

THE POLITICAL LANDSCAPE—AFTERMATH OF ELECTION 2015

Since winning the federal election in October, the Liberals have been basking in self-congratulations, reflected in an intoxicated media. Environment Minister, Catherine McKenna (Ottawa Centre), stated modestly that the Liberal win means that “Canada is back again”. The media’s adulation of Trudeau has been extreme. An editorial in the Toronto (Red) Star on October 20th stated, “Trudeau Win is a Triumph for Decency”. A columnist in the Toronto Star commented that “Ottawa Returns to Normal after Dark Decade of Stephen Harper”. CBC’s Peter Mansbridge was as wide-eyed as an awestruck adolescent when interviewing Trudeau.

A large part of the media’s fawning attitude towards Trudeau is due to the so-called “Laurentian Consensus” which consists of the media, bureaucrats, left-wing university professors and NGO’s, who are located within the so-called “progressive” eastern Canadian cities of Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa. This group has governed Canada for most of the twentieth century. The October election restored their political power, leaving the west, more or less, outside once again.

The Laurentian group never shook off its sense that the Conservative decade was not so much a democratic triumph as a coup, a take-over by a subversive foreign element. That is, they regarded Mr. Harper’s government as illegitimate, claiming that his majority mandate, with a mere 39.6% of the

vote in the 2011 election, meant that his election as Prime Minister was invalid. They ignore the fact that Mr. Trudeau won the vote in the 2015 election with only 39.5% of the popular vote! Mr. Trudeau is the personification of “old world power” or the closest we have come to it in Canada, whereby family, connections and privilege dominate. This power is desirable for the elites because Trudeau promotes unrestricted abortion, legalization of marijuana, physician assisted suicide, and other “progressive” (left-wing) ideas.

SCRUTINIZING THE POLITICAL LANDSCAPE

The Liberal Party

Mr. Trudeau won the election with the sunny image of himself as the epitome of hope and change. This, however, was more spin than reality. He was a very touchy-feely candidate, who is a reflection of today’s young generation which blindly accepts politically correct concepts and clichés. Rational thinking is optional. Trudeau apparently doesn’t bother to study the issues to determine any possible downside to his liberal views.

Significantly, the Liberals received the lowest percentage of votes to win the largest percentage of seats since 1867. That is, the Liberals won 54.4% of seats with just 39.5% of voters’ support. The Liberals should be aware that this minor



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miracle is very unlikely to happen in future elections. The Liberals have a 14 seat majority, but with 15 seats won by a margin of less than 2.6% of votes. As a result, the Liberal win wasn't as decisive as the party and the media pretend.

The Liberal campaign was in trouble in the middle of August. At that time, the Liberals sought help and advice from US President Obama's campaign organizers. They promoted "change" as the mantra for Trudeau's campaign, which resulted in Trudeau's campaign taking off. Trudeau became a vessel for a wide array of voters' hopes and aspirations. It is noted, however, that seven years after Obama's election in 2008 "hope and change" has withered because of his many political blunders. We will be searching for Trudeau's "sunny ways" when he has to deal with the reality of actually governing.

Theatrical Start

It is not unreasonable to suggest that Mr. Trudeau, a former drama teacher, is an expert in theatrics. We witnessed some of the theatrics when, with the sun shining down from a cloudless sky, the Cabinet was led by Mr. Trudeau and his handsome family, as they walked up the 700 metre driveway to Rideau Hall for the swearing-in ceremonies.

We also witnessed theatrics with Trudeau's Cabinet appointments. He proudly presented the public with a gender parity Cabinet: 15 women and 15 men. Hidden behind this, however, was the fact that five of the female appointments were not really Ministers at all, but were appointed as Secretaries of State or junior ministers to assist the male Ministers. That is, five women in the Cabinet had no government departments to manage, and were to work under the Ministers, who had all the responsibilities. These female junior ministers also had lower salaries, no budgets and no signing authority. When this was revealed by the media, Trudeau quickly, in keeping with his theatrical spin and feminist beliefs, stated that these women were to be called

Ministers after all and given the same salaries as the actual Ministers. These Ministers of State are women, and therefore should be elevated and paid the same as males, even though they do not have the same authority or responsibilities. Why let the facts stand in the way of theatrical appearances?

