

The PM's Undoing

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In any great endeavour—such as running a country—people want to know how much is being accomplished. In Canada today, it behoves us to also find out how much is being “un-accomplished.” If a farmer were to plant an acre of potatoes and someone else came behind him, digging them up, “unplanting” them, as it were, that would certainly be his “undoing.” The farmer would have nothing to show for all that work and he would be down by the lost value of the seed potatoes.

Right now, our new PM is making his mark, to some extent, by deliberately undoing the work of the previous PM. Whether these initiatives are his own ideas or those of the cabinet he has appointed, he is uprooting quite a number of the legislative accomplishments of his predecessor. If those accomplishments were bad for the country, undoing them would be good. If, however, some of those laws and amendments were worthwhile achievements, than reversing the efforts of the previous government would be a bad thing. I'm afraid, in most cases, it is the latter.

It's well known that it is easier to destroy something than to build it. Rome wasn't built in a day but it collapsed in upon itself in a short period of time...as will our civilization if we continue to abandon moral values and biblical principles. When people talk about “change,” they need to be aware that not all change is good. As the saying goes, “Before you remove a fence, find out why it was put there in the first place.” So often, even in corporations, a new manager insists on trying things that have been tried before and have failed. The social experiments to which western civilization has been subjected over recent decades should be examined in the light of the results. For instance, more condoms and more explicit sex ed has resulted in higher incidence of STDs, more teen pregnancies, and more abortions.

So what has Mr. Trudeau thrown out that Mr. Harper put in? We'll mention a few items that concern us. Much more information can be found in this article in the National Post¹.

One of the most important pieces of legislation the new Trudeau government has acted against is the First Nations Financial Transparency Act (FNFTA). This legislation was the result of a long campaign by the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, other citizen groups and First Nations people to hold elected leaders and band councils accountable for spending decisions. Since other levels of government must explain spending to taxpayers it only makes sense that elected chiefs and band administrators also declare spending, expenses, and salaries to the people who pay the bills (taxpayers) and the people whom they represent (band members).

For the 2014-2015 reporting period all but 38 of Canada's 581 First Nations have complied with the provisions of the FNFTA, a compliance rate of 93.5 per cent. The intent of the law was to compel transparency by withholding funds from bands who fail to comply. The new government has chosen not to enforce the law, catering to the voices of those who benefit from non-transparency. All indications are that the Liberals plan to repeal the law. This is a clear departure from the “rule of law” referenced in the Charter. The rule of law should establish equality among Canadians. Transparency and public accountability are normal and expected standards for all Canadians but by making exceptions for First Nations bands, the government has declared that all Canadians are not equal. Learn more at Canadian Taxpayers Federation².

On the justice and security front, the Prime Minister has promised to pull Canada's fighter jets out of the battle against ISIS. Although they have not yet fulfilled this campaign promise, the attitude being projected is that Canada no longer stands with our allies against terrorism. The influx of Syrian refugees is a direct result of the cruel deeds of ISIS. By refusing to recognize the cause of the refugee crisis, the Liberals seem to want to put a band-aid on the wound rather than preventing more injuries. If ISIS is allowed to continue to expand, the refugee crisis will only increase.

The PM also plans to repeal the law that would strip Canadian citizenship from convicted immigrant-terrorists. Why? What duty or loyalty do we owe to those who have violated their oaths of citizenship? Protecting our borders and our citizens from danger is the primary role of government. Protecting terrorists from the consequences of their own deeds is no legitimate goal. The appointment of Omar Alghabra as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs further reveals the direction and thinking of the PM as well. Mr. Alghabra has long been a proponent of Sharia law and does not consider Hamas and Hezbollah as terrorist groups. Undoing the efforts of the previous PM to secure our borders and prevent home-grown terrorism is a disastrous course and will no doubt result in injury and loss in the future. Pray that common sense will return on this issue.

The liberals plan to reverse cuts to CBC's funding. While most Canadians appreciate our public broadcaster's familiar role in broadcasting news and weather, the left-wing bias of the CBC is hidden only from those who use no other news sources and who fail to think through the issues. CBC's relentless attacks on traditional marriage and family values and their selective coverage of issues and candidates has caused many of us to call for its privatization. Why should my tax dollars be used to promote ideas, philosophies, and policies with which I passionately disagree? Funnelling more money to the CBC in a time of declared deficit spending is both an insult and an assault on our freedoms and rights as taxpaying citizens.

Another item of concern (back to transparency issues) is the PM's intent to repeal Bills C-377 and C-525, bills which were designed to force transparency on union officials. Union workers certainly deserve to know how their leaders are spending their money. How can the PM justify helping union leaders and those making over \$100,000 per year to keep secrets from their members and from the public?

The list goes on. Hard work is usually admired, but I've always said that if someone is riding a bicycle or paddling a canoe in the wrong direction, the harder they work, the farther they will get from their goal. This PM is going in the wrong direction on many issues...and he's pedalling (or paddling) very fast. In his first few months in office, the things he has done and the things he has undone have made our country less safe, less fair, and less transparent. Pray for him; he needs wisdom. For a common sense approach to these and other issues, join CHP³.

Footnotes

¹ news.nationalpost.com/news/canada/undoing-the-tories-a-guide-to-harperisms-that-the-liberals-have-or-might-kill

² www.taxpayer.com/news-releases/ctf-slams-trudeau-government-s-abandonment-of-the-first-nations-financial-transparency-act

³ www.chp.ca/get-involved