

GOVERNMENT HAS NO BUSINESS BEING IN BUSINESS

Unlike the 'invisible hand' that guides the free market, government has a very *visible* hand, a situation that misleads many people into believing governments can perform economic feats otherwise impossible to accomplish --- yet it a sense, they're right.

Only a government could create the absurd condition where individuals routinely 'invest' in projects and enterprises that, if promoted to them by *any other agency than government*, would be immediately rejected as bad investments. After all, it's *their* money.

Yet, when it comes to supporting these projects through *taxes*, seldom is an objection raised. Oh sure, there's always some grumbling about money out-of-pocket. But it's surprising how many of us simply accept, and to some extent, even support, the continuation of these bad investments. Apparently, the security of knowing that our friends and neighbours are similarly 'investing' in government projects is all that it takes to make a bad investment sound good.

But bad investments will always be bad investments.

If the only reason that we're financially supporting these bad investments (i.e., *Suncor, Canada Post, PetroCan, C.N., C.B.C., Ontario Hydro*, to name a few) is because someone else is *forcing* us to, then some hard questions need to be asked.

Why go on kidding ourselves? Do we really have any evidence to suppose that the situation can contain itself indefinitely? Deficits, unemployment, excessive taxation, high interest rates, inflation, regulation --- those are just a *sampling* of the costs (and *proof* of) our bad investments. (over)

Freedom Party

Freedom Party believes that only a free market, not governments, can avert the trend to *statism* and to national and provincial *bankruptcy*. Yes, we're still living in one of the richest countries in the world, but remember that those with whom we compare ourselves are merely a few steps ahead of us on the road to fiscal and political chaos.

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The *true* strength of any economy rests on the exercise of *free economic will* within that economy. *Free will* and the *political right to exercise it* are the only two ingredients necessary to the foundation of a stable and viable economy. And exercising our free will involves initiative, risk, knowledge, and a lot of hard work --- that's why the most prosperous nations in the world are always the most free.

If we were like the other major political parties, we might be tempted to *guarantee* the positive results of our free enterprise philosophy. But that would be a contradiction in terms. After all, how could we possibly guarantee the results of *your* efforts? --- that is, without assuming the role of *dictator* or without intervening in the exercise of your free choice. But as a political party, **Freedom Party** *can* guarantee that no government will be knocking at your door to rob you of your success.

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

Economic activity that is controlled, subsidized, or regulated by governments will always result in *artificial* economies, economies that simply don't stand a chance against those that permit the power of the market to operate freely.

If you believe that individuals should be free to enter the occupations of their choice, trade with other individuals of their choice, and buy the products of their choice, then you've only got *one* choice: **Freedom Party**. After all, freedom of choice is what we're all about!

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