Liberal Old Guard Returns

The positive spin on the election is covering up a return of some of the Liberals' old guard. For example, Mr. Trudeau has appointed Peter Harder to lead his transition team. Mr. Harder was a senior bureaucrat in previous Liberal governments, including serving as Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs. He is currently President of the Canada/China Business Council (CCBC). That organization's board consists almost entirely of former Chretien Cabinet Ministers and representatives from the Montreal Power Corporation, which has had a strong influence on the Liberal Party over the past decades. We can expect closer ties with China in the future as well as much input from these former Liberal Cabinet Ministers.

Another senior advisor to Trudeau is his socialist/Marxist brother, Alexandre (called Sacha). The latter made a documentary on Cuba's Communist Leader Fidel Castro, portraying him as a noble, patriotic hero who rescued Cuba from disaster caused by its former government. The facts are otherwise.

Sacha has also completed another documentary portraying Israel as an aggressor and downplaying the threat of a nuclear armed Iran. We can expect the Trudeau regime will be much less positive towards Israel (the only democracy in the Middle East) than the Conservatives were.

The Conservative Party

During the 2015 election, despite the vicious personal attacks on Mr. Harper by the Laurentian Group, he still managed to hold on to a respectable 99 seats. The Conservatives had expected that the left-wing parties, the Liberals and the NDP would split the left-wing vote, with the Conservatives coming up the middle. This didn't happen: because of Trudeau's burgeoning campaign, the Liberals picked up many votes that would have gone to the NDP. The media's intense campaign to elect "anyone but Harper" clearly played a role in motivating hitherto apathetic voters to go to the polling stations. The sheer dramatic scale of Trudeau's promises also managed to strike a chord with voters who no one expected would be casting a ballot. The fact is, however, the Conservatives lost only about 8% of the popular vote that they had received in the 2011 election: not a bad result, considering the media's constant attacks before and during the campaign, with rarely any positive coverage. The Conservative base held firm and loyal to the party.

It is also significant that many of the Conservative policies have been left intact by the Liberals, such as low taxes, free trade agreements, the oil pipeline, etc. The Liberals also mainly support the Conservatives' anti-terrorism legislation (Bill C-51), promising amendments only.

There is no question that the Conservatives are going to



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live to fight another day, both in the present Parliament, and during the next federal election in October, 2019.

The NDP

At the beginning of the election campaign, called in early August, the NDP was in the lead in popular support. It started the campaign with 103 seats, but at the end of the campaign had only 44 seats. The NDP's day in the sun was brief.

The next NDP leadership review will take place in April, 2016. NDP Leader, Thomas Mulcair, may resign before then or be voted out by the party at the convention. However, the NDP is used to defeat and may just continue on with Mr. Mulcair despite the fact that he caused bad blood within the party during the campaign because of his centrist policies, such as insisting upon a balanced budget. These policies were unacceptable to the left-wing purists within the party, such as Stephen Lewis and former NDP leader Ed Broadbent. It seems, however, that the NDP is doomed at least to remain in its customary place as the 3rd party in Parliament for the time being.

WHAT LIES AHEAD

The Liberals' 88 page platform included 385 promises. These promises touch almost every aspect of Canadian life. It will be all but impossible for the Liberals to fulfil them all. There are going to be a lot of disappointed people who voted for the Liberals.

The Liberal campaign was adept at making things sound good, but now Mr. Trudeau must switch gears from the touchy/feely campaigner to governing Canada. It won't be easy. There are divisions in his caucus, with a large contingent of MPs from Atlantic Canada and Quebec, who are ambivalent, at best, with the issues of wide open immigration and multiculturalism. The caucus also contains a swath of MPs from suburban Toronto and from outside of Vancouver. Polling shows that the immigrant voters, who predominate in these ridings, are more economically and socially conservative than many of the native born Canadians with European backgrounds. In this election, many of these immigrants voted for the Liberals over the Conservatives. However, these voters may be inclined to drift back to the Conservatives in the 2019 election. Additionally, the three fastest growing provinces are in western Canada: Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba are outside of the Ontario-Quebec loop dominating Canada today. These rising western provinces are making Canada a more conservative place, which may make things very difficult for the Liberals in future elections.

