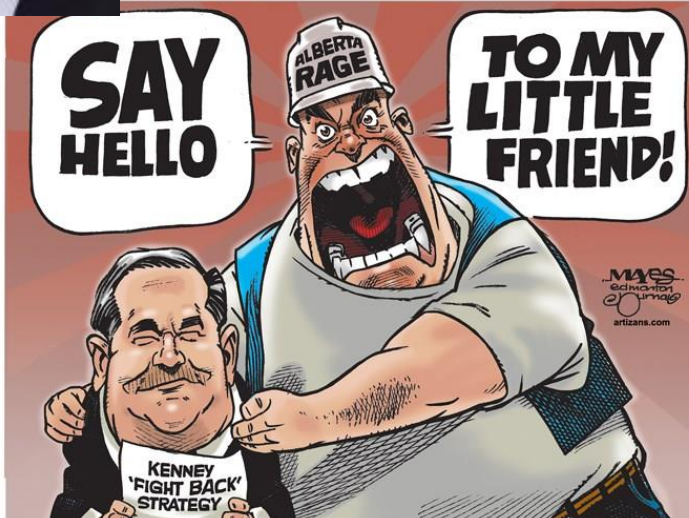
FAIR DEAL  
PANEL

Standing up for the  
WEST



### Canadian, American officials optimistic on democracy despite 'concerning cocktail' of threats

Politicians on both sides of the border are expressing confidence that Canada and the United States can both continue to have a strong, friendly relationship and bolster the strength of their democracies, despite a series of threats arising from partisan division, frustration and economic unease.



# The Coming Struggle Brought to You By...

 FAIR DEAL  
PANEL

**Report to  
Government**

MAY 2020

**WILDROSE**  
INDEPENDENCE PARTY OF ALBERTA

Help us build a better Alberta through Independence!

**Alberta Needs Independence**

We are inspired by a resolute commitment to see Alberta gain independence and will pursue this goal relentlessly.

**BECOME A MEMBER**

*Alberta*  
Government

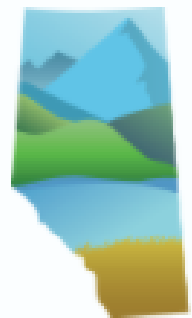
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CANADA



# The Government of Alberta Eggs Us On

**PUBLIC  
INQUIRY  
ANTI-  
ENERGY  
CAMPAIGNS**

**INQUIRY COMMISSIONER ITINERARY SUBMISSIONS FAQ**

## **Public inquiry into anti- Alberta energy campaigns**

# And on...



Community / Economy / Environment  
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## Canadian Energy Centre aggressively and effectively telling the real story of Canadian oil and gas

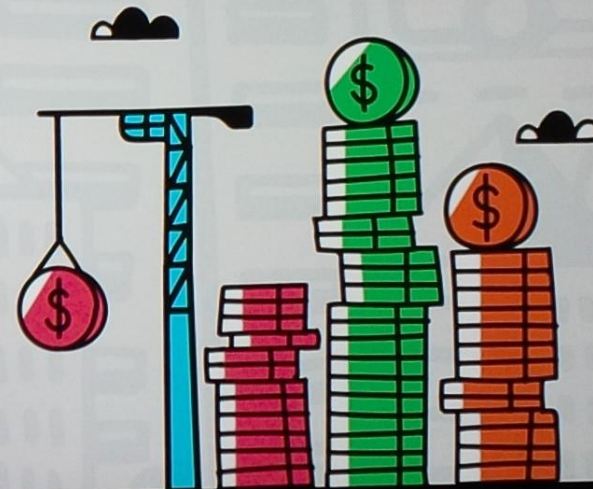
While opponents bash Canada's responsible, innovative, world leading energy sector, we're just getting started on setting the record straight

# And on...

**\$ 10 , 562 , 060 , 959**

**The Trans Mountain Pipeline delays cost Canadians \$80 million every day.**

The expansion project has been on pause since August 30, 2018.



