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Why AI Data Centres?

While Utah fights back, **Premier Danielle Smith** and our local MLA and **Energy Minister Brian Jean** are **removing red tape** and exempting massive [AI data centre] projects from proper review. **Albertans will pay the real price.**

Most people still picture data centres as harmless warehouses full of blinking servers. **They are not.**

They are the **physical backbone—the central nervous system—**of a new **global control grid**. Without them, the systems we've watched unfold over the last several years (digital IDs, mass surveillance, predictive policing, programmable money, smart cities, and automated governance) simply cannot operate at scale.

And right now, **Alberta is being fast-tracked to become one of the biggest hubs in North America.**

The Same Playbook, Different Communities

Kevin O'Leary is pushing massive AI data centre projects in **both** Utah and Alberta.

In Utah, residents are protesting a 9-gigawatt project on 40,000 acres near the shrinking Great Salt Lake. They're gathering signatures for a ballot referendum to overturn approval.

In Alberta? O'Leary's **Wonder Valley** project (7.5 GW, \$70 billion) near Grande Prairie was **exempted** from a full provincial **Environmental Impact Assessment**. Just "standard technical permits." No comprehensive review.

This is not coincidence. This is policy.

How the UCP Government Is Fast-Tracking the Sell-Out

Premier Danielle Smith and **our own local MLA and Minister of Energy and Minerals, Brian Jean**, have made this a top priority:

- **Bill 8** creates special fast-track rules for data centres, including "Bring Your Own Power" and priority grid access.
- **Bill 30** (the Expedited 120-Day Approvals Act) forces major projects through the system in months.
- The province's own AI Data Centre Strategy is openly chasing **\$100 billion** in investment, actively marketing our land, energy, and cold climate to Big Tech.

Smith and Jean rarely, if EVER, acknowledge the **real downsides: noise, water consumption, health effects, permanent land loss, or the control implications.** The focus is almost entirely on money, jobs (albeit temporary), tax revenue, and "beating China." When concerns are raised, the response is usually "new technology will fix it" or "they'll do technical assessments."

This is a **deliberate political choice** by the UCP government, and by our own representative Brian Jean, to **prioritize corporate investment over Alberta communities.**

being built underneath it all.

Time to Take Action, Starting with Our Own Representatives

We cannot just complain locally. The real pressure is coming from Edmonton.

It is time to hold **Premier Danielle Smith, Energy Minister Brian Jean**, and the entire UCP caucus accountable.

Here's what we must do right now:

1. **Contact Brian Jean directly** (your MLA and the Minister driving this file). Demand he stop fast-tracking these projects and reinstate full Environmental Impact Assessments.
2. **Flood the phones and inboxes** of every UCP MLA, especially Smith and Jean.
3. **Demand a full public inquiry** into the AI Data Centre Strategy and all related bills (Bill 8, Bill 30, etc.).
4. **Push the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Council hard**—demand they amend Land Use Bylaw 26/001 to **prohibit** large AI data centres outright.
5. **Build broad coalitions**, connect with First Nations, farmers, energy workers, parents, and concerned Albertans.

6. **Make noise and prepare for the next election**, support or run candidates who will put Alberta communities and sovereignty first.

Fort McMurray was built by strong, independent, hard-working people who never backed down from a fight. **We do not need to become a sacrifice zone for Big Tech and globalist agendas.**

Other communities are already fighting back. Utah is mobilizing. Maine is looking at bans. We must do the same, and more.

Final Word

The railroads shaped nations. Oil reshaped geopolitics.

AI data centres are shaping humanity itself.

If we allow Danielle Smith, Brian Jean, and the UCP to sell our land, energy, and future to the highest bidder, we will wake up one day and realize the control grid was built on Alberta soil, with our resources, without our consent... *Or is your silence your consent?*

This is not inevitable.

Stand together. Speak up. Take action.

Say HELL NO to the sell-out.

Share this widely. Talk to your neighbours. Contact Brian Jean and your other representatives **today**.

We are not for sale, nor will we agree to passive enslavement!

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Photo and rock painting by Kim Hicks in Columbus, Georgia.

What We Will Actually Pay

- Massive energy and water consumption
- 24/7 noise pollution (70–96+ dB) causing chronic stress, sleep disruption, hypertension, and other health issues
- Hundreds to thousands of acres of land locked up permanently
- Limited long-term local jobs, while control and profits flow out to distant corporations

Fort McMurray and Wood Buffalo are being lined up as **prime targets** with "shovel-ready" land. We know what rapid industrialization feels like. This is something **far more permanent and dangerous.**

The Bigger Picture: Agenda 2030's Control Grid

These data centres are not neutral infrastructure. They are the **central nervous system** that makes the full Agenda 2030 vision possible, **tying together surveillance, digital IDs, smart cities, carbon tracking, behavioural prediction, and automated enforcement.**

China has already shown us the endgame. Without massive compute power, that system collapses. That is why the global push is so aggressive.

The "insanity" we've seen over the last several years, the **coordinated erosion of freedoms, the digital control systems, the loss of privacy, etc.**, starts to make perfect sense when you see the physical layer



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From the Heart of Druthers

A Note About the Intention of This Paper

To Our Valued Readers,

If you've been reading Druthers for any length of time, you'll know **we don't pull punches**. We cover stories the mainstream media won't touch. We ask questions that make people uncomfortable. **We shine a light into dark corners that some powerful entities would very much prefer stayed dark.**

Sometimes, understandably, that can stir things up in people. Frustration. Outrage. **A deep knowing that something is terribly wrong with the ways of this world** and that **we've been severely lied to**. That feeling is absolutely valid. And really, that feeling means you're paying attention, to some degree at least.

Here's what I wish for everyone to understand about why we make this paper and what my intention is with every article we publish:

It is never—not once, not ever—about hatred, not toward anyone.

Not even toward the globalists. Not toward the billionaire class. Not toward the politicians, the pharmaceutical executives, the media moguls, or anyone else whose decisions and agendas we scrutinize in these pages, and certainly **never against the good people of this earth**. The intention has never been to make anyone hate other people, fear people, or wish violence upon anyone.

I truly mean that.

Yes, there are forces in this world that appear to be working against the flourishing of ordinary human beings. There are concentrations of power and influence at the top of our systems that seem, by design, by greed, or by something darker, to be **sucking the life force out of humanity in as many ways as possible**. That's not conspiracy thinking. By now, most people feel it. **Something is wrong. Something is deeply off**. The path we're on isn't leading us anywhere good, and deep down, almost everyone knows it.

Druthers serves as a way to **name that, to document that** and to help people begin to **see a bigger picture more clearly**.

The goal is not anger. The goal is awareness,

because awareness is where power lives and what allows us to choose wisely.

The greatest trick ever pulled on the human population is convincing us that we are powerless. That the people at the top are untouchable. That the systems are too big, too entrenched, and too well-funded



Let's keep in touch directly. Add yourself to my contact list at www.ShawnJason.com and/or find my social media links there.

to ever change. That all we can do is watch, suffer, and hope someone saves us.

That is a big fat lie.

The power has always been ours. It lives in our choices, our purchases, our attention, our voices, and our communities. Every single day, each of us makes dozens of decisions that either **feed those systems or starve them**. And when enough of us start choosing differently, consciously, collectively, and lovingly, **everything begins to change**.

We simply cannot choose differently if we can-

not see the problem. That's just reality. We can't navigate around an obstacle we don't know is there. So yes, we're going to keep pointing out the obstacles. We're going to keep naming what we see, and **we're going to keep publishing the stories that powerful people don't want published**.

But please know that the intention behind every one of those stories is not to make you afraid. It's not to make you angry at your neighbour, at some group, or at some enemy. The intention is to give you **valuable, honest information** you need to make well-informed choices. **Freer choices. More human choices.**

Through 21 years of this work, I have always maintained this fundamental belief:

People are good.

Most people, pretty much everywhere, want the same things. They want their families to be safe. They want enough food, warmth, and peace of mind to sleep at night. They want their kids to grow up in **a world worth living in**. They want connection, laughter, meaning, and joy. They want to be treated with dignity and to extend that same dignity to others.

That is humanity. That is what's most worth protecting. And that is who this paper is for.

It is not to divide you from your neighbours or to sharpen your outrage into a weapon. It is simply to wake you up, gently, lovingly, and honestly, to what's happening around us so that together we can **choose a different path**.

We don't need violence. We don't need an uprising. We need an awakening. And that is exactly what I see happening.

An awakening, by its very nature, begins with love. It rests on the unshakeable belief that **human beings deserve better than what we've been given** and that **we have the power right now, today, to build it**.

That's what Druthers is about, and that's what it has always been about.

Love. Unity. Truth. And the extraordinary, unstoppable power of people choosing to be free.

— Shawn Jason, Creator of Druthers

FREEDOM WINS!

- **Purdue Pharma, maker of OxyContin, has permanently ceased operations after being sentenced to \$5.5 billion in fines and penalties tied to its felony guilty plea for deceiving regulators and paying kickbacks to doctors.** The ruling clears the way for a broader \$7.4 billion settlement for opioid lawsuits—a long-overdue measure of accountability for one of the companies at the centre of America's opioid disaster.

- **Parents, detransitioners, medical critics and activists gathered on Parliament Hill for the "Kids in Crisis" event, calling for stronger protections for children,** parental rights and true informed consent in Canada's gender clinic system. Mayday Canada, which organized the event, also called for the repeal of Bill C-4 and Bill C-16, arguing the legislation has helped create a climate where parents, professionals and ordinary Canadians risk legal or professional consequences for questioning gender ideology or raising concerns about medical transition for minors.

- **Oklahoma and Louisiana are moving to bring more transparency to unexplained child deaths by requiring coroners and medical examiners to document any vaccines given** within 90 days before a child's sudden, unexplained death. Oklahoma's bill has already been signed into law, while Louisiana's "A Voice for the Voiceless" bill passed the House 76-12.

- **The US government is launching a major, multi-agency study of vaccine safety** that will review the overall impact of the childhood vaccine schedule, compare the health of vaccinated and unvaccinated children, and examine possible links to autism and chronic disease. The effort is being led by biostatistician and vaccine safety expert Martin Kulldorff, with HHS saying the findings will help inform future vaccine recommendations.

- After public pressure, **South Bruce Peninsula has repealed its unconstitutional anti-protest bylaw,** which barred people from holding signs, wearing message-bearing clothing, or even silently protesting in public spaces without government

permission. The bylaw was flagged by the Canadian Constitution Foundation as one of Canada's most censorious municipal rules—and now it's gone.

- **Ralph Baric, a University of North Carolina coronavirus scientist whose lab garnered over \$200 million in federal grants and sat near the centre of gain-of-function and COVID-origin questions, is suddenly retiring—right as HHS moves to suspend and potentially debar him** from federal funding over an alleged "pattern of deception." After years of "trust the science," one of the most protected names in pandemic science is quietly being shown the door.

- The Democracy Fund has launched the **first known independent forensic investigation into the wave of arson and vandalism targeting places of worship**. Since May 2021, approximately 120 churches across Canada have been burned, vandalized, or desecrated—most of which remain unresolved. The forensic investigation is being led by a certified fire investigator.

- HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. announced that **US federal agencies will shift mental healthcare away from reflexive, pill-first treatment** and toward informed consent, shared doctor-patient decision-making, and non-drug supports such as therapy, sleep care, exercise, nutrition and social connection.

- **New Jersey residents just stopped a resource-hungry 1.6 million sq ft data centre in its tracks.** After locals raised concerns that a developer was trying to quietly push through a massive data centre in Monroe Township, NJ, that would drain water, strain the power grid, raise costs and harm the environment, council listened and blocked the build.

- **Barry Neufield, the former Chilliwack school trustee who was ordered to pay \$750,000 after the BC Human Rights Tribunal ruled that his public comments opposing gender ideology promotion in schools constituted "hate speech," has announced that he intends to fight the fines.**

He also declared he will stand firm against gender ideology, saying conversations with detransitioners have only strengthened his conviction that youth gender transitions amount to child abuse.

- **People over poison won the day: a bipartisan US House vote struck pesticide-maker immunity language from the Farm Bill,** rejecting protections that would have made it harder for families to sue chemical companies over pesticide harms.

- **Two Ontario teachers are taking their case to the Ontario Labour Relations Board after saying they were fired for refusing to celebrate and affirm LGBTQ issues—and then denied a chance** to make their Charter arguments when their union wouldn't advance their grievances. Matt Alexander says he was suspended over social media posts he never made publicly, while Nicole Alexander was suspended after quietly placing a Pride poster into a classroom cabinet after it had been taped to her door without her consent. Their case could help clarify whether unionized public employees can be blocked from defending freedom of conscience, religion, and expression when their own union refuses to represent them.

- **Tamara Lich is taking her fight from the criminal courtroom to the civil courts, filing a lawsuit alleging malicious prosecution and negligent investigation over her role in the Freedom Convoy.** After being dragged through what she calls the "longest mischief trial" in Canadian history for helping organize a peaceful protest against vaccine passports and pandemic restrictions, Lich says the case is no longer just about clearing her name—it is about stopping government abuse from happening again.

- **Honda has indefinitely suspended its planned \$15-billion EV mega-project in Ontario,** with full cancellation reportedly still under consideration. After politicians hailed the project as a landmark victory for the "green revolution," the pause is a rare win for taxpayers: Canadians dodged a massive subsidy gamble before the cheque cleared.

Hey CANADA! Re-Public Your Public Office!

By Shelagh McFarlane | SheLaw.ca

Last month's front-page article by constitutional lawyer Shawn Buckley on the "seismic shift in property rights" underway across Canada should be a **HUGE wake-up call** for every Canadian.

CANADA IS IN A NATIONAL STATE OF EMERGENCY.

Mainstream media has buried this story for decades, so I submitted this article to *Druthers* Newspaper. It's the **ONLY** national, independent newspaper that can inform EVERY Canadian about this State of Emergency, **uncensored**. This paper is available free in print and online, and every article is archived. Thank you, *Druthers*.

An "ALL OUT CALL OUT!" To My Fellow Canadians

I've been active at the local level for over 20 years—it's the government closest to the people.

My late husband, Art Koberinski, and I both ran for Mayor (2014, 2022) to correct the United Nations (UN) land grab Shawn described, because the ultimate land transfer happens at the local level, by your Mayor.

Under the UN Agenda, elected Mayors *must* swear to serve the global sustainable development goals rather than their communities. Mayors are then used as patsies to designate their areas as "international territory," thereby transferring all registered land titles and public securities to UN initiatives.

In the past three years, *Druthers* has published three of my articles on this (free to read at druthers.ca), and I've also written three books on it: The POGG Primer, the Protocol, and the Protocol Playbook (free at shelaw.ca).

Global Mayors Transfer Local Land to the Global Plan

For years, I've watched local regulatory power slowly shift from elected Mayors and Councillors to Municipality-tier structures that the public neither elects, nor controls, nor understands.

Most people think they have a *Local Government* (elected public representatives). But what's actually operating day-to-day is *Municipal Administration* (operations).

When these two structures were merged together (2001), all local, sovereign powers were captured:

1. **Financial powers**, using land/property registrations and tax codes,
2. **Regulatory powers**, using building codes, permits and commercial retrofits, and
3. **Essential public services** (water, hydro, housing, transportation, schools, roads, 911 emergency), using private energy agreements and the provincial Municipal Act(s).

If this MAJOR structural defect is not corrected, the town ultimately goes bankrupt—a mathematical inevitability that vulnerable rural areas are experienc-

ing now.

The Non-Political Solution: Re-Public Your Public Office!

Municipal elections are scheduled this year in British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, as well as in Yellowknife in the Northwest Territories.



Unlike the federal and provincial levels, the local office is the one place where ordinary people can directly make immediate change, and this election cycle can be used by local candidates to:

1. Educate their area about the State of Emergency (land transfer) happening locally,
2. Stand to realign their local office back to public purpose, and
3. Terminate the global initiatives being implemented in and on their town.

That's right. This year, ordinary people can peacefully stand and disengage their town or city from the **UN Sustainable Development Goals like UNDRIP**, just by running for local Council, talking to their neighbours, and hosting a few town halls, paid for by donations at the door.

One local candidate can set the "**Re-Public Your Public Office!**" template for every town and city in Canada. Just imagine! One man or woman can end the UN Agenda for all of us—and the world. That's how fragile this huge global "plan" is—ironic, given its scale.

THE POGG Campaign is non-partisan and simple: Running Candidates stand for:

1. **Fiscal Responsibility:** local revenue for local needs only; stewardship of public resources
2. **Public Transparency:** clear purview of office/holders; public Oath; full ledger disclosure
3. **Local Autonomy:** separation of elected Officials from municipal operations; no political affiliations; no provincial downloads.

No debates on federal jurisdictional issues like climate change.

No arguments over "Bill C-whatever" or provincial infrastructure projects.

No politics. No colours. Like it used to be.

The POGG Protocol Playbook Can Be Used in Every Province

All candidates, no matter the province, can share their campaign flyers, town hall scripts and successes with each other! Every candidate will share the same simple message that Canadians are **DYING** to hear—freedom from this financial tyranny and help for the children.

Running for public office isn't about seeking Municipality Strong Powers. It's about restoring the principles on which the office was founded: Peace, Order & Good Government Administration.

Local elections are usually won with very few votes, and campaigns cost very little money: a flyer, a town hall, a newspaper article, or a Facebook group. "Boots on the ground" volunteers get the message out faster and more effectively than money can.

Plus, the POGG message sells itself. Lawn signs and glossy flyers are for parties, not people.

Be A Local Hero!

This year, Canadians have a clear path to take back their lawful, sovereign powers, one town at a time. **Government doesn't need**

a major overhaul. It just needs a few good, standing men and women to realign it with its original purpose.

For the first time in history, a major political problem can be peacefully resolved by a handful of ordinary people, using the government closest to them.

Jimmy Jackson is one mayoral candidate prepared to do just that for his hometown. A field worker and concerned father with experience in children's mental health and education, Jackson has thrown his hat into the ring for **Mayor of St. Catharines**. He's registered to run and is "All Ears!" for the people.

Get Involved with this "Non-Party Movement"

If this resonates with you, please read my previous articles at druthers.ca and the POGGs at shelaw.ca. If your heart is called to stand for your area, register with your CITY Clerk (\$100-200, refunded after the election), and then contact me at editor@shelaw.ca.

I guarantee you'll have lots of support—not just from mothers, fathers and fellow candidates all across the country, but because of the very foundation of the POGG platform: "**Truth, Love, Peace and Freedom**" for all, as it should be.

It won't be Ottawa who will "**Save the Children.**"

It'll be bus drivers, single moms, and EXTRA-ordinary people who "**Stand Up for Them.**"

It will be you and me, uniting locally and peacefully, all across the country.

So, let's go, Canada! Re-Public Your Public Office this year!

Let's Start the (non-party) Party and 2026 Jubilee.

For more information, please visit shelaw.ca

Skilled Labour is Rising in Value

By Martin Armstrong | ArmstrongEconomics.com

For years, they told an entire generation that the future belonged to people sitting behind computer screens, pushing paper around in climate-controlled offices, while **anyone working with their hands was somehow a failure.**

Schools pushed college degrees endlessly, while **trade schools were neglected** and industrial jobs were treated as relics of the past. Parents were convinced their kids needed massive student debt just to survive while corporations shipped factories overseas and politicians cheered the destruction of domestic industry as "progress." Now **reality is crashing directly into that fantasy.**

The irony is unbelievable. The very AI revolution that many thought would eliminate blue-collar labour is actually creating one of the **biggest labour shortages in modern history.** Artificial intelligence requires **physical infrastructure everywhere.** These systems do not magically float in the clouds. They need **giant data centres, electrical grids, transformers, cooling systems, steel, copper, pipelines, construction crews, semiconductor plants, and endless maintenance.** Somebody actually has to build all of it.

CNBC finally admitted this week what many people are beginning to see with their own eyes. **White-**

collar hiring is slowing, while skilled-trade hiring is exploding. The office jobs everyone chased for decades are suddenly becoming unstable, while **electricians, welders, HVAC technicians, elevator mechanics, and industrial workers cannot be hired fast enough.**

Utilities are expected to spend roughly **\$1.1 trillion modernizing America's electrical grid** over the next several years because AI systems are consuming extraordinary amounts of power. *Reuters* reported that the United States may need more than **half a million additional workers directly tied to energy infrastructure and transmission projects by 2030.** At the same time, **nearly half of the current skilled labour force is approaching retirement age.**

Blackstone President Jon Gray recently admitted that **blue-collar workers** may become some of the **biggest winners of the AI boom** because data centres alone are creating enormous construction demand. One Blackstone-backed company reportedly expects the number of workers on its job sites to explode from around **10,000 to roughly 40,000 within a single year.**

Even NVIDIA CEO Jensen Huang came right out and said that **electricians, plumbers, technicians, and construction workers may dominate the next labour cycle** because AI itself depends entirely on real-world infrastructure. He called this the beginning of a

new industrial revolution. He is correct.

Meanwhile, the white-collar world is beginning to panic quietly. Major banks, including JPMorgan, Citi, Goldman Sachs, and Bank of America, are openly discussing **AI replacing administrative and entry-level office roles.** Young college graduates are already discovering that the market for corporate office jobs is **nowhere near as stable as they were promised.**

But AI cannot climb utility poles in the middle of a storm. It cannot wire a semiconductor plant. It cannot repair industrial cooling systems. It cannot install transformers or build transmission lines. **Civilization still runs on physical systems, and somebody has to maintain them.**

Elevator mechanics are now earning extraordinary salaries because companies cannot find enough qualified workers. Otis CEO Judy Marks openly admitted they "cannot hire them fast enough." Electricians working on major AI infrastructure projects are increasingly earning six figures once overtime is included. **Welders, linemen, industrial mechanics, and specialized construction crews are suddenly becoming some of the most valuable workers in the economy.**

The semiconductor industry faces the same problem. The United States spent decades outsourcing

See 'Without Enough Skilled Workers' p.8

The Great Resource Realignment

Is Canada Being Built Up, or Set Up?

By Unfiltered With Kels | [Substack.com/@UnfilteredWithKels](https://substack.com/@UnfilteredWithKels)

I've been spending a lot of time lately trying to understand the land situation in B.C. with the **Indigenous titles and the new language on our signs**. Then, I saw Mark Carney tell the world that **Canada's minerals are not going to be used as leverage**, and my brain started ticking.

