

# FREEDOM!

*Freedom* is having the right to choose and it is our freedom of choice that is at the heart of every political issue.

Politicians who restrict our freedom usually justify their actions with the claim that their imposed economic and/or social restrictions somehow serve the "*public interest*". Then, as members of "the public", we come to assume that we will gain by giving up some of our freedom as individuals.

Unfortunately, this is not so.

Freedom-reducing measures justified by the "in-the-public-interest" argument clearly favour the interests of one *group* of people over those of another *group* of people. Thus, for many, such measures not only restrict their freedom, but place them at a direct disadvantage with respect to those favoured or not affected by the restrictive measures.

The politicians who bestow a benefit on one group at the expense of another group expect --- and often get --- political support from the people who perceive a benefit. At the same time, the disadvantaged groups rarely retaliate by withdrawing their support to those politicians because they have been politically conditioned (by their governments and by a government-run compulsory education monopoly) to believe that their "sacrifice" is "in the public interest".

But as everyone eventually discovers, the "public interest" really means "the ruling politicians' interests", and in the long-run, no one benefits from the "public interest" philosophy.

All of Canada's large political parties recommend and follow policies that seriously restrict our choice of language, units of measurement, entertainment, products, services, employment, and a multitude of other things. The only difference between the parties is not over *whether* freedom of choice should be limited, but over *whose* freedoms are to be restricted for *whose* benefit.

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# Freedom Party

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

We contend that legislated *group rights*, *encroaching state control*, and *unprincipled legislation* give politicians the power to take away our fundamental freedoms and are the root causes of Canada's political, economic, and social problems. These include spiralling deficits, uncontrollable taxes, increased racial and cultural tensions, economic protectionism and trade barriers, a declining respect for law, and political division.

In contrast, we believe that *individual rights*, the *right to private property*, and the legal protection of our *fundamental freedoms* are the keys to a free, united, and prosperous nation. Equality for all; special status for none.

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