

Do you believe it is time for a Canadian federal election (now instead of waiting until October 2025)?

NO
 YES
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Comments:

SAMIDOUN NAMED AS TERRORISTS

Samidoun is a proxy for the *Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP)*, designated a terrorist group in Canada in 2003. Samidoun is a Canadian registered not-for-profit organization, known to raise funds and organize protests on behalf of the terrorist PFLP, including a recent Vancouver rally at which attendees chanted "death to Canada" and burned a Canadian flag.

On October 15, after unrelenting pressure from Canada's Jewish community, global analysts, and the Conservative Official Opposition, the government of Canada finally designated Samidoun as a terrorist entity under the Criminal Code.

Canada's federal government has been astonishingly reluctant to clamp down on the shocking rise of anti-Semitism and violence apparently sponsored by terrorist entities. This is a pattern - this government was also very slow in designating the *Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC)* as terrorists, only doing so in June 2024, after long-time pressure from Conservatives. Conservatives have also called on the government to designate Houthis as terrorists. The Yemen-based Houthis are part of a network of armed groups backed by Iran that includes Hezbollah in Lebanon and Hamas in Gaza.

The terrorist designation strips Samidoun of legal status and makes it unlawful to contribute funds to them, or for them to transfer funds to groups such as Hamas and Hezbollah, with which Samidoun is affiliated. Their bank accounts can be closed and property seized, and leaders may face restricted travel. 🍁

NOT FOR CANADA, EH?



I have often criticized this government for its sub-par military procurement record. Not only are they slow getting money out the door for much-needed supplies, but they are often inept in their choices.

This one may set a new low for basic competence.

New sleeping bags that cost \$34 million are not warm enough to use in a Canadian winter.

A government report obtained by CBC reveals that soldiers using the bags in November 2023 at Ram Falls Provincial Park in Alberta found the bags did not keep them warm, even in tents heated with stoves.

If the bags aren't good enough for Alberta in November, they are clearly unacceptable for the Arctic in January. The briefing note said the bags were not suitable for "typical Canadian winter conditions nor the extreme cold of Alaska". Soldiers were issued extra blankets.

The bags will be retained for use in less harsh weather, and new ones will have to be procured for Arctic conditions. The estimated cost of the new bags was not released. 🍁

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MORE CONFLICT OF INTEREST REPORTS

CARNEY IN CLEAR CONFLICT

Cozy insider dealing is endemic under this Liberal government. Former Central Banker and current Corporate Board Chair Mark Carney has now been appointed an advisor to Justin Trudeau in his role as "Liberal Leader", separate from the Prime Minister's office.

This distinction as advisor to the "Liberal Leader" as opposed to "the Prime Minister" exempts Mr. Carney from the obligations of a public office holder. He has direct access to Mr. Trudeau (who is, of course, both the Liberal Leader and the Prime Minister) as an economic advisor, without having to disclose potential (or actual) conflicts of interest, an obligation he would have if he were a government employee.

Mr. Carney has known ties to some of Canada's biggest businesses, including chairing the board of the parent company of a mortgage insurance company that benefited from the government's recent decision to increase the maximum insurable mortgage amount.

Mr. Carney is the Chair of Brookfield Asset Management and earned just under \$1 million in stock options from Brookfield in 2023. Just days after his appointment, *The Logic* reported that Brookfield is seeking \$10 billion from the federal



Mr. Speaker ... Mark Carney is ... advising

the Liberal leader and getting richer with every new Liberal policy announcement, such as the Liberals' recent increase on mortgage insurance limits. Higher limits will not build houses, but they will increase profits for mortgage insurance companies, such as Sagen, whose parent company's board is chaired by Mark Carney.

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government (and another \$36 billion from our pension funds) for an investment fund Brookfield would administer. Mr. Carney could obviously benefit personally if his company administered \$46 billion in funds that belong to you and me.

My colleague MP Michael Barrett wrote to the Prime Minister, saying: *"Suggestion of Mr. Carney's conflicts of interest is not just a hypothetical exercise. Corporate board members have a legal obligation to act in the interests of shareholders. The interests of shareholders can be quite different than the interests of taxpayers."*

Mr. Carney is simultaneously advising Mr. Trudeau on economic policy while companies he chairs are seeking government funds or enjoying beneficial policy changes.