I began connecting the dots between the **land, the laws, and the money**. What I discovered is that this isn't just a series of coincidences. It appears to be a **highly coordinated, multi-partner strategy** where the **federal government, global corporations, Indigenous groups, and foreign powers like China** are all working together on a unified plan.

I can't be 100% sure, nobody outside the inner circle is, but the **patterns are getting impossible to ignore**. Read this until the end and tell me if you think I'm off base, because **the scale of this is massive**.

What if the very resources meant to secure Canada's future are actually being used as a backdoor for foreign interests? We've all heard about **Canada's critical minerals: lithium, cobalt, and copper**. They are the "gold" of the 21st century.

But on May 1, 2026, Prime Minister Mark Carney confirmed to the press that **Canada will not use these minerals as "leverage"** in trade talks with the U.S. Why wouldn't we use our biggest bargaining chip? Well, what if the plan isn't to keep them in Canada at all?

Canada sits on an estimated **\$6.7 trillion** in mineral wealth. These are the building blocks of the **Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR)**, a "New World Order" where nations aren't sovereign; they are "integrated." On May 4, 2026, in a speech at the EPC Summit in Armenia, Carney declared that the international order will be **"rebuilt out of Europe."**

Carney is telling you that **Canada's days as a sovereign, self-interested nation are over**. He is inviting the world to treat our **\$6.7 trillion in minerals as a global utility**. He isn't protecting our resources; he is ensuring they are available for the **new global system** he's helping to architect. In fact, he confirmed today that Canada has already concluded **\$18 billion in mineral agreements** specifically to "warehouse" these resources for international partners.

Enter **Bill C-5, the One Canadian Economy Act**. On paper, it's about making Canada one single market instead of 13 separate ones. But here's the "what if": Part 2 of that act, the *Building Canada Act*, gives the federal government the power to designate any project as being in the **"National Interest."** This allows the government to **fast-track approvals for massive projects** in as little as two years, bypassing provincial and environmental delays. Skeptics argue this isn't just about efficiency; it's about building a **"high-speed lane" for resources to leave the country** before anyone can say **"no."**

We are already seeing this with projects like the **McIlvenna Bay Copper Mine** and the **Grays Bay Road and Port**. They are even branding these as **"Arctic Security Corridors"** to use military and NATO budgets to **build the infrastructure for our wealth to leave**.

If you have not heard of this, there is an actual **BC First Nations-China Strategy** document that acts as the roadmap for these **direct, private deals**. It is an independent initiative designed to facilitate **two-way investment between First Nations and Chinese state-owned enterprises**, explicitly bypassing traditional federal diplomatic channels.

The strategy calls for:

- Establishing a **"China Desk"** to act as a direct liaison for Chinese investors.
- **Direct-to-Indigenous Resource Deals** for timber, liquid natural gas, and critical minerals.
- Creating an **"Equity Fund"** to pool private capital from China to invest in projects on Indigenous lands.

Intelligence analysts have warned of a **"Two-State Strategy"** where foreign powers, like Beijing, **bypass federal security blocks by dealing directly with sovereign Indigenous nations**. By moving critical infrastructure into "sovereign" title, it creates a loophole.

Look at the landmark **February 20, 2026, Musqueam Agreement**. This agreement formally recognizes **Musqueam's Aboriginal title over their traditional territory**, which includes **the land beneath the Port of Vancouver and Vancouver International Airport**. Foreign powers can now negotiate directly for control, and the federal government can claim "reconciliation" prevents them from intervening, effectively **neutralizing national security guardrails**.

The Architects: The Power Corp Connection

Who is building this bridge? Look at the paper trail. The **Canada-China Business Council (CCBC)** is currently **funding grants** to help Canadians align with **China's 15th Five-Year Plan (2026-2030)**.

This initiative is backed by **Power Corporation**, the family business of the **Desmarais family**. Most people haven't heard of them, but they are the closest thing Canada has to royalty. They have been the **"Prime Ministers' Club"** for 50 years—linked directly to Trudeau, Mulroney, Chrétien, and Martin. They founded the CCBC in 1978. They aren't just "watching" this happen; they are the **architects of the bridge**, training our leaders to view Canadian resources as a **global supply line**



The Big Nickel in Sudbury Ontario Canada.

rather than a national treasure.

When you add it all up, the picture that emerges is chilling. This isn't just about trade or reconciliation. It looks like a **controlled liquidation of Canadian sovereignty**.

By refusing to use our **\$6.7 trillion in minerals as leverage**, Mark Carney has effectively **left the vault door wide open**. In the old world, a nation used its wealth to build its own future. In this "New Order," we are being told that **our wealth belongs to the global collective**, specifically the integrated factory floors of Europe and China.

It's a perfect circle:

- **Bill C-5** builds the lane.
- **The Jurisdiction Shift** provides the bridge.
- **China's 15th Five-Year Plan** provides the manual.
- **The January China Deal** provides the buyer.

Is this reconciliation, or is it a sophisticated resource transfer hidden behind it? We don't know for a fact. But when you connect the dots, the map looks very different.

Is Canada being built up, or is it being set up? **Is Carney building a stronger Canada, or is he the ultimate liquidator?**

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The News-to-Death Ratio Strikes Again

By Carl Heneghan and Tom Jefferson

There is a **peculiar arithmetic** that governs modern health reporting, one that has very little to do with actual risk. Hans Rosling captured it neatly¹ during the 2009 swine flu episode, when he calculated a “**news-to-death ratio**” of **8,176-to-1**. In other words, for every death attributed to swine flu, there were over eight thousand news stories. Tuberculosis, by contrast, received **less than 0.1 news stories per death** over the same period.

If that sounds absurd, it is, and yet very little has changed.

Take the current **hantavirus scare**. A cruise ship, the MV *Hondius*, sits off Cape Verde. There are **7 cases in total (2 confirmed, 5 suspected) and 3 deaths**, including a Dutch couple and a German national. Passengers have been confined to their cabins while evacuations and disinfection efforts are organized. It is, undeniably, a dramatic story: **a floating Petri dish, a whiff of quarantine, and a hint of the exotic**.

In the past week alone, there have been **at least 10 to 15 unique news stories, generating hundreds of articles**. For a disease that, in normal times, struggles to attract even a single weekly mention, this represents **a surge bordering on the hysterical**.

And yet, it is worth stepping back for a moment and asking, **what are we actually looking at?**

Hantavirus is a rare disease. In the United States, which diligently tracks such cases, there have been **890 laboratory-confirmed instances since 1993**. In the UK, the situation is even less clear: from 2012 to early 2025, only **11 domestically acquired symptomatic cases** have been recorded.

Surprisingly, nine of these cases were not linked to cruise ships or exotic travel, but rather to a more mundane source—exposure to **“pet fancy rats”** or rodents bred as reptile feed.

This is not a pathogen ready to spread through the Home Counties. However, the rarity is not the issue; **visibility is**.

Diseases that afflict the poor, quietly and persistently, rarely command attention. **Tuberculosis killed 1.23 million people globally in 2024**. Over a million deaths every year, largely concentrated in less affluent parts of the world. It is one of the most lethal infectious diseases known to medicine, and yet it **barely registers in the Western news cycle**.

Why? Because TB is familiar, it is slow; It lacks narrative flair, and it does not trap

well-heeled passengers in their cabins while helicopters circle overhead.

If you want coverage, you need something else entirely. You need **novelty, uncertainty, and above all, proximity to affluence**. A cruise ship outbreak ticks every box: **a disease with a balcony suite**.

This is the uncomfortable truth behind Rosling’s ratio: **the media does not report risk, it reports drama**. And drama requires context that audiences can imagine themselves in.

A rodent-borne virus in some remote rural setting barely registers. Put that very same virus aboard a cruise ship with buffet queues, balcony cabins, and a passenger list that looks uncomfortably like the readership, and suddenly it becomes **headline news**.

The result is a **profound distortion of public perception**. We are invited to worry about the improbable while ignoring the inevitable and reality. A handful of hantavirus cases generates dozens of headlines; **a million tuberculosis deaths pass with barely a murmur**.

If we were to apply Rosling’s lens to the present moment, the imbalance would be obvious. **Three deaths linked to a suspected hantavirus cluster have produced hundreds of reports in a matter of days**. Meanwhile, tuberculosis continues its relentless toll with scarcely a fraction of that attention. The modern “**news-to-death ratio**” may not be precisely 8,176-to-1, but the underlying pattern remains intact.

The lesson here isn’t truly about hantavirus; instead, it’s about **how we collectively determine what is significant**.

Diseases associated with poverty—those that are endemic, predictable, and devastating—often fail to attract media attention because they don’t instill fear in the right audience or in the right way. No one is interested in the thousands of cholera deaths that are too remote, too ordinary, and lack the dramatic impact that draws interest. What commands attention are **diseases that puncture our sense of safety**, the kind that can slip

past the gangway and make themselves at home on a cruise ship.

1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V8bUtbODV-Q>

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Canada Must Stop Paving Its Food Security

By Robert Paterson

There is no “fairness” in the way a continent is built.

Nature does not negotiate. Ten thousand years ago, the glaciers didn’t care about “equity” when they scraped the granite of the North bare and dumped the lifeblood of our food security into a tiny, southern crescent. They gave us **a pedestal of rock in the North and an orchard of soil in the South**.

Right now, our leadership is trying to rewrite those laws of physics. They are treating the orchard like a parking lot and the rock like a wasteland. It isn’t just a political mistake; it is a defiance of reality that is already showing up in the empty food baskets of ten million Canadians.

As we stand in May 2026, it is time to abandon the “fairness” narrative and adopt **the rule of survival**. Here are **four hard realities** we must face before the shelves go permanently bare.

1. The Myth of the Infinite Import

For decades, we have operated on the arrogant assumption that California and Mexico will always be our garden. That myth is dead. As the Canada-U.S.-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA) faces a brutal review and the southern aquifers dry up, our “partners” are rightfully prioritizing their own survival. We can no longer **“outsource” our stomach**. Every acre of Class 1 soil we pave in Durham or Northumberland is a calorie we will never see again. When the trucks stop coming from the south, you cannot eat a “Strong Chair” provincial mandate.

2. The 319-Acre Daily Liquidation

The numbers do not lie. Verified baseline data from Statistics Canada’s Census of Agriculture shows that **Ontario lost farmland at an average rate of 319 acres per day between the last two census periods**. That is roughly 246 football fields of food-growing potential vanished every 24 hours. Top-tier politicians call this “solving the housing crisis.” It is actually **a liquidation sale of our grandchildren’s lives**. We are trading a non-renewable biological engine—accounting for a tiny fraction of Canada’s prime agricultural land—for a one-time real estate commission. Once that soil is under a condo or a rail bed, the geological trust fund is

closed. Forever.

3. The Madness of the Southern Hallway

Project Alto—the massive federal multi-billion-dollar high-speed rail megaproject designed to link the Toronto-Quebec City corridor with 300 km/h passenger trains—is a brilliant machine being driven in the wrong direction. The proposed “Southern Route” corridor directly bisects our most productive fields.