[KeepCanadaWorking.ca](http://KeepCanadaWorking.ca)

*Alberta*  
Canada 1-1

# And on...

The screenshot shows the website for Fairness Alberta. The main navigation menu includes Home, About, Issues, Advocacy, News, Contact, and Make a Difference. The page features a large section titled "Alberta Transfer Meter" with a sub-header "Explaining the ATM | Contact" and a "Donate" button. The primary data point is "Alberta's Contributions Total Since 2000" amounting to \$325,653,227,209.26. A secondary data point shows "Each Albertan's Contributions" for the period "Jan 1, 2007 - December 31, 2019" as \$61,418. A background image of the Alberta Legislature building is visible in the lower right of the meter section. A small disclaimer at the bottom of the meter section reads: "It is based on the actual amounts up to the end of 2018, and the per second increment transfer is based on the 2018 per second amount. Please read the methodology below for more details on the calculations."

**FAIRNESS ALBERTA**  
PROGRESS CANADIAN. PROGRESS ALBERTA.

Home About Issues Advocacy News Contact Make a Difference

## FAIRNESS ALBERTA

### Who We Are

The mandate of Fairness Alberta (FA) is to address, communicate and educate Canadians regarding areas of public policy that are unfair and chronically damaging to Alberta's interests and to highlight the contributions that Alberta has made to Canada.

## Alberta Transfer Meter

Explaining the ATM | Contact [Donate](#)

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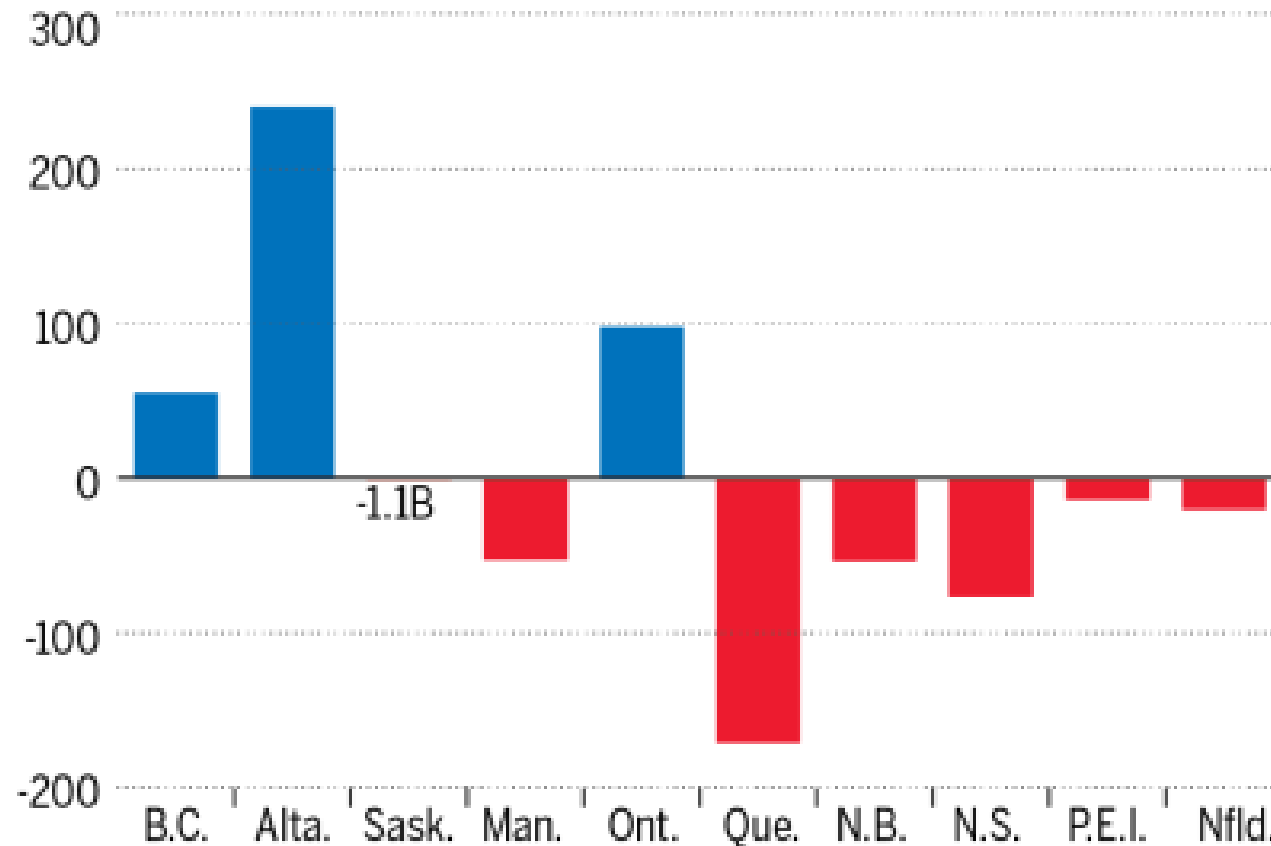
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# With the Assistance of Others