"Events" do happen. It cannot be predicted what will affect the political parties in the next few years. In the meantime, we must endure the Trudeau government. It has four years to make mistakes. And it will. †

CORRUPTION BY ONTARIO PREMIER KATHLEEN WYNNE

Corruption infers a blatant disregard for honesty, ethics or principle. This accurately describes Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne's behaviour since she was elected to office in 2014.

She has a tin ear for the public's concern about her decisions, and as a result, has been involved in a long list of questionable decisions, unconcerned about the political fall-out from them.

She has spent funds wildly, placing the province in suffocating debt, currently \$287.3 billion, which requires an interest payment of \$11.4 billion annually. She has imposed a repugnant sex-education program in the schools, resolutely refusing to listen to the voices of anguished parents. Her curriculum reflects her own personal, dubious values, not the values of the majority of parents. Ms. Wynne has resolutely ignored the parents' requests for consultation and amendments to the program.

In a Sudbury byelection last December, charges were laid against the Liberal organizer, Gerry Loughheed, by Elections Ontario for allegedly bribing a nominated Liberal candidate, Andrew Olivier, to step down in return for a job offer. This is illegal. The object of this exercise was to replace Mr. Olivier with NDP MP Glenn Thibeault, who resigned his federal seat to run provincially as a Liberal, in Mr. Olivier's place. Once elected, the first action by Mr. Thibeault in the provincial legislature was to table a motion to remove the words

"mother" and "father" from all government documents to replace them with the word "parents", supposedly to better recognize the rights of LGBT parents. This will eventually affect 10,000 different provincial government forms. Premier Wynne, a lesbian, apparently was of the view that it would be too obvious that she was using her position as Premier to push her personal values by making these changes by way of a government bill. Instead, she used Mr. Thibeault to bring in a private member's bill to achieve her objective. In doing so, Mr. Thibeault was merely paying back Ms. Wynne for her arranging, so nicely, his election to the provincial legislature.

There is a reason why Ms. Wynne remains serene about any political fall-out. She has an incestuous relationship with the 100,000 strong members of the teachers' unions in the province which are providing her with political protection.

- The teachers' unions have poured \$800,000 directly into the Liberal party's coffers over the past decade.
- Members of the teachers' unions are pressured to vote for the Liberals during an election and also indoctrinate the students to do so.
- The teachers' unions have spent \$6.5 million in the previous three provincial elections for vicious attack ads against the Progressive Conservative Party, the Liberals' main political opponent.

In return the Liberal government:

- Over the past ten years has paid close to \$66 million to the Ontario teachers' unions for undisclosed reasons, according to Ontario Public Accounts.
- Provided teachers' unions with rich pay raises, special treatment and secret benefits. In the 2015 negotiations, the Liberals secretly gave \$2.5 million to the unions for their collective bargaining costs without demanding receipts.

The lack of necessity for receipts was subsequently reversed under pressure when this secret payment was disclosed by the media. Documents obtained under the Access to Information Act reveal that the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation (OSSTF) has a \$65 million reserve to be used for collective bargaining purposes, which was not needed due to the Liberals' generous payouts. It is to be noted, however, that the English Public Elementary Teachers Union—the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario (ETFO) did not receive any government funding to cover its bargaining costs but has received \$12,514,094 from the Liberal government since 2007 for unknown reasons.

The cozy relationship between Ms. Wynne and the Ontario teachers' unions has been carefully kept from public view until now.

The first such payment was made in 2007 when Kathleen Wynne was Education Minister. After Ms. Wynne left the education portfolio in 2010, the money for the unions dried up. In 2013/2014 the donations occurred again just in time for the 2014 election. By what authority does Kathleen Wynne make these grants?

The Liberals and the unions perform a pantomime during negotiations, pretending they really don't like each other. The unions carry out this charade by marching around with placards and chanting angry slogans while proclaiming they will "work to rule". Ms. Wynne, for her part, issues public warnings that there is no extra money for the teachers. Meanwhile, she is secretly cutting a deal with the unions.

On November 6, 2015 the Forum polling company announced that Ms. Wynne's personal approval rating had fallen to a new low of just 21%. This is the same as that of Dalton McGuinty, her odious predecessor, prior to his resignation as Premier.