Because high-speed trains cannot have traditional road-level crossings, this project acts like a continuous physical “Berlin Wall” for agriculture—**shattering subsurface tile drainage systems and blocking farmers from moving machinery across their own lands**.

This mirrors the painful history of the 1972 Pickering Airport expropriations under Pierre Trudeau, which took 18,600 acres of prime Durham Region farmland—including historic communities like Whitevale—under intense protest, only to leave it frozen in bureaucratic limbo without ever building the airport. Today, the federal *High-Speed Rail Act* streamlines this asset takeover by bypassing traditional public inquiry hearings under the *Expropriation Act*, stripping landowners of their legal recourse. Why cut a hallway through the orchard when we have a solid pedestal of granite to the North? **Building heavy infrastructure on The Shield is an engineering certainty; building it on our best soil is tactical surrender**.

4. The Erasure of Local Reason

The “Bus Drivers” at Queen’s Park have decided that local knowledge is an obstacle to “efficiency.” Bill 97 and Bill 100 are the legislative tools of this

erasure. Bill 97 rolled back the oversight powers of local conservation authorities, **curbing their power to block developments on sensitive lands that conflict with housing targets**. More aggressively, Bill 100—the *Better Regional Governance Act*—centralizes control by granting the provincial Minister the power to directly appoint or remove the regional chairs of Ontario’s largest upper-tier hubs, including Durham, Peel, Niagara, and Simcoe, and bestowing them with “Strong Chair” powers to override elected local council majorities.

By replacing elected regional heads with provincial appointees and shielding ministerial records from the public, they ensure that the people who actually know the land are barred from the cockpit. They believe that because they can legislate a zoning change, they can legislate the growing season and the harvest. They ignore the true legal defence of the land: instruments like Bill 21, the *Protect Our Food Act*, which grassroots advocates champion to mandate a binding “Foodbelt Protection Plan” and require strict Agricultural Impact Assessments before a single shovel hits the dirt.

The Lever of Necessity

Look at the state of our “food justice.” We have **2.4 million children in this country experiencing food insecurity this month**, a reality verified by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives and PROOF food policy researchers. Concurrently, data from Second Harvest reveals that “best before” date label confusion causes Canadians to prematurely throw away perfectly safe, shelf-stable food, wasting **\$12.3 billion annually** while lines at the Daily Bread Food Bank hit record highs.

The political elite are obsessed with building “energy” and “connectivity,” but **a nation that cannot feed itself has no energy; a nation that paves its orchard has nowhere to go**.

The “grassroots” are often called “primitive” for clinging to the land. But in the history of the world, it is the elite who are always the most primitive—believing they can survive without the earth that sustains them.

The rule is simple: **Build on the Rock. Grow on the Soil. Stop the Sham**.

There is no fairness in the coming food shortage. There is only **the land we protect today, and the hunger we face tomorrow**.

Is This Hantavirus a Bioweapon?

By Clayton J. Baker, MD | Brownstone.org

The World Health Organization, Big Pharma, and the other bad actors behind the Covid catastrophe are at it again.

At this writing, they're churning out industrial-strength fear porn regarding an alleged outbreak of Hantavirus infections aboard a small cruise ship, the MV Hondius. If all this gives you flashbacks to the Diamond Princess cruise ship incident from the early days of Covid, you're not alone.

But before we all hide in our closets (again) until Moderna and friends save us (again) with another toxic gene-therapy pseudo-vaccine (which of course, they and about a dozen other Big Pharma profiteers have been working on for years), let's take a moment to consider the pathogen in question—Hantavirus.

I have seen one case of Hantavirus in my 30-year career in internal medicine. It happened around the year 2000, when I was a young physician with the Indian Health Service on the Navajo Reservation. A Navajo man presented to the clinic, initially having been feverish with severe muscle aches for several days. Later, he developed progressively worsening shortness of breath, which prompted him to seek our attention.

His chest X-ray showed a pattern consistent with diffuse bilateral pulmonary edema—fluid throughout both lungs. It was springtime, and he had been cleaning out a mouse-infested shed several days before, sweeping and vacuuming mouse droppings in the process. I cannot claim that I made the diagnosis. An older, more experienced physician, who had seen one or two similar cases of Hantavirus in the past, recognized the cause.

The patient was treated with "supportive care," maintaining his blood pressure with IV fluids and his breathing with supplemental oxygen. He was very sick, but I recall he did not require endotracheal intubation and mechanical ventilation. (Back in the good old days, we never intubated and ventilated anyone unless it was absolutely necessary.) Eventually, the patient made a full recovery.

Even today, this case is instructive for several rea-

sons.

First, the case reveals the natural reservoir of Hantaviruses. As my trusty old copy of Mandell's Principles and Practices of Infectious Diseases states, "These agents are fundamentally parasites of wild rodents and insectivores." Mandell goes on to state that "each presently recognized [hantavirus] viral species has a single major rodent host species."

In other words, certain species of rodents and insect-eating mammals (e.g. voles) harbour specific species of Hantavirus. It doesn't just float around in the ether, nor are human beings a reservoir of the virus. They simply aren't.



Second, Hantavirus disease is rare in humans. It is rarely spread to humans from its natural rodent hosts. When that does happen, it is usually due to the inhalation by humans of virus-infected droppings or dried urine.

Third, before this episode on the cruise ship, human-to-human hantavirus transmission was essentially unheard of. Well, apparently not exactly. According to a report in NPR:

"There are like 20 to 30 different species of hantavirus worldwide that can cause human disease, and there is only one [of those] species—the Andes Virus, which is found in Argentina and Chile—that has been implicated in human-to-human transmission," explains Dr. Emily Abdoler, a clinical associate professor of medicine at the University of Michigan. "One of the first clues that emerged is that this ship disembarked from

Argentina."

Colour me skeptical. It's hardly enough that these passengers happened to have visited Argentina, which happens to harbour the one species of hantavirus that happens to have been "implicated in human-to-human transmission," to suddenly determine that a naturally-occurring, contagious Hantavirus strain is circumnavigating the globe aboard cruise ships.

As I mentioned previously, Hantavirus is the subject of intense "vaccine" research by over a dozen research groups, including such established bad actors in the field as the US Army (source of the hyper-toxic Anthrax vaccines of yore), and Moderna, one of the main producers—along with Pfizer—of the toxic Covid mRNA injections circa 2021.

Hantavirus has also been repeatedly nominated, alongside such other candidates as Bird flu and Monkeypox, as the potential next pandemic-causing "Disease X."

If over a dozen different biotech entities are producing so-called Hantavirus "vaccines" of every conceivable variety, and if Hantavirus has been nominated as the next "Disease X," you can bet your civil liberties that they're performing gain-of-function weaponization of the virus as well.

If this Hantavirus outbreak proves to be a genuine threat, the key research will be to examine the genome of the virus in question for evidence of gain-of-function manipulation. This is by far the most likely reason for any human-to-human transmission, and when established, it will pinpoint this outbreak for what it is—yet another blatant act of bioterrorism.

Put more bluntly, if Hantavirus is spreading from person-to-person, then it's been weaponized, and the evil bioterrorists that are responsible need to be held to account for it, which so far has not happened with Covid.

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What Gender Ideology Asks Canadians to Ignore

By Gerald Heinrichs

It has been two years since Britain's Tavistock Clinic shut down in disgrace. Over one thousand children, mostly girls, were prescribed hormone therapy drugs and suffered or risked irreversible harm like infertility, fragile bones, and endocrine disruption.

The Cass Report investigation found "remarkably weak evidence" for these treatments and "no good evidence on the long-term outcomes of interventions." Kiera Bell was one of the casualties. She stated, "I was an unhappy girl who needed help; instead, I was treated like an experiment."

But even worse than places like Tavistock were the surgery clinics. The Economist reports that between 2016 and 2020, over 3,200 so-called gender transition mastectomies were conducted in the US on girls aged 12 to 18. [In Canada, 602 youth aged 14 to 18 had the procedure from 2018 to 2023.]

Perhaps just as alarming is that these drug and surgery procedures on children were, not long ago, declared to be "life-saving" and "medically necessary."

Today, however, those opinions sit in ruin. One reason is the 2026 US court case awarding Fox Varian, a double mastectomy casualty, a \$2 million malpractice judgment against her psychologist and surgeon. Ms. Varian stated, "It's so hard to face that you are disfigured for life ... No amount of reconstruction is ever going to bring back what I lost."

The Epoch Times reports that dozens of similar lawsuits against health providers are now underway. These lawsuits represent "A Gathering Storm," reports The Economist.

More than 20 US states now prohibit these medical procedures for children, and other jurisdictions are moving in that direction, including Alberta.

Whether prompted by the lawsuits or other things, some health authorities have undertaken an overdue re-examination. Presently, the American Medical Association, the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, and health authorities in Finland and Sweden have all reversed their previous supportive stance on gender drugs and surgeries for children—a startling about-face. But other organizations refuse to face the music and carry on unchanged. As for Canada, the National Post reported in March that the country is "one of the world's last holdouts on medically transing kids."

But today's gender ideology isn't just about children's bodies. It is also about their minds.

Almost unheard of 10 years ago, gender ideology has become an everyday subject in many of Canada's elementary schools. Among other things, it presents lessons to children about the highly-disputed theory that they might be living in the wrong body. In some cases, these gender teachings are so enthusiastic that they overtake traditional subjects. An article by Dr. Julie Maxwell for CARE describes it as "The Shocking

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I Asked if Trudeau's Mandates Were Legal

Ottawa Broke the Law to Hide the Answer

By Dana-lee Melfi | Peace-Man.ca

On August 13, 2021, I watched Justin Trudeau stand in front of the cameras and announce two new federal COVID-19 mandates: one for all federal employees and one for travel, domestic and international. After seeing that scrum, I took a few weeks to research the legal chatter online—or the lack thereof—regarding the legality of the mandates in question. I found very little.

I remembered Trudeau's own words from June 26, 2021: "We will never bring in mandates for COVID vaccination." Now, less than two months later, he was doing exactly that.

Something didn't add up. I filed an Access to Information and Privacy (ATIP) request A-2021-00580 with the Department of Justice on September 23, 2021, well before the mandates took effect on October 6. I asked for every record between December 1, 2020 and October 6, 2021, that showed the legal path and justification for those announcements.

The Department of Justice had 30 days to respond. They didn't. Instead, they broke the law. They issued an illegal five-year extension (1,825 days) and then placed the entire file on hold.

That triggered a complaint to the Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada (OIC). The OIC complaint was "invalidated" five times before an investigator finally validated the breach. A two-year investigation followed.

On August 6, 2024, the Information Commissioner released her final report and binding orders (OIC file 5822-03179). The report is clear: The Department of Justice broke multiple provisions of the Access to Information Act. It improperly placed the request on hold. It failed to assist the requester as required by law. It was deemed to have refused access altogether. The Commissioner ordered the Department of Justice to remove the hold, provide a complete response by May 17, 2029, give me updates every six months, and release records in stages, if possible.

Notably, the Commissioner used the word "egregious" in her findings—a term she has applied in final reports and orders only one other time, according to a review of publicly available OIC decisions. That rarity underscores just how serious the breaches were.

That should have been the end of the stonewalling. It wasn't.

The Minister of Justice never reported these breaches to the House of Commons Justice Committee, as

required. That is contempt of Parliament.