## THE ALBERTA BURDEN

*Total net contribution by province to the federal fiscal balance 2007-2018 (in billions of dollars)*



SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

NATIONAL POST

# With the Assistance of Others

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# OUR PURPOSE – SOVEREIGNTY

## We Believe:

- ✓ In the freedom, dignity, and worth of every individual
- ✓ That government is of the people, by the people and for the people, not over the people
- ✓ Albertans find themselves daily confronted by a federal government, far removed, with destructive, predatory policies designed to exploit and obstruct for its own ends, at our expense
- ✓ That no federal government has protected Alberta's interests or secured its future prosperity
- ✓ The induced recession which has devastated Alberta for the past several years, if not stopped, will continue Alberta's subservience to Ottawa
- ✓ Albertans must exercise their self-determination to explore and pursue a new path forward, free of injustices, to protect and secure Alberta's prosperity.

## Our Founding Principles:

- ✓ Alberta Will Be Strong and Free (“Fortis et Liber”), and Sovereign
- ✓ Alberta Will Gather Unto Itself All Power To Uphold Independence
- ✓ Alberta Will Create “The Constitution of Alberta”
- ✓ Alberta Will Hold A Referendum on Independence





## The Problems



Alberta is not, and has never been, an equal participant in Confederation.

Alberta is a culturally distinct region, but this has not been recognized.

Alberta is physically and structurally isolated from economic and political power structures.

Eastern Canada functionally treats Alberta as a colony, rather than an equal partner.



To achieve greater fairness and self-determination for western Canadians through:

- (a) constitutional change, or
- (b) the creation of an independent nation

We love Canada too. But the system is broken.

**HARSH REALITY #1** : No one listens if you just play along. The West is and has always been taken for a ride (we got in late to confederation and we got a bad deal).

**HARSH REALITY #2** : Conservative or Liberal, the majority of votes they need to stay in power – are all in the east. So that's who any Prime Minister and MPs will always work to please – regardless of party. They want to be in power or stay in power.

**HARSH REALITY #3** : Members of Parliament (MP)s always vote (99.6% of the time) with the party. Not independently. [\[more\]](#)

**HARSH REALITY #4** : From 2007-2018 The West made 75% of the money for ALL of Canada. The East spent 87% of ALL of Canada's money. And in the past four years, they have been crippling our energy sector, the financial engine of Canada.

# Jack Mintz



THE SCHOOL  
OF PUBLIC POLICY

## MY MESSAGE

- The political strategies of my generation—"the West Wants In"-- did not work
- It would be a disservice to the next generation to say otherwise.
- Today we are more vulnerable to the Liberals' tried and true strategy of pillaging Alberta's economy to buy votes in Quebec and Ontario
- It's time for a Plan B.