Clearly, the Liberals will do or say anything to protect their self-serving relationship with the teachers' unions. With the unions' support, Ms. Wynne is free to do anything she wishes, secure in the knowledge that the teachers' unions' vicious ads will protect her fully in the next election and return her to power, regardless. ‡

WHAT TO DO ABOUT CHILDCARE

Everybody knows that babies and toddlers are better cared for at home by their mothers. But what about mothers who have to work with no family member to help them out? How then, can their childcare problem be solved?

This problem can be better understood by comparing Finland's approach to childcare to that of Sweden. Finland provides financial support to parents, either through a home care allowance, or alternatively, by a subsidized childcare system. About half of Finnish parents chose the home care allowance. This may explain why Finland is consistently one of the top nations in education in Europe.

On the other hand, Sweden provides no choice - only a government subsidized childcare system i.e. institutional childcare. A full 92% of all children in Sweden, aged 18 months to five years, are in daycare, which costs the government \$20,000 annually per child. Swedish taxes are among the highest in the world, and the tax system is designed to make both parents seek employment in the paid workforce.

Providing only this one option to parents in Sweden may be contributing to long term harm to children. In 2007, a Swedish study found that parenting ability decreased with the amount of time children spend in daycare. According to Jonas Himmelstrand, a Swedish business consultant and founder of the Swedish Mireja Institute, Sweden has some of the worst behaviour and discipline problems in European schools, due to the decreasing psychological health of its youth. Girls, aged 15 to 19, have experienced a 30% increase in mental health

problems. Academic performance in Sweden has plummeted. This is ironic since childcare is supposed to make children academic achievers. Tragically, if their children are kept for long hours in childcare, parents in Sweden do not develop the necessary confidence to raise their children. Their parental instincts decrease and they lack the ability to set limits and sense their children's needs, according to Mr. Himmelstrand. Children and parents become alienated, since the children do not develop a psychological attachment to their parents, but instead, because they are being raised in large groups of their peers, they look to their peers for approval.

Mikhail Gorbachev was right in his book, *Perestroika: New Thinking for our Country and the World* (1988) when he stated that:

Perhaps the breakdown in Russian society with its prevalence of alcoholism, divorce, abortion, etc. may be due to the separation of young children from their mothers in day care at too early an age.

WHAT SHOULD BE DONE?

We know that children do best in the family environment of warmth, love and happiness. Only parents can judge how these needs can be understood and best provided for their children. Childcare decisions must remain with parents, minus pressure from those with political agendas and ideological fantasies. Direct childcare payments to parents is the best and most positive solution. This was the policy of the former Conservative government. Mr. Trudeau has promised to increase these benefits for "middle class families", which he defines as those

earning up to \$150,000 annually. This indicates how little Mr. Trudeau, with his inherited wealth, knows or understands actual middle class families and their financial situation. For example, according to Stats Canada, in 2013, a two parent family with or

without children averaged an annual income of only \$84,080.00. Nevertheless, if Trudeau follows through on his child benefit policy of payments directly to parents, it will likely be one of the few sensible economic decisions he makes. †

TRANSGENDERED KICKED OUT OF THE CLUB

It was bound to happen. The homosexual umbrella organization, known collectively as the LGBT, (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transsexuals) are not happy with the inclusion of the transgendered in their group, and want them pushed out of their club.

A petition has been doing the rounds to expel the transgendered from their ranks because, as one homosexual writer stated: the transgendered are not doing much good, arguing that “trans” isn’t a mental illness while acting bonkers all the time! There is no doubt that transsexuals can seem unhinged. REAL Women knows that they are control freaks who accept no dissenting opinion. When REAL Women objected to the transgendered bill in the last Parliament, co-incidentally our website was hacked four times.

The conflict between homosexuals/lesbians and the transgendered was inevitable because the arguments that the transgendered and homosexual/lesbian put forward for acceptance and recognition are contradictory. The premise of the gay rights movement is that homosexuality is innate and unchangeable, that people are born that way, and sexual orientation is, therefore, immutable and can’t be altered. The transgendered crowd, on the other hand, has the exact opposite message. Their platform is that sexual orientation is so fluid that it can be switched completely, depending on what that individual believes that his/her gender is, regardless of the gender at birth.

Feminists and lesbians have also joined in this controversy with mixed viewpoints. Lesbians don’t think female transsexuals (male to female) are truly women, but are a parody of women and lesbians refuse to have sex with them. They believe that transgendered males (male to female) are trying to force themselves on them when they are, in fact, female impersonators. The transgendered, in turn, view lesbians as being downright discriminatory towards them,

just because some of them still retain their male genitals. (Fancy that!)