My MP, Cheryl Gallant, tabled Question Q-866 in the 45th Parliament, 1st session, May 26, 2025 (our-commons.ca/written-questions/45-1/q-866), asking when the documents would be released and pressing for accountability on the handling of A-2021-00580. The government's response danced around the real issues and ignored the key point: will the Department of Justice actually narrow the scope and release the one document that matters most—the legal determination that the mandates were sound?



Dana-Lee Melfi standing in solidarity with the truckers in Ottawa, 2022

I wrote to the Access to Information team leader at the DOJ on February 4, 2026, quoting paragraph 28 of the OIC report, which explicitly invites the complainant to discuss narrowing the scope. Their reply was bureaucratic doublespeak: "We will continue to process your file ... if you wish to narrow further, we are happy to discuss ... See you in Aug 2026." Yet every time I tried to narrow it—even down to a single page confirming the mandates were legally valid—my requests were ignored.

Here's What Canadians Need To Understand

I was told by both the OIC and the Department of Justice that **no one else** has ever requested these records. Not lawyers. Not doctors. Not investigative journalists. Not law enforcement. I am the only Canadian who has used the *Access to Information Act* to demand proof that the two federal mandates were legal.

Why does that matter? Because the *Access to Information Act* is the law. When the very department

responsible for upholding the law repeatedly breaks it to hide its own legal reasoning, the rule of law itself is under attack.

I have now spent years and thousands of dollars fighting this. I have served Notices of Liability on multiple parliamentary committees demanding oversight. And I paid an even higher price for simply trying to exercise my rights.

In 2022, I stood peacefully on Parliament Hill with the OIC and the Department of Justice documents in my hands. I was there to redress my government, exactly as the Charter of Rights and Freedoms guarantees every Canadian the right to do. I was arrested. I was taken to trial. All for standing in peace with the very government documents that prove the Department of Justice broke the law.

That moment crystallized everything. This isn't just about one delayed ATIP request. It's about whether Canadians still have the right to ask hard questions about the biggest policy decisions of our lifetimes—decisions that affected jobs, families, travel, and basic freedoms.

The mandates are long gone, but the questions remain. Were they ever legal? Who signed off on them? What advice did the Department of Justice actually give Trudeau before he flipped from "never" to "mandatory"?

We still don't know. And the Department of Justice is doing everything in its power to make sure we never find out.

Canadians deserve better. We deserve transparency. We deserve a government that obeys its own laws. And we deserve to know whether the mandates that divided this country were ever grounded in law—or whether the entire exercise was an abuse of power from the start.

If you believe the public has a right to see the legal foundation (or lack of it) for those mandates, share this story.

Contact your MP. Demand that the Justice Committee call the Minister to account.

And if you ever file your own ATIP request, know this: the system is designed to discourage you. But one ordinary Canadian refused to be discouraged.

The fight isn't over. The documents still exist. The truth is still buried somewhere in the Department of Justice's filing system.

And I will keep standing—peacefully, lawfully, and relentlessly—until it sees the light of day.

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The Shocking Truth

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Truth About What is Being Taught in Schools."

Many Canadians say these lessons are **radical indoctrination** that can cause confusion and anxiety in children. Moreover, stories of secret school gender affirmations and en masse gender conversions are logically troubling to many Canadians. These are some of the reasons why parents and organizations like Canada's Association for Reformed Political Action (ARPA) demand that authorities "**Remove gender education from classroom instruction.**"

Of course, all of this is only one chapter in today's wave of gender ideology. Another chapter turns on the slogan "**Transgender women are women.**" To some Canadians, this is a bold new truth, but to others, it is a **dark lie.**

Unsporting, a 2020 book by Canadians Linda Blade and Barbara Kay, examines biological men competing in women's sports events as transgender persons. The authors claim that "**trans activism and science denial are destroying sport.**"

Over the last decade, there have been many stories of women being displaced from medals and perhaps even worse, being seriously injured by these newly arrived transgender individuals. A 2024 *CBS News* story reported that **transgender athletes have taken nearly 900 medals in women's competitions.** And a sports law expert documents further events, stating, "**Trans athletes causing life-altering injuries.**"

According to tens of millions of Americans and the UK Supreme Court, **all of this is very wrong.** In 2025, the British court ruled that the definition of a woman is "**plain and unambiguous**" and corresponds to their "**biological characteristics.**"

In 2025, the US government legislated various protections for women. In an early series of laws, the

Trump administration not only prohibited men from competing in women's sports but also from being in women's prisons and private spaces like bathrooms and locker rooms.

Supporters say these laws are **necessary common sense.** Gender activists call them an outrage.

Censorship is yet another wrong turn with today's gender politics. Rarely do the gender ideologists engage in civilized debates on these important issues. Instead, today's activists respond to legitimate challenges with name-calling like transphobe and hate-monger. The mainstream media, like the *CBC*, aren't much better.

Moreover, in 2022, Canada's parliament made it a criminal offence to "cause" a person to undergo any kind of "conversion therapy," **including practices, treatments, or services designed to change a person's gender identity to cisgender, or to repress a non-cisgender gender identity—a drastic law.** This is something that the US Supreme Court recently struck down as a violation of freedom of speech. The court

stated, "**The people lose whenever the government transforms prevailing opinion into enforced conformity.**"

In June, many Canadian cities will once again have days and nights of Pride events. But today, more than ever, there is a **cognitive disconnect** with those flag-raising and parades. That is because all the bad things about gender ideology are swept under the carpet and smothered with slogans like "**identity celebration**" and "**love is love.**"

In 2025, Pride events both in Vancouver and Toronto reported **sharp declines in sponsorship.** The *Vancouver Sun* reported "**Parade will proceed despite losing nearly half its sponsors.**" Fewer organizations, it seems, wanted to be associated with it.

But maybe this walking out makes sense. Because maybe these sponsors, like many Canadians, are **no longer willing to ignore what gender ideology asks them to.**

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The System's Human Cost

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Karen Peters described it like **walking on golf balls**.

Every step. Both feet. Her hands were swollen to twice their normal size. She had **rheumatoid arthritis**, and her doctor had been clear about what that meant. **There was no cure.** She had a progressive illness that would eventually put her into a wheelchair. She was **facing a life of disability, suffering and death.**

To slow the progression of the disease, Karen's medical doctor offered to **slow the progression of the disease with chemical drugs.** One of these drugs was a chemotherapy drug called **methotrexate.**

For a year, Karen injected herself every week with the chemotherapy drug. For three or four days of every week, **she was so sick from the drug that she wished she was dead.**

She still had rheumatoid arthritis. She was still facing the wheelchair. She was still facing an early death. **She was also now suffering acutely from the treatment.**

Then a friend told her to **see a naturopathic doctor.**

She resisted. She'd been told naturopaths didn't have the training. (They do—in many cases, more than medical doctors, particularly in nutrition.) But eventually she went. The first thing Karen told the naturopathic doctor was that she had an incurable illness. The **first thing the naturopath said** to Karen was:

"There are no incurable illnesses."

The naturopathic doctor then **cured Karen with nutrition and natural remedies.** No drugs. No wheelchair. No death sentence. No weekly injections that made her wish she wasn't alive.

He also told her something else: if she had **continued the methotrexate, it would have given her cancer.**

The Woman on Parliament Hill

I've been telling Karen's story across Canada. We drove a petition supporting the **Charter of Health Freedom** (charterofhealthfreedom.org) from Victoria to Ottawa. Along the way, we held live events to allow ordinary Canadians to share their health journeys. We also **broadcast an online health show so that Canadians could share** what I can only describe as **"forbidden information."** I challenge anyone to watch their stories (nhppa.org/speakers). You will not be the same.

On October 25, 2025, we were on Parliament Hill, handing over **the petition with more than 157,000 signatures** to MP Blaine Calkins to be entered into Parliament. I was telling Karen's story as part of the event.

Afterward, a woman named Nelda came up to me. She was weeping.

Nelda said, *"You just told my story."*

Nelda had **rheumatoid arthritis.** She was put on **methotrexate.** She was suffering terribly without hope. But there was one difference.

Nelda got the cancer, and they took her breasts.

I've thought about Nelda ever since. Karen's story has a happy ending. Nelda's story does not. And **the only difference between them was timing and access to information.**

How Many Karen Peters Are There?

That's the question I can't stop asking.

How many Canadians right now have rheumatoid arthritis and are being managed with weekly chemotherapy injections? Is it one? Five thousand?

Fifty thousand? Two hundred thousand?

One is too many.

They are suffering without hope of ever becoming healthy again. They don't know that **others with rheumatoid arthritis have been cured.** They don't know that **they should not lose hope.** They don't know because **it's actually illegal to tell them that they don't have to be facing a wheelchair and an early death.** It is illegal to share with them that there are **other options** that could help them—that people are being cured.



It's illegal to tell them because of how Canada's health laws are structured. The doctors who know can't say it publicly without **risking their licenses.** The companies that make natural health products can't share the stories without **risking fines that now reach \$5 million per day.** The naturopaths who are doing the curing are, in some cases, **being criminally convicted,** not for harming anyone, but simply for practicing medicine without a medical license.

In September, the Quebec Court of Appeal upheld the conviction of naturopathic doctor Annie Juneau. **The Court did not ask if Dr. Juneau was saving lives. Nor did the Court ask if she was alleviating suffering.** Rather, the only question was: Is she a medical doctor? In many provinces, **only medical doctors are legally allowed to diagnose, recommend or treat us.** In other provinces, there are narrow exceptions for some traditions, such as naturopathic medicine. **There is no naturopathic exception in Quebec,** and so the conviction of Dr. Juneau was upheld by the Court. Sentencing is pending.

She was helping people. That was the crime.

The Magnesium Story

I want to tell you one more story, because it illustrates something important about the scale of what we're losing.

A young mother shared her story at our health show. She'd developed **restless legs syndrome, which felt like electrical shocks to both legs when she lay down.** The only way to stop the muscle twitching was to walk. She was walking the floors all night. Not sleeping. Immune system deteriorating. She was getting to the point where she was losing the ability to care for her two young children.

Her medical doctor told her there was **no treatment** for restless legs syndrome, but **offered her a Parkinson's drug** to manage it.

She looked at the side effects, and she declined after reading them.

She went to a naturopath instead. **The naturopath told her she was magnesium-deficient.**

Within a day of supplementing with magnesium, the restless legs syndrome was gone.

A muscle twitch is often a symptom of magnesium deficiency.

Any naturopath knows this. Any health food store employee knows this. It is **basic, foundational nutritional knowledge.**

Her **medical doctor did not know it.** And this isn't a criticism of that doctor as a person, **it's a structural fact.** I interviewed three medical doctors for our health show, all with at least 40 years of practice. I asked each one **how much nutrition training they received in medical school.**

Two hours. Maybe half a day. Out of eight years of medical school.

Because the system they were trained in, **the allopathic system, is not designed to cure, it's designed to manage symptoms with chemical drugs.** Nutrition cures. Nutrition is therefore not part of the curriculum.

We Are All Malnourished

Here's something that sounds absurd until you look at the data.

The US Department of Agriculture has been testing food for vitamins and minerals since at least 1900. **The nutrient content has declined steadily for over a century.** By the 1940s, the USDA was sounding the alarm: **you can no longer be healthy by eating alone.** The nutrients aren't there anymore.