# Data to which They Appeal



THE SCHOOL  
OF PUBLIC POLICY

## STATUS QUO 2020

- \$611 Billion Dollars from Alberta since 1961
- \$476 Billion Dollars to Quebec since 1961
- \$325 Billion since 2000
- ATM: \$544/minute
  - \$32,000 minute
  - \$2 million/hour
  - \$16 million for this conference (8 hours)

"Screwing the West to Pay the Rest," *C2C Journal*. April 3, 2018

<http://www.c2cjournal.ca/author/ted-morton/>

# MOMENT OF TRUTH

How to Think About Alberta's Future



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**“Alberta is at a crossroads.  
Its situation in Canadian  
confederation is unfair. It  
is unequal.  
So...what comes next?”**

# Conclusion:

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**Now is not the time to be sowing seeds of distrust  
and incoherence.**

# Observations

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# A Word of Caution

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I am going to offer a reading of our situation that is not yet well understood, even by me.

I am still teaching myself to see the mess of complex living messes we are in with as fresh an imagination and as humble and generous a heart as I can muster.

I share it here with you in the hope that you may recognize the general direction in which I am pointing as a direction worth pursuing.

I fear for our future because as Modern Techno-Industrial (MTI) cultures we are seeing and responding to our situation as you would expect MTI persons in MTI organizations and societies to do.

The insight that we are culture trapped; that we are reaching the end of the MTI road has not yet sunk in deeply enough for us to invest ourselves in the new work of outgrowing our own MTI formation and living into a truly new future.

# 1. The UCP are Not as Advertised

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The UCP are NOT a normal conservative government or movement.

Rather, they are better understood as an alt-right, elite led and funded group who have longed for Alberta to become a permanent bastion in Canada for neoclassical economics and personal freedom.

The watchword is “ordered freedom.”



## 2. The UCP is Hardening Hearts/Coarsening Minds

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- ❖ **Alberta plays the role the South played in the American Civil War.**
  - We are a distinct social/economic order.
  - So what if we have a different way to organize our economy and our society, we're still Canadians and love this country as much as you do.
  - Just respect us and our differences and all will be well.
  - Besides we have the constitutional right to organize our economy and manage our natural resources. “Just stay in your own lane.”
  - You allow, even enable, Quebec to be different, why not Alberta?
  - Why does multiculturalism not extend to Alberta?
  - We are big enough to cause you serious trouble. Don't tangle with us.

## 4. The “Civil War” Script, continued

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### ❖ As with the Quebec case:

- The locals have been stirred up.
- Everyone knows that “Albertans are alienated from Canada.”
- The press take this for granted and reinforce it.
- Jason Kenney led the “We need a Fair Deal” chorus and he was elected.
- Consider the Fair Deal hearings and the Report.
- Consider that the referendum on removing equalization passed in 2021.
- The UCP was re-elected, even with its Sovereignty Act.

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**There appears to be no  
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# 6. To Compete We Must Get Organized

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Today, we have given the Right and the alt-Right the whole field of play.

Progressive-hearted/minded persons/communities have no effective organizations that are staffed and funded at the scale of The Manning Centre (now Canada Strong and Free) and the Fraser Institute. We have no data-base of those who care enough to sign up. We can't listen to them, call upon them or call them to action.

If this situation continues we may lose the game before we even realize there is a game to be played.

Not good news for 10 year olds.

# 7. To Compete We Must Fight on Their Ground

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The UCP fight on the premise that the stable post-WWII world has been destroyed by an increasingly cosmopolitan culture and that decent folks must fight to “take it back.”

This was an ordered world of safe communities, trusted neighbours, commonly understood and practiced morality, a common language, discipline, common sense and institutions that worked; a world that could be understood and navigated by ordinary people; a world in which a man could hold a job and provide for his family.

The UCP has let the cat out of the bag that this world has gone and that the MTI cosmopolitan world has lead us into truly deep trouble.

We must own up to both of these truths.

Only after we do, can we engage in a struggle for the shape and content of the future.

## 8. We Must Re-Integrate Persons and Community

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50 years ago it may have been enough to announce that there are “limits to growth” and that they would be kicking in just about now; and that this can be calculated without a word about the life and experience of persons in families, communities, corporations and countries.

