

JOB CREATION



'But Ma, I'm only trying to create work for you...'

It's no secret that politicians like to spend other people's money for them. From time to time, however, they do find it necessary to come up with new reasons to justify their spending when the old ones become unpopular and out-of-date. *Job Creation* is currently in vogue with all the established parties: the Liberals, the Progressive Conservatives, and the N.D.P.

The only *certain* effect of government job creation schemes is the transfer of spending power from consumers to politicians, or to put it more bluntly, the transfer of wealth from the people who earned it to the people who didn't.

Any jobs 'created' by governments may or may not produce something of value, but the products will always tend to be of lower value than what the consumers would have bought with their own earnings. Otherwise they would have bought those products themselves and there would have been no reason for politicians to intervene. State job creation, like all state spending, reduces consumer freedom of choice by substituting *compulsory* spending for *voluntary* spending. (over)

Freedom Party

Freedom Party will never support any kind of state 'job creation' schemes. We *do* support all kinds of natural, consumer-initiated forms of job creation, of which there would be plenty to be had if only the hundreds of laws forbidding and regulating voluntary private contracts among workers and employers were repealed. (Compulsory payroll deductions and minimum wage laws, to name a couple.)

That having been said, it is not at all obvious that government job creation even does what it claims to do: cause a net increase in employment. All too often, government hiring and subsidies for jobs in selected industries only serve to bid up the price of labour in those industries, so that *competitive* labour is displaced and a *loss* of jobs is observed.

Try to name a town, city, or municipality that will now hire new workers to perform casual labour without some kind of federal or provincial 'incentive' grant. Try to find an insulation company which doesn't base its main sales pitch and market strategy on federal *CHIP* grants.

Worst of all, no one seems much to notice what goes on at the *other* end of the government's money-sucking wind tunnel --- in order to *spend*, governments must *tax*. And regardless of the claim that we operate under a 'progressive' tax-rate system, it is always the middle class workers who pay the bulk of the tax, and that creates a dis-incentive for workers to work, consumers to spend, and investors to save and invest.

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

And because of that belief, **Freedom Party** won't 'create' any jobs. When you want something done, however, we'll be here to defend your *right* to get it done with the least possible government interference. And *that*, we believe, is what really creates meaningful jobs. After all, freedom of choice is what we're all about!

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