

## Emergencies Act, Gambling and Fixing Canada

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For Canadian news items of relevance and excitement, the elephant in the room today is the Federal Court's ruling<sup>1</sup> that the Liberals' reaction to the Freedom Convoy—invoking the Emergencies Act on Feb 14, 2022—was both unreasonable and unjustified, as the convoy posed no threat to national security, and that said reaction even violated the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, a key element of our Constitution.

As Justice Richard Mosley argued in his ruling,<sup>2</sup> (PDF) freezing the bank accounts (etc.) of one individual could adversely affect the lives of others who may or may not have had anything to do with the convoy and who may very well depend on that income to provide the necessities of life. (I well remember Chrystia Freeland giggling like a schoolgirl when she brought that hammer down).

Of course, being unreasonable, unjustified and/or violating the Charter has never slowed the feds down before, and they have promised to appeal this decision. And if they 'get no satisfaction' in the appeals court, you know they won't think twice about taking it higher. (They're not spending their own money on lawyers, after all).

And, of course, there's no guarantee they'll listen to the higher court's ruling, either.<sup>3</sup> Despite the Federal Court's decision that the ban on single use plastics is unconstitutional, for instance, I still, after forgetting to grab my reusable grocery bag for the umpteenth time, (and being too cheap to spend fifteen cents on a 'single-use' paper bag) almost invariably find myself carrying my newly purchased groceries to my vehicle in my arms. It's a minor inconvenience, of course, but so is the Chinese water torture treatment when you think about it. (It's just another drop of water on the forehead, right? How bad can that be)?

Whatever happens to this decision in the months and years ahead, we at the CHP are grateful that Justice Mosley has given such a clear ruling on this issue. It is indeed a rare lesser magistrate who will call out the government and party that appointed him, he has shown considerable courage in doing so, and the higher courts will be hard-pressed to challenge his logic.

On another issue, long ago in a land not far away, following the introduction of Video Lottery Terminals in the province of Alberta,<sup>4</sup> the provincial Tories forbade coroners from reporting the suspected reason someone committed suicide in the province. Why? Because if "It was the gambling" was the first thing out of their mouth when the next of kin was informed of their loss (as was often the case), it was recorded as the probable cause of the suicide. This, of course, tended to make the government that brought the devices into the province (by which many became addicted to the habit) look bad. But that was all so 1998. Fast forward 25 years, give or take, and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (as regular readers are aware) has instructed its doctors to list the reason someone requested Medical Assistance in Dying as the cause of death, rather than MAiD itself in the event of an assisted suicide, the rather obvious reason being to slow the uptick in reported MAiD deaths.

Two other jurisdictions that I'm aware of have suppressed information about suicides and murders. (Assisted suicide qualifies as both). I would be referring to Stalinist Russia and communist East Germany prior to reunification, and sadly it appears we're becoming more like them every day.

I've run for office fourteen times, trying to slow or even reverse the leftward drift in society. Although, I've not yet been elected to office, as a soon-to-be-60-year-old, I'm far too young to be throwing in the towel. And besides which . . . I'm just not a quitter. And I have a plan. And I don't want to scare you, but you're part of it.

Some of you will know this already, but God quite literally opened the door for high school educated me to write a weekly column in three small north-central Alberta papers in 1998 and '99 (as I like to say, when freedom of speech was still a thing in this country). I collected those somewhat controversial columns into book format in 2000 and have been revising and updating it ever since. The 21<sup>st</sup> edition of *Fix Canada*<sup>5</sup> rolled off the press last month; it's as current as the Oct 7<sup>th</sup> terrorist attack in Israel; and it's by far and away the best one yet.

Why am I telling you this? Because in it, I extol the virtues of the Christian Heritage Party, the only party (as you well know) that will reverse the aforementioned leftward drift in society. And, of course, convincing you to support the party is not the goal—you already do. The goal is to get others reading it . . . and in the closing pages I show you how, at no cost, we can make that happen. And more readers, of course, equals more interest, more support, more candidates, and one day, God willing, better government.

So your call to action today is to go to my website,<sup>5</sup> pick up the phone, order a book and see where this takes us. And though it might pain me financially to do so, I'm standing by the phone this week to take your call.

All things are possible with God, and twenty-five years after penning that first op-ed for 15,000 readers in three small north-central Alberta towns, I still believe the book that those columns became can be instrumental in changing the way Canadians think and vote.

I hope you share the vision, and God willing I'll see you at the CHP's National Convention in Hamilton (August 12-15).<sup>6</sup>

## **Footnotes**

<sup>1</sup> [globalnews.ca/news/10244673/emergencies-act-convoy-federal-court/](https://globalnews.ca/news/10244673/emergencies-act-convoy-federal-court/)

<sup>2</sup> [www.fct-cf.gc.ca/Content/assets/pdf/base/2024.01.23-306-22-T-316-22-T-347-22-T-382-22.pdf](https://www.fct-cf.gc.ca/Content/assets/pdf/base/2024.01.23-306-22-T-316-22-T-347-22-T-382-22.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [www.nationalobserver.com/2023/11/20/news/canada-plastics-ban-gone-not-quite](https://www.nationalobserver.com/2023/11/20/news/canada-plastics-ban-gone-not-quite)

<sup>4</sup> [thewalrus.ca/2006-11-society/](https://thewalrus.ca/2006-11-society/)

<sup>5</sup> [fixcanada.ca/](https://fixcanada.ca/)

<sup>6</sup> [www.chp.ca/events/2774/](https://www.chp.ca/events/2774/)

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