We are all malnourished. Not in the dramatic, visible sense, but **chronically, subtly, in ways that manifest as the chronic conditions** many Canadians are suffering with. Many of these conditions are "chronic" because their cause, **nutritional deficiency, is not being addressed.**

And **the doctors treating these conditions** have had, on average, **half a day of nutrition training.**

Meanwhile, the **natural health products** that could address the underlying deficiencies **are being regulated out of existence.** Prices have quadrupled compared to the United States. **Low-income Canadians can no longer afford vital nutrients.** The regulatory burden is so extreme that **companies are disappearing, products are disappearing,** and the **practitioners** who know how to use them **are being silenced.**

What Karen's Story Demands of Us

Karen Peters is healthy. She's not in pain. She's not facing a wheelchair. **She's not wishing she was dead three days a week.**

The woman on Parliament Hill is **living with the consequences of a system that failed her,** that took her breasts.

The difference between those two outcomes is access to information and the legal right to know that other options exist.

More than **157,000 Canadians have signed a paper petition,** which is the third-largest in our nation's history, demanding exactly that. **A Charter of Health Freedom. A new Ministry of Wellness.** The legal **right to access natural health products** without government pre-approval. The **right to be told the truth** about what can help you.

You can sign it too. Go to charterofhealthfreedom.org or nhppa.org.

Because **somewhere in Canada right now, there is another Karen Peters.** Weekly injections. Golf balls in her feet. **Wishing she were dead from the treatment. She deserves to know there's another way.**

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Without Enough Skilled Workers

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industrial production, and now companies are scrambling to rebuild domestic manufacturing capacity **without enough skilled workers available to do the job.** Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company reportedly struggled to find enough experienced labour even for projects in Arizona.

This activity always happens during major economic turning points. During periods of speculation and financial bubbles, **productive labour loses prestige.** But once societies are forced back toward rebuilding infrastructure, energy systems, and industrial capacity, **the people who can physically build things suddenly**

become indispensable again.

Young people are beginning to realize that **practical skills in energy, manufacturing, transportation, construction, and infrastructure may offer far greater security** than unstable corporate office jobs increasingly threatened by automation. Many of the highest-paying opportunities no longer require sitting behind a desk, pretending to answer emails all day.

The labour force built on debt, speculation, and endless financial manipulation has had enough.

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From Governance to Gangland - A System in Free Fall -

By Liam DeBoer | BlendrNews.com

Canada is a nation run by criminals for criminals. There's a moment in every collapsing society when people stop asking "How did this happen?" and start asking, "Was it allowed to happen?" For years, we've been told that crime, disorder and corruption are unfortunate side effects of an increasingly complex world, but the more we look at the facts, the legislation, the failures, the curious relationships, the more difficult it becomes to believe that this is just the byproduct of incompetence. It looks more like a system that's been built to fail, or worse, a system built to serve interests we're not supposed to see.

The Fixer, The Front, The Fall Girl

Let's start with a name few Canadians outside of Alberta likely knew until recently: **Liberal MP Randy Boissonnault**. Alongside his business partner, Stephen Anderson, Boissonnault co-owned **Global Health Imports**, a company embroiled in lawsuits over allegations of **defrauding clients out of hundreds of thousands of dollars**. The company shared an address with Francheska Leblond, a woman detained in two major international cocaine trafficking operations, including a **four-hundred-and-sixty-pound seizure** in the Dominican Republic, in Edmonton's largest ever cocaine bust in 2013. *Global News* confirmed that Leblond was one of the several passengers under RCMP investigation. Despite this, she faced **no criminal charges** in the Dominican bust.

Now, let's hypothesize here for a second. If you are operating an international drug trafficking syndicate, you'd need **three types of players**. Someone in the business of international logistics—Anderson. **Someone in power who can influence trade, law, or enforcement policy**—Boissonnault. And someone in the shadows—a **disposable pawn to take the fall** when needed—Leblond. That's speculation, sure, but it's also a **textbook configuration**. Organized crime has always worked this way: legitimate fronts, political protection, and fall guys. Yet, there's been no serious political or law-enforcement scrutiny of this arrangement. **The silence is louder than any denial.**

The Kingpin Who Met The Prime Minister

Then there's former Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau**, who was allegedly caught in an **RCMP surveillance operation** meeting privately with **Paul King Jin**, a suspected kingpin of transnational Chinese organized crime. Jin is no street-level dealer. He's accused of **laundering hundreds of millions** through underground casinos, real estate deals, and narcotics routes, stretching from Vancouver to Mexico, Panama, and Hong Kong. He's linked to the Sam Gore Syndicate, one of the largest criminal networks in the world. When the RCMP and DEA tried to take him down, **prosecutions collapsed, investigations fell apart, and witnesses vanished**.

But Jin didn't just operate in the shadows. He ran a gym in Richmond, BC—a **\$7.7 million property under civil forfeiture** just blocks from the RCMP. It doubled as a luxury auto body shop and private restaurant—both red flags in organized crime investigations. The gym became a **hub for CCP [Chinese Communist Party] and criminal influence**. A controlled environment where **gangsters, Chinese officials, and Canadian politicians mingled**. Several MPs appeared at high-profile events there, including a boxing tournament for China's national team. Even BC Tourism Minister Lisa Beare held a press conference inside Jin's facility, **while the feds were trying to seize it**.

Meanwhile, Jin's operations continued. After being deported from Panama for traveling under a false identity, he returned to Canada, **flagged by CBSA, and was simply waived through**.

The Enemies Within

Now consider **Canada's missing persons [report] rate** per 100,000 people. British Columbia, 273, Saskatchewan, 146, Manitoba, 130, Alberta, 115, Nova Scotia, 112, Ontario, 111. Now compare those numbers internationally. El Salvador, before President Bukele's crackdown on gangs, had a missing persons rate of approximately 37.5 per 100,000. Canada, seen global-



ly as peaceful and developed, now **vastly outpaces a country once notorious for cartel activity**. California, with a population more than Canada's largest provinces, has a missing persons rate of 5.5 per 100,000. That means British Columbia's rate is **4,864% higher**. Read that again. **Nearly 5,000% higher**. What is going on?

Let's zoom in on a high-profile case. In 2017, billionaires Barry and Honey Sherman were **found murdered** in their Toronto mansion—**bound, staged, and posed upright** at their indoor pool, with leather belts looped around a railing. Despite a scene straight out of a mob movie, Toronto police initially **classified it as a domestic event**. Barry Sherman had a net worth of \$3.2 billion USD, making him the 12th-wealthiest man in Canada. He appeared on *Forbes'* list of the world's billionaires for over 15 years. Ask yourself, if you walked into a room and saw two bodies dragged and displayed like that, **would domestic violence even cross your mind?**

This leads to a disturbing question. **Are organized crime hits being buried** in Canada's missing persons data and **misclassified as domestic incidents to avoid raising alarms?**

And it's not just murder. **Service Ontario employees were caught working with organized crime** to alter VIN numbers on stolen vehicles, enabling them to be resold without detection. Think about that. Government staff collaborating with car theft rings **from inside the system**.

When you combine our **exploding missing persons numbers**, the fentanyl epidemic, rampant gang infiltration, and a justice system that seems more interested in optics than results, **this doesn't look like coincidence** anymore. It looks like **a system in free fall**.

An Empire Built on Dirty Cash

In 2018, an estimated **\$46.7 billion** in dirty funds was laundered through Canada's financial system, though some experts believe the real number could be closer to **\$100 billion annually**. To grasp the scale, consider this: Here are legitimate Canadian industries with approximate revenues **in the same range as our criminal underworld**.

- Agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting — \$30.6B
- Accommodation and food services — \$43B
- Information and entertainment — \$60B
- Transportation and warehousing — \$92B
- Educational services — \$104.2B

Money laundering is **one of Canada's largest industries**. This isn't a shadow issue. It's **a shadow economy on par with our biggest sectors**. And it's not just drugs. It funds gangs, inflates housing markets, runs fentanyl labs, traffics weapons, and **buys political influence**.

And here's the uncomfortable truth. Every one of those legitimate industries **lobbies politicians to shape policy** in their favour and **often succeeds**. So why would we assume organized crime with comparable revenue and far fewer rules **isn't doing the exact same thing?**

How To Legalize a Criminal Empire

Let's revisit the federal policies passed under Trudeau. **Ask yourself, who benefits?**

Catch and release bail reform, Bill C-75: **Criminals are released quickly**. Even repeat violent offenders. Police re-arrest the same people repeatedly. Result? **More crime. Less consequence**.

Sentencing reform, Bill C-5: **Mandatory minimums for gun crimes and drug trafficking removed. Conditional sentences** now apply to sexual assault and major narcotics charges. Result? **Softer sentencing, emboldened gangs**.

Safe supply programs: Ostensibly designed to help addicts, these government-issued narcotics are **often resold. Black markets thrive. Organized crime adapts**

and profits.

RCMP's Ontario Financial Crimes Unit shut down in 2020: Billions in dirty money flooding our economy. The federal police shut down its specialized team. Result? **Fewer investigations. More impunity**.

Unvetted refugee systems: Open border policies allow **bad actors to disappear into the system**, exploiting overwhelmed immigration courts. Some are later tied to criminal activity.

Skipping fraud prevention measures for temporary foreign workers: Bureaucrats were told to **bypass fraud checks** when approving foreign worker permits. Result? **Human trafficking, fraudulent labour schemes, and exploitation**.

Disarming lawful citizens, Bill C-21: While criminals smuggle handguns from the US, the government bans legal firearm owners from owning certain rifles and freezes handgun sales. **Criminals keep their weapons. You lose yours**.

If you were writing policy to benefit cartels, gangs, smugglers, and traffickers, **you'd be hard-pressed to do better than this**.

Welcome to Gotham North

People often ask why I do this, why I expose these things, knowing full well what history tells us happens to those who challenge entrenched power. But here's the truth. **There's no safe path left. Every road comes with risk**. The only question is **which kind of risk you're willing to live with**—the risk of speaking out, or the risk of watching your country fall into criminal collapse?

You can stay silent, and you can live in a place where **your car is stolen, your bank account is frozen, and your kids are offered fentanyl** outside of their schoolyard. **This isn't paranoia**. It's the reality we're living in.

Gotham was never a fictional place. A city run by gangsters, corrupt politicians, and corporate enablers, where citizens survive through fear and compliance? **That's Canada**.

The only way out of this is for **ordinary people to start doing extraordinary things**. And no, I'm not special. I'm just like you. I know most people don't have hours to spend digging through documents and connecting the dots, but **you don't need to**.

Take one evening off from Netflix. Skip one brunch. Pass on one night out. Use that time to walk into your MP's office. Drop this piece on their desk and ask them one question. **Why isn't this your top priority?**

Because the question isn't whether it's dangerous to speak out. The question is, **what happens if we don't?**

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Canada's Military Recruitment Mirage

By Riley Donovan | DominionReview.ca

Canada's military recruitment is up. That much is true. But, as often is the case, **the Devil is in the details.**

In the last fiscal year, the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) "enrolled 7,310 Regular Force members, surpassing its recruiting target of 6,957 new members and marking the highest number of enrolments in more than 30 years," according to the Department of National Defence (DND).