The situation truly defines "conflict of interest". 🍁

THE TWO RANDYS

MPs who join Cabinet must divest themselves of interests with their previous companies. It's an important ethics rule, but Employment Minister Randy Boissonnault apparently didn't take it seriously.

When asked to explain why internal company emails consulted "Randy" on business matters, his partner said it was another Randy. He later confessed there was no other Randy in the company. He then claimed "Randy" was an autocorrect error, despite it being typed multiple times. He finally admitted he lied.

You can't make this up. This government is so oblivious to ethics and conflicts of interest that they barely notice when they are committing violations, and then just lie when they are caught. 🍁

"GREEN SLUSH FUND"

Sustainable Technology Development Canada was created to dispense funds to companies with innovative ideas to help the environment.

STDC did dispense funds, but not to benefit taxpayers, except ones with close Liberal ties.

The Auditor General found that Liberal STDC board appointees gave at least \$76 million tax dollars to their own companies. She found 90 instances where STDC violated its own conflict of interest criteria. One-in-six projects weren't eligible, and in some cases, didn't even support new green technology. In all, some \$400 million appears to have been misallocated.

The RCMP is investigating possible criminal behaviour. The House of Commons instructed the government to provide unredacted documents that the RCMP would have the option to use, but they have refused, to do so. The Speaker has ruled the refusal is a *prima facie* violation of Parliamentary privilege and possibly contempt of Parliament.

One must ask "why"? What more could they be hiding? 🍁

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NEW FOCUS ON FINANCE

This past September I was named to the Standing Committee on Finance. The job of this Committee is to study and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management and operation of selected federal departments and agencies, including the Department of Finance and the Canada Revenue Agency, study the budget and budget related bills, and to conduct pre-budget consultations. I have been part of this committee before and I am happy to return to it.

This assignment aligns with my interests and experience from my work before politics. My knowledge and experience from serving as a Member of Parliament and as a long time small business owner informs me on how the financial decisions of the government affect Canadians.



At the Finance Committee on October 7, questioning witnesses about the flight of capital and skilled workers to the US, in response to this government's anti-investment policies, like the recently announced Capital Gains tax increase.

This government has made many decisions that have harmed Canadians, including constituents in Calgary Rocky Ridge. **One wonders if the Ministers understand how the economy works, or are simply blinded by ideological perspectives that allow them to overlook the impact of their decisions on the people who elected them.**

This new assignment means I am no longer a member of the National Defence Committee, but I will continue to take an interest in those issues. Canada's

defence needs are being neglected, and Canada's men and women in uniform are not being supported properly, from the rent they pay for poor quality base housing, to their equipment, to their morale and well being.

At one of the first Finance Committee meetings after I joined, I questioned the Trucking Industry about the impact of the carbon tax. **This matters to everyone, because it is one of the most direct ways that the carbon tax raises the price of just about everything.** We live in a country of long distances. Almost everything we use arrives by truck. When the cost of trucking goes up, so do your bills. More on that inside. 🍁

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"IT'S EVERYTHING"

Trucking Industry testifies about carbon tax impact

As part of pre-budget consultations, the Finance Committee heard from the *Canadian Trucking Alliance* on October 1. They were asked about the impact of the carbon tax on their industry, and how it affects the costs to consumers.

Geoffrey Wood, Senior Vice-President, Policy, testified that every individual truck on the road is paying up to \$20,000 per year in carbon taxes. The expected total cost to the industry in 2024 is \$2 billion in added fuel costs; rising to \$4 billion by 2030 when the government will have quadrupled the tax. There is also a second carbon tax, the so-called *Clean Fuel Standard*, which will further raise costs.

Mr. Wood noted the very thin margins and highly competitive nature of the trucking industry, so the extra costs must be borne by customers, and then the end-buyers - Canadians. This is **"grossly inflating the supply chain"**, said Mr. Wood, raising the price of everything shipped by truck.

Mr. Wood asked for the carbon tax to be scrapped, or at least paused for several years while alternative fuels are developed. He said the industry is working on low-carbon alternatives, but the technology isn't ready for the road yet. 🍁

To view the exchange, scan this code or visit my YouTube channel at youtube.com/watch?v=QVMPFw6AHjg.