Some feminists regard transgendered males (male to female) as intruding into their “space” whether in bars, record companies, spas, festivals and book stores: the ultimate male power tripping. There are other feminists, however, who think that the transgendered are the genuine article, and are “totally female”. They, therefore, have been highly incensed by Australian feminist and writer, Germaine Greer, who in 1970 wrote the book, *The Female Eunuch*, one of the foundational books for feminism, for her rejection of the transgendered. Ms. Greer has stated publicly that transsexuals are delusional. For this, she has been blacklisted at a number of British university campuses. Ms. Greer, in response to her sister feminists’ support of the transgendered, stated: “simply because a man gets his genitals removed, and wears a dress doesn’t make him a woman. I’ve asked my doctor to give me long ears and liver spots and I’m going to wear a brown coat, but that won’t turn me into a ... cocker spaniel!”

It is a delicious bit of irony that at the same time Ms. Greer has been viciously attacked by her sister feminists for her views on the transgendered, Rachel Dolezal, the former head of the Spokane, Washington, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, (NAACP) admitted that, while she was “born white”, she “identifies as black” and, therefore, is black.

When the story about Dolezal broke, some people drew the obvious parallel to Bruce Jenner’s delusion that he was female. Both Jenner and Dolezal have a self-identity that does not square with their DNA. Oh well.

If one is willing to accept the absurdity and pretence that a gender can be changed at will, then one is bound to believe in the existence of the tooth fairy as well, since the two propositions are on the same level of rationality. †

IN MEMORY OF MILDRED BLOOMFIELD



The world has lost a wonderful human being, Mildred Bloomfield, on her death on October 16, 2015.

Mildred was a devoted supporter of REAL Women, and an outstanding wife and mother. She was the beloved wife of Garnet Bloomfield, a former Liberal MP for the then riding of London Middlesex. Garnet was only one of two members

of the Liberal caucus to stand up to Prime Minister Trudeau to vote against the Charter of Rights because he believed that the Supreme Court of Canada would use its provisions to strike down the abortion law. This, sadly, is actually what occurred.

When her husband was Liberal MP, Mildred, ever supportive of Garnet, ran his constituency office for him.

Mildred and Garnet (a farmer by occupation) were happily married for 64 years. It should be noted according to Garnet, that Mildred was an exceptionally great tractor driver! Mildred was a loving partner, active in her church, and living her life in love and service of others. †

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



A very Merry Christmas to all our REAL Women of Canada supporters!

On behalf of our National Board of Directors and our dedicated administration support staff, I extend to you and your families all the blessings of this joyous Christmas season. Amongst the excitement and activities, may we all remember the "Reason for the Season".

A sincere thank you to those faithful members who responded to our urgent request for funds that accompanied the November e-REALity. It was so greatly appreciated. If you have not yet responded to that appeal, or did not yet receive it because you subscribe to the bi-monthly print edition, it is never too late to send in your donation. Any amount that your budget can permit, is more than welcome. Being a grassroots organization, completely financially independent of any other organization, including the government, we rely so heavily on the generosity and loyalty of our members.

With the newly elected Liberal government, REAL Women of Canada anticipates a very busy 2016. Our Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has many promises in his party platform which will reverse some of the family-friendly policies established by the former Conservative Party. Re-instating the transgender "bathroom" bill, liberalizing prostitution laws, legalizing marijuana, establishing more drug injection sites, funding abortions overseas, as well as increasing access to abortions for small-town Canada, fast-tracking pro-euthanasia legislation, introducing expensive universal daycare, removing income-splitting, are just some of the items the Liberals will have on the table. Our work is cut out for us, and we will need your support more than ever. We will not be shrinking violets! We will continue to shine the light into the darkness as we have done for 32 years. This is NOT a time to throw up our hands in despair. We need all our "troops" in the field. REAL Women will need our members to spread the word about what the government is doing, write letters to your MP's, vote for pro-life candidates in any by-elections, show up for rallies and protests, etc. Our challenge will be to do all of this with love and speaking the truth in charity. ARE YOU UP TO THE CHALLENGE? (ANSWER: YESSSS!!)

Thank you so much for being "Women Building a Better Society" (and men too!)

Pauline Guzik

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