

Answers that make sense...

CLEANING UP POLITICS:

Where there's a will, there's a way!

Too many layers of government with too much power has led to a corrupt system of "people control". Government has become a problem, not a solution. It's time to change the game, not just the players, or some of the rules. Here are some ideas that will help:

- Stop the use of taxpayer's money for political campaigns and parties. It's time they paid their own way through donations.
- Stop allowing tax breaks for donors to political parties.
- Scrap the Senate! An elected Senate that duplicates the House of Commons is an expense we don't need and cannot afford.
- Make politicians (and their campaign advertising) subject to the same laws as everyone else.
- Stop "free" mailing privileges for MPs who use it to promote themselves and their government.
- Control government through limited terms of office and fixed election dates. Re-call, an expensive system that was tried and failed, won't be needed.
- Privatize MPs' and civil servant's pensions. Taxpayers cannot afford these gold-plated plans any longer.

JUSTICE:

Criminals Have To Pay Up!

While the rate of violent crime is increasing, the system protects the rights of the criminals who use it to their advantage. It's time criminals took full responsibility for their actions. Let's tip the scales in favour of justice with these ideas:

- Jury Sentencing will stop apologists pushing the blame on everyone except the criminal. The jury who convicted the person would determine the sentence, based on limits prescribed by law.
- The "law of first sentence" would apply to any crime involving a weapon. No parole, no plea-bargaining to a lesser charge and the sentence must be served independently of any other.
- Criminals must pay back the victims directly through arbitration or court sentence - and pay their own legal bills.
- Parole the first time, but not for repeat offenders, and no parole for violent criminals.
- Scrap the Young Offenders Act. Let the courts decide if the individual should be tried in an adult or juvenile setting. A second offense would mean trial in an adult court.

JOBS & THE ECONOMY:

Let's Get Everyone Back to Work!

A recent business survey reveals taxes and regulations are preventing job creation in Canada. Government must get competitive

so business is free to create long-term, productive jobs. Make-work projects and re-training schemes are not the answer! Here are some ideas that work:

- Let's beat the U.S. and Mexico at their own game by establishing free trade zones in Canada. Let's export products, not jobs!
- Make lower cost funding readily available to small business for expansion by introducing more competition in banking.
- Reduce taxes so we have more money to spend on Canadian made products.
- Stop wasting taxpayers' money bankrolling loser companies at the expense of efficient enterprises.
- Lower taxes on workers so their wages can be competitive.
- Privatize U.I.C. so workers have real insurance protection when they need it - at lower cost to everyone.

LOWER TAXES

It Can Be Done!

Canada is one of the most overtaxed countries in the world! Taxes are stifling our economy, and costing us jobs. They are reducing our standard of living and putting severe stress on families. We should not have to work over half our life to pay taxes. Taxes must be cut! Here are practical ways to do it:

- Simplify the system and the paperwork by taxing all income at the same rate. No special deals for special interests.
- Reduce taxes by cutting government spending. Let taxpayers decide those cuts using a "menu" on the back of their income tax return.
- Lower the GST by selling off unprofitable crown corporations.
- Reduce the demand for taxes by reducing the size of government.

THE DEFICIT:

It's Time To Cut Up The Credit Card!

Thirty years of Liberal and Conservative governments have pushed us to the brink of bankruptcy and mortgaged our future. Three or five year reduction programmes based on a political agenda are impractical and will hurt many Canadians. Politicians have treated your money and credit rating as if it were their own. We must take direct control over the spending and deficit reduction. We can start here:

- Put spending control directly in the hands of taxpayers by use of a "tax menu" on their tax returns. Let those who pay the bills make more of the choices.
- Cut the handouts to special interest groups of all kinds.
- Stop subsidizing business, industry,

- agriculture, etc.
- Sell off money-losing crown corporations.
- Apply a rationalization programme to government, followed by a reduction programme supplemented by a removal programme. We don't need all the government we've got, and cannot afford it any longer.

"...leader Hilliard Cox...made some sense when he attacked the old-line parties for ever-more government, social programs, taxes and tinkering" (with the economy)

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"...pronouncements of the smaller party leaders may have had more of a ring of truth than the statements offered from the major party leaders. Libertarian Party head Hilliard Cox, for instance, said that those parties promising to eliminate the federal deficit in a few years are 'dreaming in Technicolour'."

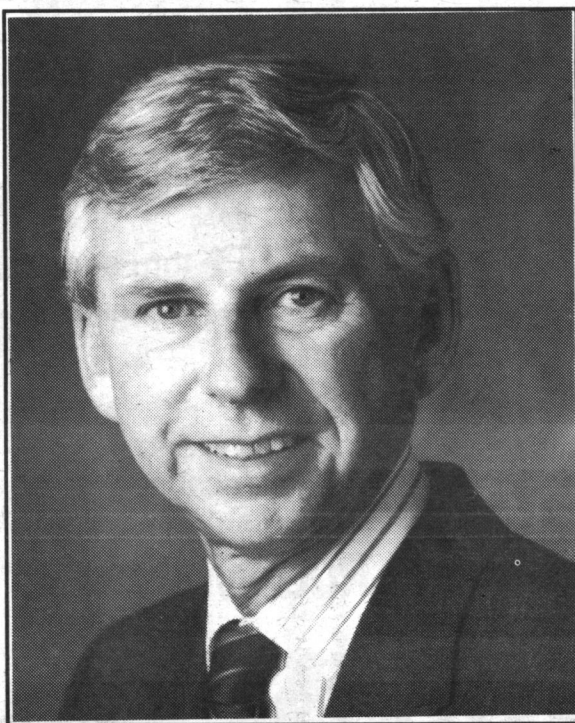
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