In 2014, the year before Trudeau was elected, the *New York Times* wrote that Canada was home to "the world's most affluent middle class." Now, the per-person economic output in most of our provinces lags behind the very poorest American states like Alabama and Mississippi. 🍁



🍁 I joined the *True Patriot Love Foundation* and the *Order of St. George, Grand Priory of Canada*, at the *Annual Canadian Walk for Veterans*. These great organizations support the members of the *Canadian Armed Forces, Veterans, Military Families and the Cadets and Junior Canadian Rangers program*.



🍁 Celebrating the *Hawkwood Community Association Fall Festival*.



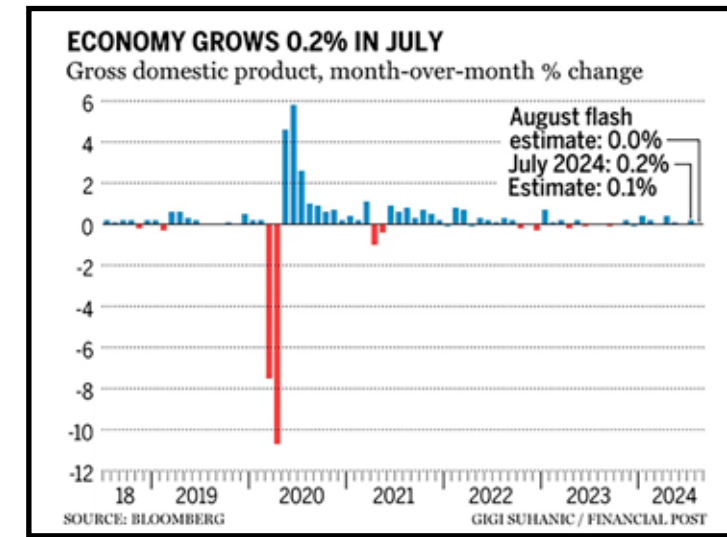
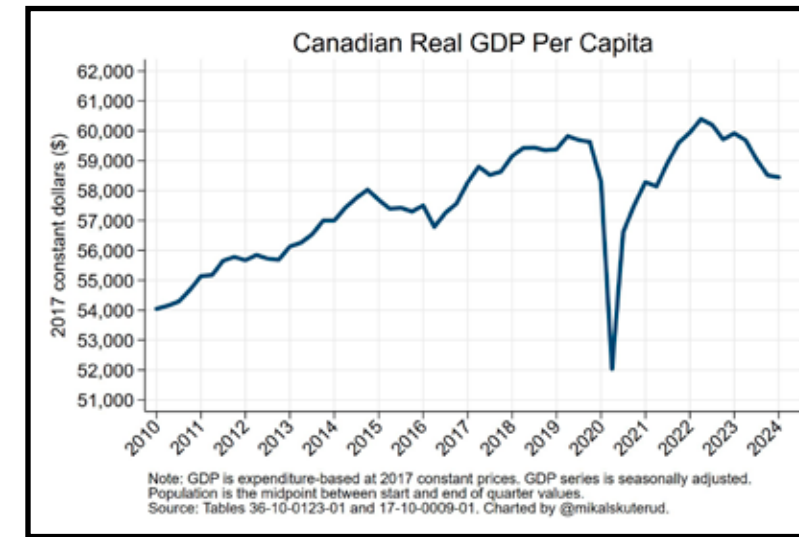
🍁 Silver Springs Botanical Gardens Celebration and New Brand Launch. Thank you to the volunteers who contributed many hours of volunteer labour in the gardens.



A WEAKENING ECONOMY

After several years of worrying about runaway inflation and high interest rates (caused in no small part by its monetary policy), the Bank of Canada is now worried about Canada's weakening economy. Some economists say that a recession is now possible, as unemployment spiked to 6.6% (August) - 7.7% in Alberta - and economic growth slows to a snail's pace. This government swings from extreme to extreme on the economy, and Canadians pay.