Today, it is evident, if we are willing to see it, that what the LtG left out, and what we as inheritors of that work have also mostly left out, is more precious to most folks than the factors which we, quite literally, count and count on.

Our credibility, with ourselves when we are honest let alone with our own children and grandchildren, hangs on our willingness to re-engage with life as lived as persons in communities that at this time are having a hard time.

Only so will our own voice ring true to our own ears, as well as those of others.

## 9. A Thought to Chew On

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If Canada is wounded by Alberta this serves none of us well.

A wounded Canada will likely have little to offer and increasingly troubled world.

A wide-angle photograph of a snowy, mountainous landscape. In the foreground, a stone cairn is built from several dark, stacked rocks. The ground is covered in snow with some dark patches. In the background, a range of snow-capped mountains stretches across the horizon under a clear blue sky.

# Over to YOU!

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Our Future **is** in Our Hands, Minds, Hearts and Spirits

# Thank You!

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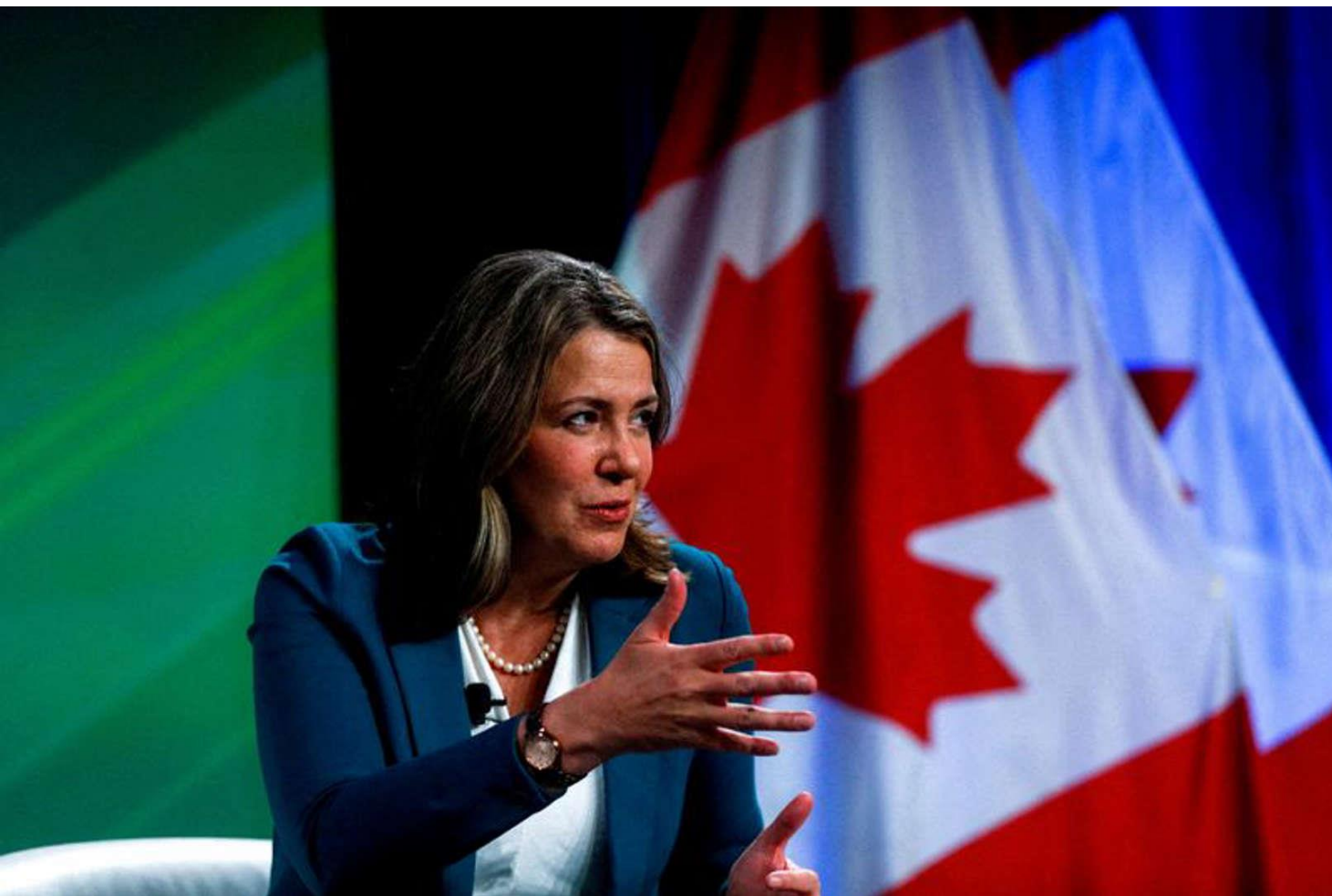


