

THE FAILURE OF THE

WELFARE STATE

Over the last decade or two, Ontarians have been promised (among many other things) a 'just' society, 'free' medical care, 'affordable' housing, a war on 'poverty' --- in short, the protection of everyone from all hardship.

All this, and balanced budgets too!

Yet despite burgeoning welfare programs, the poor (much increased in numbers) are still with us, low-cost housing is hard to come by, and lines are beginning to form for hospital admissions. All in all, many of us are not faring too well.

What went wrong?

Why have our governments, which set out to do things *for* us, ended up doing things *to* us? And why have *costs* gone out of sight?

The answer, we contend, is simply this: Governments, being *political* in nature, are inherently unable to deal with the *economic* implications of promised programs. Since 'wealth' is created by *economic* and not *political* action, governments simply cannot *produce* it --- they can only *consume* it. And by deficit spending, they can even appear to achieve the impossible --- the consumption of wealth *before* its creation.

Even the *Davis* government (*conservative*, and therefore 'wise, frugal and prudent' (!)) is, like Ottawa, taking the route to fiscal chaos through its huge budget deficits. But there *is* a price to be paid, as our children and grandchildren will all-too-soon discover.

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A solution?

Let's re-introduce voluntary options into the provision of all government services. If we *must* have 'universality', let it be by *consent*. Should any citizen wish to withdraw from any government program to make his own arrangements in the marketplace, let him be free to do so, and let his tax account be credited accordingly.

Freedom Party believes that *no* government, however good its intentions, should be allowed to bankrupt our province or our country. History has repeatedly confirmed that citizens deprived of their *economic* choice will soon be deprived of their *political* and *personal* choices as well.

Freedom Party believes that *the purpose of government* is to *protect* your freedom of choice, *not* to restrict it.

If you want to make your own choices rather than have those choices made for you by bureaucrats and politicians, then *choose Freedom Party*. After all, freedom of choice is what we're all about!

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