Canada's GDP per capita is important because it reflects how much Canadians are earning. Recent data shows that average income is down 2.45% between the first quarter of 2023 and the same period in 2024, extending a decline that has persisted over several quarters. Worse, Canada's per capita GDP is slower today than in 2014-15, meaning nine years of no growth in average incomes. Meanwhile, inflation went up 27% over those nine years. Canadians are earning less, and that income is buying less.



Growth is another key measure but here again, Canada lags. Growth in July was just 0.2% and forecasts (as of this writing) for August was for zero growth. This is tracking at less than 1.5% for the year, compared to the Bank of Canada's goal of 2.8%. Of considerable concern is that much of this modest growth was actually attributable to a rise in government spending and public service employment, not to manufacturing and other productive sectors of the economy. 🍁

Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister's economic vandalism is making Canadians poorer with every passing year. Per capita GDP is lower than it was nine years ago and shrinking.

Since 2015, Canada has had the worst per capita GDP in the G7. We are down 2%, while the U.S. is up 8%. That is what nine years of capital flight looks like. We have abundant land and resources, and great workers, but Canada no longer has the tools and the technology to compete because of capital flight.

Since 2015, half a trillion dollars has shifted from Canada to the United States, especially in the energy industry. Investments are leaving Canada to create high-paying jobs building mines, factories, pipelines and houses in the United States. 🍁



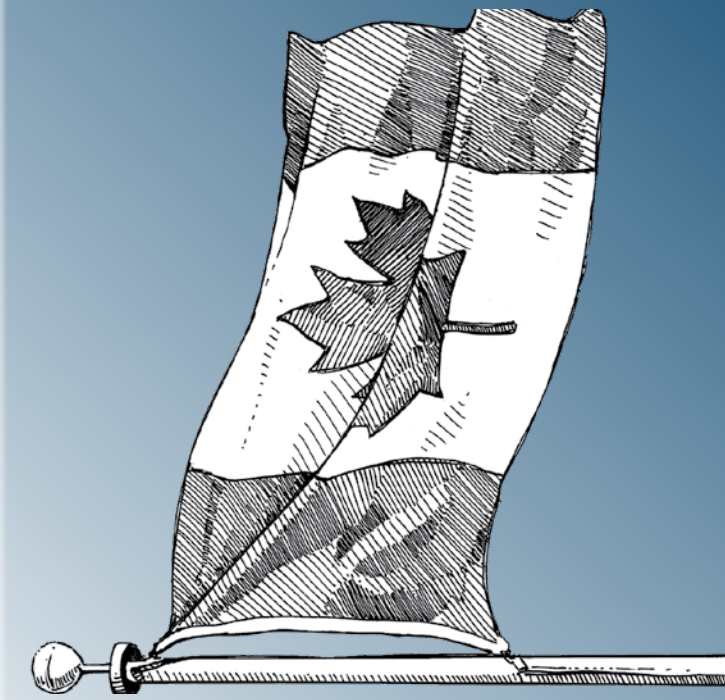
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I presented greetings to Air Force Veteran Wes Dixon on behalf of myself and Conservative Leader Pierre Polivie, recognizing this 100th birthday milestone and his career spent in defence of Canada from World War II to the Suez and the Cold War. Wes is among the last of the greatest generation and I wished him a Happy Birthday and happy returns.



Thank you to teachers Tanya, Gillian, and Sean, and grade 9 students at Foothills Academy, for inviting me to talk about being a Member of Parliament and the history and theory of the Parliamentary system (part of grade 9 curriculum).



Affordability Crisis Remains

The most recent inflation number as of this writing was 2% (August) which is within the Bank of Canada's target zone of 1% to 3%, but the damage has been done. Higher prices remain, incomes have not risen to meet them.

Inflation is measured year over year, so that 2% is on top of the high inflation of the last several years.

The cumulative inflation since the Liberals took office in 2015 is 27% (13.5% in just the last three years). In short, you are paying 27% more for goods and services than you did when the Liberals became government. You can add another 2% to that this year. [Statistics from the Bank of Canada.]

The Bank is now worried about the overall health of Canada's economy. Unemployment jumped to 6.6% in August (7.7% in Alberta) and Canada's economy grew by only 0.2% in July.

Bank of Canada Governor Tiff Macklem said in September that "we need to increasingly guard against the risk that the economy is too weak." 🍁



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