

It's time to stop Justin Trudeau's handouts to the wealthy

Over the last four years, Justin Trudeau has raised taxes on middle-class Canadians while handing billions of dollars to the wealthy and well-connected.

Trudeau's got it all wrong.

A new Conservative government would stop the handouts to wealthy executives, shareholders, and foreign companies and instead use that money to make life more affordable for Canadians.

Under Justin Trudeau, the more you have means the more you get. That is not how government should be run.

THE ISSUE

Every dollar that is spent lining the pockets of the wealthy and well-connected is a dollar that can't be spent helping Canadians get ahead.

Here are just some examples:

- Writing-off **two multimillion-dollar** loans to the Irvings, one of Canada's wealthiest families;
- **\$950 million** for Superclusters, which are not evaluated for any type of performance criteria;
- **\$12 million for freezers to Loblaws** – a profitable, multibillion-dollar company (net 2018 earnings: \$719 million)
- **\$40 million** for Blackberry
- **\$49 million** for Canada-Kuwait Petrochemical
- **\$20 million** of a \$743 million project by Maple Leaf Foods (2018 profits: \$100 million)
- **\$35 million** for Nova Chemicals, announced at Davos with no results
- **\$18 million for a private jet airport**, which was only cancelled because of media attention;
- the \$35-billion, boondoggle-in-waiting **Canada Infrastructure Bank** – which sees taxpayers assuming all the risk while corporate investors make all the profit.

The Trudeau Liberals have even given money to industries and projects that didn't need or weren't seeking it, just to be seen to be doing *something*. Examples include:

- **\$1.6 billion of taxpayers' money** to the oil and gas industry that [they didn't ask for](#), and which a spokesperson said wouldn't be needed if the Trudeau Liberals could "get our fundamental building blocks right."
- **\$4.5 billion dollar** Kinder Morgan pipeline nationalization
- **\$72 million of taxpayers' money** to Canadian Natural and Titanium Corp. for clean technology upgrades (which companies would be required to invest in themselves under the Conservative [Real Plan to Protect Our Environment](#))
- **\$220 million** to buy energy-efficient [gas turbines](#) for the [\\$40-billion](#) Canada LNG project in Kitimat, B.C., despite significant carve-outs for jobs in China.

That's just the money they've spent.

Thanks to the SNC-Lavalin corruption scandal, we know just how far Trudeau will go to help his corporate buddies – trying to stop a criminal prosecution, lying when he got caught, and stonewalling Parliament, the Ethics Commissioner, and the RCMP in trying to get to the bottom of it.

THE PLAN

A new Conservative government will conduct a review of all business subsidy programs and eliminate those with no benefit to Canadians, putting more money in the pockets of Canadians.

As Prime Minister, Andrew Scheer will conduct a review of all business subsidy programs in order to eliminate \$1.5 billion in corporate welfare grants. Programs where the money benefits wealthy shareholders, executives, and foreign companies and/or the money goes to lobbyists and consultants, will be eliminated.

Conservatives believe that government support should further Canada's strategic industries and long-term competitiveness. A new Conservative government will also review innovation programs to ensure that they are supporting Canadian companies that provide benefits, profits, and patents that stay in Canada. We will ensure that funds we spend on research and development will benefit Canadian companies, so that the intellectual property, technology, and resulting profits will benefit Canadians.

This review will ask the tough questions about all federal spending on corporate subsidies to ensure value for taxpayers' money and to support true innovation and job growth.

Genuine regional development involves job creation and benefits to hard-working families. That's why we will focus the support of regional development agencies toward economic development, small- and medium-enterprises, and community-based projects. To re-establish connection and accountability, development agencies will again fall under the purview of ministers from the region in question.

THE CHOICE

Justin Trudeau has spent the last four years raising taxes on middle-class Canadians while handing billions of dollars to wealthy and well-connected corporations.

He has raised taxes on 80 per cent of middle-class Canadian families and his carbon tax will go up if he's re-elected, adding 31 cents to the cost of gasoline and costing Canadians thousands more for household essentials.

As Prime Minister, Andrew Scheer will lead a government that lives within its means and puts more money in your pockets so you can get ahead.

He will cancel the carbon tax, take the GST off home heating, make maternity benefits tax-free, bring in tax credits for public transit, children's fitness, and children's arts and learning, and boost the RESP.

Who do you trust to help **you** get ahead?