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**I will never permit any Liberal Prime Minister or any Ottawa politician to phase out our energy industry or the jobs of our amazing energy workers," Smith said in a speech on Friday that included pledges to grow the economy and make the cost of living more affordable.**  
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TRUDEAU!





**Naheed Nenshi**

@nenshi

So I've never done this before. I take being purple very seriously (despite what Twitter trolls say). But this election is so important. This is about our future. So I'm sharing (in many many words) why I am proud to support [@RachelNotley](#) in this election.

# Danielle Smith is indifferent to the climate crisis. She's selling an alternate reality to Albertans

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CHRIS TURNER

SPECIAL TO THE GLOBE AND MAIL

May 26, 2023

Ms. Smith's smirking indifference to the climate crisis is the cornerstone of the nostalgic alternate reality she is trying to sell to Albertans – one where Justin Trudeau controls the Alberta NDP, ivermectin is a viable substitute for a COVID vaccination, and Alberta can selectively opt out of the Constitution on the premier's whim. Raised on reflexive defence of the oil and gas sector against all comers, Ms. Smith appears entirely blind to the massive shifts in the global energy marketplace and the international political landscape that have placed climate change at the top of the agenda for the very industry she thinks she is protecting. She is not so much the standard bearer for the oil patch as a figurehead for a subset of Albertans who want to believe the industry's long boom can be revived by memes alone.



May 21, 2023,

I may be alone on this, but I would have thought that the proudly announced intent by the Liberal government to strip Alberta of its core industry, its main source of jobs and a proven, functional energy system, would have raised a storm of objection, rejection and a “don’t you dare” from most Albertans. And that the federal invasion in such a massive and high-handed a manner into the heart of Alberta’s economic reality would have provoked a near unanimous and ferocious backlash.

I see the federal government’s determination to destroy the outstanding economic driver of Alberta as a gross, wilful and utterly unjustifiable usurpation of Alberta’s rights as a province in the Confederation. A move to be contested with — to borrow a phrase — every tool in the toolbox, with court challenges, mass demonstrations and every available means of political resistance.

But I must also say I find it strange that there hasn’t been more of an uproar on a certain subject. Alberta is under the green edict of the Ottawa Liberals that the province’s energy industry is on the way out. By the whim of Ottawa, Alberta’s economy is to be transposed to fit the ideological passions of net-zero fanatics.

# Varcoe: Big \$60B hit for Alberta in a net-zero world if Canada phases out oil and gas by 2050, study finds

*'An accelerated phaseout introduces economic pain with no added environmental gain,' Edward Greenspon pointed out in his preface to the report*

Chris Varcoe • Calgary Herald

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Just what Trudeau and the NDP- Liberal coalition is hoping for . Trudeau hates Alberta and Always has .

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Dont worry the miracolous and unicorn green economy is coming. There will ample clean energy, there will be good paying jobs for all that want to work and the world will be a better place.

REPLY 3 1

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Tommy Digger • 1 HR AGO

Trudeau won't be happy until Albertans are living in tents made from animal hides.

REPLY 4 1

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