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

Unfortunately, most political parties disagree. As evidence, consider Canada, which is not unlike most other Western countries:

The state owns most of the schools, dictates what is to be taught even in the schools it doesn't own, and forces all under a certain age to submit to its brand of teaching. The method of payment for the schools is by force (i.e., taxation). The state also restricts the granting of higher educational degrees to the institutions which it funds from taxes. Teachers' salaries are set by the state and bear no relationship to the satisfaction of either the students or their parents. So guess what subliminal political message our children are learning for the first sixteen years of their lives? Society is run by coercion.

Even though it holds a monopoly on the goods and services it forces its citizens to fund through taxes, the state spends more money on advertising than any other business.

One out of every six Canadians is directly dependent on a government paycheque or grant. More than a million Canadians are paid by the state for not working. Those who do work are taxed unmercifully, and those who work overtime usually give nearly half of their extra earnings to the state.

The state pension plan, into which everyone is forced to pay, is actuarially unsound, much like an illegal pyramid betting scheme.

The state has its own broadcasting network, which outspends all the others because it is financed through taxes. The state dictates what kind of programming is allowed on all radio and TV stations and can revoke a broadcasting licence if, say, a so-called "middle-of-the-road" format is not adhered to or if there is not enough "Canadian content" in the material broadcast.

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Freedom Party Although the state outlaws the sale of some of the more popular psychoactive drugs, it profits handsomely from peddling two of the most harmful drugs: alcohol and tobacco.

It outlaws gambling but profits from state lotteries, and is now considering state-run gambling casinos.

Its masses of laws and regulations would fill, not just your living room, but the entire main floor of your house.

The debt it has incurred on your behalf is about a third of the mortgage on an average house.

It forbids private companies from "conspiring to limit competition" but grants its own crown corporations monopoly status.

The state imposes limits on how many hours a day you can work, how many days a week you can work, how old you can be to start work, how much you're allowed to be paid, and even --- in Quebec --- whether you're allowed to speak English or French on the job.

The state prints and circulates its own "legal tender", which it regularly inflates when it goes on a spending spree, and then it blames you for failing to practice restraint.

It sets the interest rates, but lays the blame elsewhere when the rates go sky high.

Short of outright brainwashing (although in Canada at least one CIA-funded case of brainwashing has actually been documented), all of the frightening elements of *George Orwell's* famous **Nineteen Eighty-Four** are commonplace in Canada: propaganda, monopoly, forced equality, twisted language, and an abdication of *individual responsibility* to the state in all but the least important matters.

Unless more Canadians stand up for their rights and freedoms they may discover --- too late --- that they simply don't have any choices left at all.

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