Why the big jump? Up until now, many Canadians have made the logical inference that the surge in military recruitment is being buoyed by the rising tide of Canadian nationalism amid the renewed American imperialism of the Trump administration. However, the DND notice quoted above goes on to explain that the latest recruitment total includes **"1,400 permanent residents."**

Permanent residents have attained residency in the country but are not Canadian; hence, they cannot vote. In December 2022, the Trudeau government allowed this class of non-Canadians to join the military.

This was by no means an attempt to create a Canadian version of the French Foreign Legion—the elite branch of the French Army founded in 1831 that accepts very limited numbers of worthy foreign nationals, who are then offered a path to French citizenship. Instead, the Trudeau government simply **opened the doors of Canadian military recruitment to foreigners.** This move was justified in the characteristically dreamy language of the Trudeau era:

"Permanent residents represent an important, skilled, and diverse workforce in Canada." Whatever that means.

Fast forward to April 28, 2026, when media out-

let *Juno News* published a scoop revealing that the **Canadian government's permanent-resident military recruit experiment is having disastrous results.** The whole article is well worth a read, but here are the first few paragraphs:

"A confidential Canadian Forces Leadership and Recruit School report has revealed a **complete breakdown in basic officer training** following a surge in

lacked **'respect towards women,' peers and superiors.**"

CBC picked up the story, quoting several sections of the report, including the following: "These initial platoons were also made up of candidates with **as little as three months residency in Canada,** leading to a significant culture shock as candidates had not yet acclimated to Canadian society, let alone Canadian military culture."

We all want our military to do well. We want recruitment to soar. Dramatic shifts in the global order have multiplied security threats, while an increasingly unreliable United States cannot necessarily be counted on to come to our aid in the event of some kind of aggression (and the USA may even be the source of that aggression, an unlikely but terrifying scenario that we should be prepared for).

That said, **recruitment gains must be grounded in reality, not a mirage.** The current increase in military recruitment is largely the result of a Trudeau policy that allowed large numbers of foreign nationals to become military recruits, and to the surprise of few, this poorly thought-out decision is creating chaos and disorder. The leaked report indicates that not only do these foreign recruits appear to have a low graduation

rate, but their introduction into our military is **fuelling cultural conflicts and a lack of respect for women.**

The answer is obvious. The Carney government should **scrap the Trudeau policy of allowing permanent residents to become military recruits,** just as it has so ruthlessly eliminated other misguided policies from the Lost Decade when our federal government went on a kind of collective mental vacation from 2015-2025.

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permanent resident enrolment.

"One French-language platoon, which had over 80 percent non-citizens, was reportedly wracked by an inability to communicate fluently, a lack of respect towards female CAF members and infighting between Cameroonian and Côte d'Ivoire candidates.

The Quebec platoon saw fewer than one in two recruits graduate, while allegations of racial discrimination were made in multiple directions, from candidates against staff and between candidates of opposing ethnic blocs themselves. Additionally, command saw 'challenges' in training permanent residents as they

Alberta's "Teacher Shortage" Isn't What It Seems

By Nicole MacKay

Alberta is not facing a simple teacher shortage. What it is facing is a **systems imbalance:** student population growth is outpacing both **teacher preparation and teacher retention.** The province's response—**expedited certification pathways**—addresses only one side of that equation.

Between 2023 and 2026, Alberta added roughly **80,000 students** to its K-12 system. That growth is real. It is driven by a combination of **federal immigration targets, interprovincial migration, and economic conditions** that attract families to the province. The result is **immediate pressure on classrooms.** Students arrive in real time. Classrooms must be staffed in real time.

Teacher supply does not operate on that timeline.

It takes years to train a teacher, and longer still to develop a stable, experienced one. When demand accelerates faster than supply, the system has two options: **absorb the strain** or **reduce the barrier to entry.**

Alberta has chosen to reduce the barrier.

New expedited teaching certificates allow candidates to begin teaching earlier in their training or to enter from adjacent professions. The structure is controlled: supervision is required, and additional coursework must be completed while employed. This is not an abandonment of standards. It is a **redistribution of when those standards are met.**

In practical terms, **it gets adults into classrooms faster.**

That solves a logistical problem. It does not solve the **structural one.**

The missing variable in most public discussion is **retention.** Teachers are not leaving because there are too few pathways into the profession. They are leaving because the **conditions of the work have changed.**

Classrooms today are more complex than they were even a decade ago. **Behavioural needs have increased. Inclusion demands are higher. Administrative**

teachers, already under strain, are expected to stabilize those environments while also absorbing mentorship responsibilities. Vacancies are filled, but the **underlying load is not reduced.**

When **throughput increases without reducing strain, instability follows.**

This is not a question of intent. It is a **question of structure.**

The language used to describe these changes matters. Terms like "flexible pathways" and "diverse expertise" are not inaccurate, but they are incomplete. They describe the mechanism of entry without addressing the **conditions of practice.** They present expansion without acknowledging what is being offset.

What is being offset is a system that is **losing its experienced core faster than it can sustainably replace it.**

If population growth continues and retention remains unaddressed, expedited certification will not resolve the imbalance. It will **normalize it.** The profession will shift toward a model defined by faster entry, greater variability in preparation, and ongoing reliance on continuous replacement.

This may be necessary in the short term. Classrooms cannot remain unstaffed while long-term solutions are debated.

But **necessity should not be confused with resolution.**

Alberta is not solving a teacher shortage. It is **adapting to a sustained mismatch between demand and stability.**

The question is whether that mismatch will be corrected—or whether it will become the **new baseline.**



expectations have expanded. The **cognitive and emotional load** placed on teachers has intensified, often without a proportional increase in support.

Under those conditions, **retention weakens.**

Expedited entry does not address retention. It compensates for its failure.

The result is a predictable system dynamic. New entrants—often still completing their training—are placed into **high-demand environments.** Experienced

The Fluoride Question They Won't Debate

By Richard Hudon | FluorideFreeCanada.ca

Most fluoridation messaging from some government and medical agencies, businesses, and all the dental bureaucracies starts with: **"Fluoride is a natural mineral."** Then they pull a **bait-and-switch. These groups are commonly characterized as fluoridation proponents.**

Question: **Which fluoride?** Sodium fluoride, magnesium fluoride, or any other compound of the fluorine atom?

Do proponents not know that the fluoride being used is a **raw hydrofluorosilicic acid**, a chemical liquid produced from the wet-scrubber liquor of the phosphate fertilizer industries that is **riddled with heavy metals and toxic chemicals?**

Safety Data Sheets (SDSs) for the fluoridation chemical obtained from suppliers by members of Fluoride Free Canada (FFC) clearly indicate this fact.

Proponents claim that the amount dripped into tap water is so small that it cannot have adverse health effects when confronted with these facts. And, if the amount is so small, **how can it prevent tooth decay?**

Also, are **lead, arsenic, cadmium, aluminum, radioactive elements**, and other toxic substances in that toxic hydrofluorosilicic acid, as well as those present due to phosphate extraction and processing, not harmful to us?

Proponents often argue that the fluoridation chemical, at current exposure levels, has **no significant adverse systemic health effects**, while simultaneously acknowledging that it produces **a biological effect on teeth.**

Fluorine is the most electronegative element in chemistry and readily forms compounds with almost all other elements. Is it not, therefore, reasonable to conclude that fluoride exposure will also influence **other aspects of human biochemistry beyond dental tissues?**

Fluoridation cessation advocates maintain that these broader biochemical and toxicological questions deserve **open scientific debate and continued investigation**, yet proponents often limit or avoid meaningful public debate with them.

Proponents never specify which fluoride, then pull the old familiar bait-and-switch, and begin discussing their favourite perceived benefits of drinking fluoridated tap water for treating and preventing tooth decay: **it's all smoke and mirrors.**

Proponents claim that, by "adjusting" the level of fluoride in tap water, **thousands of children will not suffer critical tooth decay problems.** Yet, even in fluoridated communities, tooth decay remains more prevalent than in **non-fluoridated communities.**

Countries that do not fluoridate actually have **better dental health** than those that do fluoridate.

Only 10 countries provide their population with fluoridated water on a population-wide basis, with the U.S. being the greatest contributor, although that has started to change for the better.

Most residents of **non-fluoridated countries** have better dental health than most North Americans.

In the European Union, only two countries fluoridate their water supply: they account for less than 3% of the population of continental Europe. The other **97% have better dental health** than most people in North America.

Proponents discount socio-economic factors: the wealthy, who have access to better health and dental care (aka oral health), have less tooth decay.

Proponents claim that those in lower socio-economic settings benefit most from fluoridation because of limited access to health care. Why? Because they cannot afford dental care, and also have poor nutrition

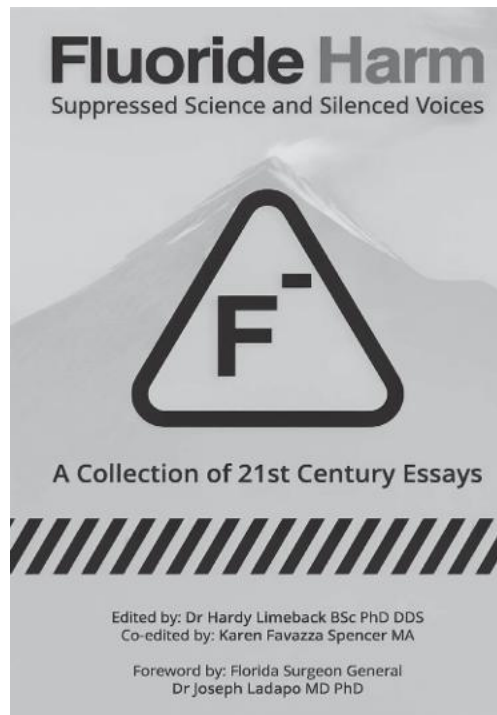
and inadequate overall lifestyles. **Are they fluoride-deficient?**

Proponents do not discuss the overriding factors of **diet, nutrition, and the many preventive lifestyle habits** that can reduce tooth decay.

Proponents never discuss the role of **sugar consumption** as a key factor in tooth decay, yet it is the strongest one.

It's always **fluoride, fluoride, fluoride**, claimed to be the panacea it is not. Yet they never provide **legitimate proof** of their claims.

How much tap water do we drink? **Less than 1% of tap water is used for drinking.** The rest is used for washing ourselves, dishes, floors, and windows, flush-



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ing toilets, watering lawns, and more, in addition to heavy tap water use in restaurants, hotels, and other commercial and industrial settings. **Do these other uses have teeth that need fluoride treatment?**

What a waste of tax dollars since 99% goes down the drain!

Proponents advance decisions in favour of fluoridation through emotional appeals about children suffering from extreme tooth decay and propose fluoridation as the ideal solution for treating and preventing tooth decay outside their medical practice.

They also influence decisions in favour of fluoridation by stating **biased financial fallacies** about the economics of fluoridation versus dental treatments.

They lobby politicians and decision-makers with **pseudo-scientific statements**, promising to provide research they never deliver because there is none.

So, are they lying by omission?

If fluoridation really works as claimed, then tooth decay should have been eliminated by now, **over 70 years after it was implemented** as a solution.

Proponents claim that over 90 organizations support fluoridation as a tooth decay remedy **without ever producing any evidence** to that effect.

