

Exploring our Options for Real Democracy

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Tired of the same old obstacles standing in the way of real democracy and a decent way of living for all Canadians? Tired of excuses and rhetoric? Ready for change?

“Necessity is the mother of invention’ and so as we look around for solutions to our lack of democracy we went back to the beginning and re-invented the foundation of democracy. We went to the root. The root of democracy is the people.

As this famous quote states, “We can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them.” Albert Einstein - we know we cannot and should not try to keep rebuilding a system that is decayed. When the rot is too deep, you have no choice but to rebuild on a new foundation.

It is this kind of thinking that gave birth to the Coalition of Independent Candidates. It is an offering, an invitation to Canadians to return our nation to the people. It is not a political party. It is a tool to enable those Canadians who have been disenfranchised from the electoral process to take a stand. It is a group of people coming together to offer support, knowledge and skills to independent candidates standing for Federal election.

We will feature their platform, their background, resume and contact information on our website. We will assist them in the details of how to run a campaign. We will take the complexity out of the equation.

The first Europeans to come to Canada, came in hope for a new and better way. Many left behind a tyrant, a life of poverty, enslavement on a small plot of land that could not sustain their families. They wanted something better for their children. The First Nations people were more than willing to share this country, however they too were betrayed. Not unlike our ancestors we have been duped. The system that promised our freedom, a good quality of life and a better future for our children has crumbled in a few generations. Now our children are fighting corporate wars, our water, air and land is being sacrificed for corporate greed, our security is being threatened by fear and hype, while our universal healthcare is disintegrating and seniors are barely able to feed themselves. Many Canadians are living on the streets out of desperation, our children are unable to read, family violence is on the rise and food-banks are the norm. All the while corporations are finding new ways to make more profit off the backs of low wage labourers; natural health products and real food is discouraged in favour of genetically modified, hormone laced food while pharmaceuticals are encouraged to ease our pain and numb our youth.

Canadians were not given democracy. We took it. Then we gave it back to the elite. Now we have seen the results of that apathy and blind trust. It does not serve the majority of Canadians. It does not serve the environment. Our money has been mismanaged

and our trust has been broken decade after decade by various individuals under the banner of different political parties. It may have worked in the past, but now we want accountability, we want real representation and although the solution may have been staring us in the face; few have been willing to look at it. We could sit around playing the blame game, but what would we accomplish in doing that? We could simply wring our hands and give up, but again what would be the result? We are far too mature now as a nation to give up, or to accept poverty and enslavement for ourselves or our country.

It may have worked in the past, it doesn't work now. That was then. Today we know that an independent MP is free to give their word and keep it. Free to listen to us and to act on our recommendations. Our youth don't want the old decaying ways that don't serve. They are bright, innovative, visionaries and they are ready to stand for a nation that can be respected on the world stage. They are ready to lead us to our rightful destination. Our seniors are looking to us to build on the rich foundation they built with their blood, sweat and tears. We owe them all a duty.

If you are ready for real democracy please consider being that independent candidate in the next federal election. We only need a few to make a difference, but many are welcome. Imagine 308 free independent MP's all standing for Canada, all interacting with their constituents, all making informed decisions and all accountable to Canadians! Imagine Canada on the world stage, uninfluenced by any agenda other than the desires of the people of Canada. Imagine one MP bringing forward a Bill which says no corporation can do business in Canada until they prove the benefit to the Canadian people first. Imagine that member having to prove to the majority of the House, the value of that Bill. Imagine all the pros and cons being laid out for all to see and examine. Imagine the people of Canada telling their MP which way to vote on that Bill. Imagine every Canadian being fully informed on what their government is doing, not after the fact, but while it is happening and before any decision is final. Now imagine every decision from how our money is spent to how it is collected, being made just like that? Can you imagine? Do you want to be part of that decision making? Do you want to make history?

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