I should know. I have requested that evidence via FOI (Freedom of Information) requests under MFIPPA—the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

The result is inevitably a bureaucratic reply: "...no records responsive to your request," or similar statements—in other words, **they have no such evidence.** Sometimes that answer is received only after appealing to the Information and Privacy Commissioner (IPC) in Ontario.

Do you know that Health Canada **neither regulates**

nor approves fluoridation, yet nonetheless recommends that decision-makers implement it?

Health Canada does not assign a DIN (Drug Identification Number) or NPN (Natural Product Number) to the fluoride chemical used in fluoridation, despite claims of its therapeutic purpose—tooth decay treatment and prevention—which is a therapeutic use: fluoride chemicals are therefore drugs, by the claims being made about it being safe and effective for the prevention and treatment of tooth decay: **a drug claim!**

An FOI requesting proof that Health Canada regulates and approves of fluoridation has yielded the same response as organizational support for fluoridation.

A major problem with fluoridation is that fluoridated water causes fluorine to attack the natural tooth chemistry of hydroxyapatite, changing it to fluorapatite. **Did nature make a mistake?**

One more thing: fluorapatite is more brittle than hydroxyapatite, making teeth more subject to **cracking and breaking.**

Do we see more money for dentistry?

Another thing: proponents claim that acid produced by some mouth bacteria is responsible for tooth decay, yet here we are introducing more acid to combat tooth decay by ostensibly killing those nasty bacteria, which release toxins when killed. **Isn't that an untenable dichotomy?**

The real cause of tooth decay is eating **too much sugar** and processed foods sweetened with sugar in all its forms (glucose-fructose, aka, high-fructose corn syrup, hydrolyzed starch, malt, juice concentrate, honey, molasses, maltodextrin, etc.), not to mention eating nutrient-poor "junk" food and fast food.

Lobbying, marketing, and emotional appeals trump logic and science in this continued dystopian push to fluoridate tap water that is anything but safe and effective.

There is now sufficient evidence showing the **neurotoxic and other adverse health effects** of ingesting fluoridated water.

1. **Morteza Bashash et al.**—2017, 2018;
2. **Rivka Green et al.**—2019;
3. **Christine Till et al.**—2020;
4. **Riddell/Till et al.**—2019;
5. **NTP (National Toxicology Program) report**—2024.

Sadly, these and others from South America, India, and China are maligned and ignored by proponents, revealing their **invincible ignorance.**

Systematic reviews of fluoridation, such as the following, have all determined that fluoridation has little to no impact on reducing tooth decay, refuting claims of 25% reductions in tooth decay in fluoridated populations.

1. **The 2015 Cochrane review,**
2. **The CATFISH 2022 review,**
3. **The 2000 York Review,**
4. **New Zealand's 2024 Evidence Review,** and
5. **The U.S. National Toxicology Program's 2024 monograph on neurotoxicity**

Recent toxicological research by world-renowned toxicologists on the neurotoxic effects of fluoride in utero and early childhood has positively implicated fluoridation in **lowering children's IQ.**

Yet proponents accuse these researchers of bias and of conducting faulty research.

The question, then, is whether Canadians should accept:

- **a 1% possible improvement in tooth decay and adverse health effects over a lifetime, or**
- **fluoride-free water that has no adverse fluoride health effects.**

If you wish to help Fluoride Free Canada end this unethical practice, please visit fluoridefreecanada.ca or contact us at info@fluoridefreecanada.ca.

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"Please world, be kind to one another. We really are just one big earth family. Thank you. I love you. Keep on passing it on."

— Shawn Jason

Absurdity Observer

Some of the Most Absurd Happenings in Recent Weeks

- A new CO₂ Coalition paper calculates that eliminating all 1.6 billion cattle on Earth would lower global temperature by just 0.04°C—and eliminating 1.3 billion sheep would shave off a microscopic 0.004°C. In exchange, we'd get less food, crushed farmers, higher prices, and devastated rural economies.

- A Barrie high school reportedly distributed "safer snorting" pamphlets to students during Mental Health Week. The pamphlets, created by the Canadian Mental Health Association and distributed at Barrie North Collegiate Institute, included information on making one's own drug-snorting equipment and steps to protect a person's nasal passageways from irritation.

- A former senior National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) advisor to Dr. Anthony Fauci has now been criminally charged for allegedly hiding and deleting COVID-origins records to evade Freedom of Information (FOIA) requests. Prosecutors say David Morens deleted emails, used his personal email, concealed federal records, and obstructed transparency around one of the most important public questions of the pandemic.

- Canadians were told a new government would bring relief. Instead, gas prices are now ~50 cents a litre higher than in 2014 despite similar oil prices, and ~13% higher than in the US.

- Government spending now represents 43.6% of Canada's entire economy—the highest since the 1990s recession outside of COVID-era spending—while Ottawa's 2026-2027 spending plan totals a staggering \$502.8 billion.

- While the FDA continues to claim antidepressant SSRIs show no evidence of human fetal risk, a 13th consecutive MRI study has now found that SSRI antidepressants can alter fetal brain development. (Adam Urato, MD, post)

- Study finds lead, nickel, copper and arsenic in lung tissue following vaping exposure. (McGrath et al.) The study also detected metal-containing compounds. Researchers say the new findings add to expanding evidence that the devices themselves—particularly the heating coils and metallic components—may be contributing to toxic exposure.

- A new peer-reviewed paper examined 136 studies on childhood vaccines or their components and found 107 inferred a possible link to autism or other neurodevelopmental disorders. The authors conclude combination vaccines given during critical brain-development windows may be the most

significant modifiable autism risk factor, while the full pediatric schedule has never been tested for neurodevelopmental safety (Hulscher et al.)

Biden health officials knew their Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS) safety algorithm was hiding COVID-shot injury signals—and refused to use an updated method that found them. Serious warning signs were reportedly missed or ignored during the biggest vaccine rollout in history.

- Digital ID was sold as a convenience. Now it is openly being described as the permission slip for banking, school, welfare and vaccination status. At Davos, Queen Máxima of the Netherlands said the quiet part out loud: "A single digital identity should not stop at financial access, but reach into medical records, children's education and government aid." Yesterday's "conspiracy theory" is today's keynote speech.

- A car-tuning app called EZ Lynk is being sued by the US government over alleged Clean Air Act emissions violations. But instead of only going after the company, the DOJ has reportedly subpoenaed Apple, Google, Amazon and Walmart for the personal information of more than 100,000 people who

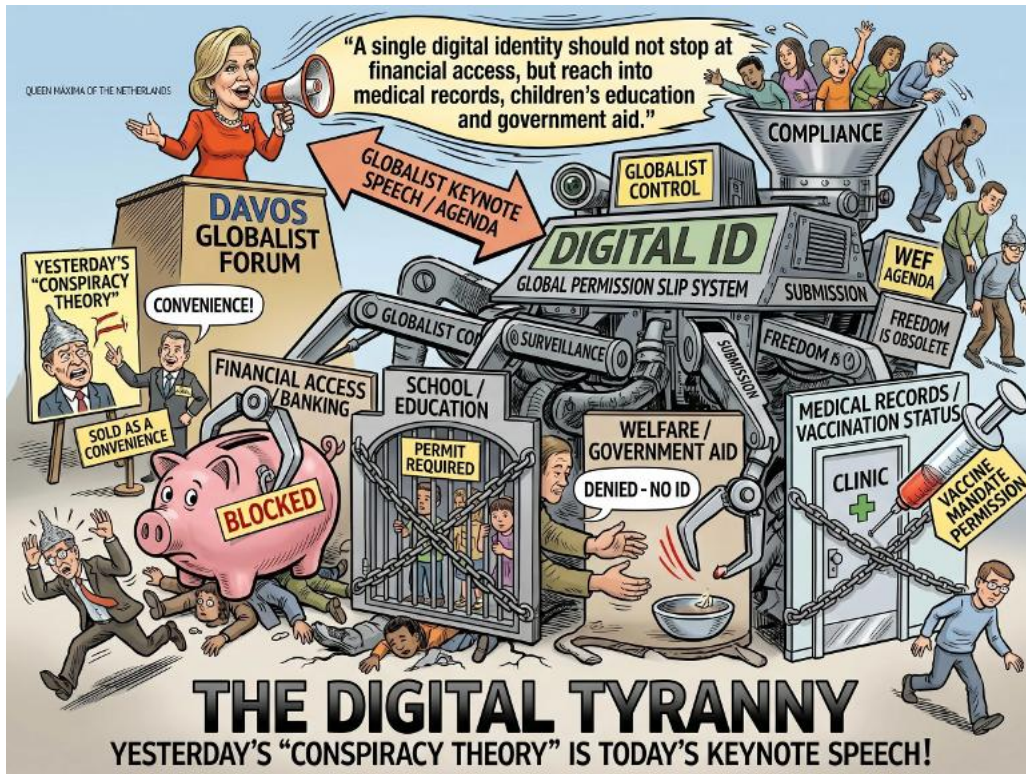
downloaded the app or bought the device—including names, addresses, phone numbers and purchase histories. The company offered anonymized data. The government said no.

- A Texas woman spent the night in jail over a Facebook post. Jennifer Combs posted on Facebook that neighbours were reporting sickness linked to possible bacteria in the town water. Despite her followers claiming illness and related hospitalizations and the city itself issuing a formal boil water notice, telling residents not to drink, cook with, or wash dishes in the water without boiling it first, the city said her claims of people getting sick and being hospitalized weren't true—so instead of answering residents, they sent police to her door and charged her with a felony law meant for fake bomb threats and mass panic.

- Canada is on pace to record its 100,000th MAiD death before June 17, 2026—the 10th anniversary of the law's passage. At roughly 1,400 deaths per month, Canada has likely euthanized more people than any other country in the world.

- Framed as a housing solution, Ford's government gave a \$300 million loan to a private equity fund run by a cannabis entrepreneur to buy up unsold condos and bail out developers.

- More of our tax dollars at work: Toronto fire crews were dispatched to melt Drake's 25-foot-tall album-promo ice sculpture after it became a safety hazard, with fans climbing on it and breaking off pieces because Drake claimed his release date was inside.



- As US federal health agencies revisit childhood vaccine schedules and emphasize shared clinical decision-making, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) is now encouraging hospitals to use pediatric admissions as a "unique opportunity" to vaccinate more children. A series of newly released AAP publications promotes offering routine, catch-up, and seasonal vaccines during children's hospital stays and visits. As Dr. Paul Thomas put it, "It just makes sense not to further stimulate the immune system while it is dealing with something significant enough to require hospitalization."

- Poul Thorsen, the Danish vaccine researcher whose CDC-backed autism studies helped shut down questions about vaccines and autism for years, has now been extradited to the US after more than a decade as a fugitive. Thorsen is accused of 22 counts of wire fraud and stealing over \$1 million in CDC grant money, yet his research was still used to deny claims from thousands of families in Vaccine Court.

- CIA whistleblower says Fauci intentionally helped bury COVID lab-leak evidence in a multi-agency cover-up. James E. Erdman III, a senior CIA operations officer, gave sworn testimony before the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, alleging that Dr. Anthony Fauci and other government officials suppressed evidence that COVID-19 may have emerged from a Chinese laboratory tied to US-funded coronavirus gain-of-function scientists.

- US Senator Ron Johnson's new report claims that

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