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Immigration—General

[It's time for the federal government to get serious about immigration reform.](#)

Moffatt proposes dramatic reductions to permanent and temporary immigration. PRs to 300,000, TR reductions of 250,000 per year for next 7 years, plan to link housing.

[Immigration holds up the clearest sign yet that the Liberals have all but given up on governing.](#) Robyn Urback on the need to ensure government capacity to adequately screen immigrants for security and that high numbers are preventing that.

[Donald Wright: We are not going to build our way out of the housing crisis.](#) The harsh reality... Along with [Donald Wright: When it comes to where people want to live, Canada is a very small country,](#) [Donald Wright: Urban densification is not going to solve our housing crisis,](#) [Donald Wright: The first step in solving Canada's housing crisis? Implement a non-delusional immigration policy.](#) "I calculate that Canada will need to limit the number of new PRs and net increase in NPRs to an average of 175,000 per year between now and 2031. This is a significant reduction from the 640,000 per year average over the past five years."

[Rioux: Le retour des frontières.](#) On the increasing consensus in Europe on both right and left regarding large numbers of asylum seekers.

Meggs - [Immigration : Vers des sorties massives?](#) "La mauvaise gestion de la part des deux gouvernements nous a mis dans un pétrin où des centaines de milliers de personnes de l'étranger ont été invitées chez nous, très souvent avec la promesse de pouvoir s'y établir et entreprendre une nouvelle vie en sécurité, mais sans aucune garantie. Il faudra plus que trois ans et beaucoup de sagesse et de cœur pour corriger le tir."

[Globe editorial: Stop fiddling with labour markets.](#) "Let the express entry system operate as it did in the early years of the Liberals' tenure, with points guiding immigrant selection. Don't put arbitrary caps on visas for top-tier students. Use the temporary foreign worker program sparingly – say, to support food production. Get out of the labour predictions game. And don't bend to corporate pressure on so-called worker shortages."

[Jason Kenney's biggest worry about the U.S. election: A potential deportation program.](#) "If he was still immigration minister, Mr. Kenney would make changes such as beefing up the Safe Third Country Agreement and increasing the Canada Border Services Agency's resources. "I would make it clear that Canada is an open and welcoming country, but you have to go through the normal legal process." His

overall take on the Liberal record in this interview: [Trudeau has 'catastrophically mismanaged' immigration: Jason Kenney](#)

[Globe editorial: Show us your immigration math, Ottawa](#), “The big question, then, is how many of the disappointed will leave? After spending tens of thousands of dollars on a third-rate education in the hopes of getting on a fast track to PR status – a story that is all too common – it’s unlikely that everyone will head to the airports when their visas expire.”

[Researchers predict immigration could drive rent up to \\$5,600 per month](#). “The latest research spearheaded by the John Molson School of Business at Concordia University, in partnership with Equiton, predicts that rents could reach a whopping \$5,600 per month in major cities if trends continue.”

[Le recrutement du Québec à l'étranger est vu d'un œil critique par des pays sources](#). Understandable given brain drain in healthcare in particular. [Une mission marquée par l'immigration et les géants du Web pour Legault à Paris](#)

[Sonia Orlu: Federal mismanagement to blame for Canada's immigration backlash](#). Late to the party but some interesting aspects, reduce levels to 250k, and gingerly raise the question of values. Orlu’s call for more integration support is silent on the extent and effectiveness of existing language and other supports.

[Long waits for Canadian visas leave Gazans in limbo](#). Likely security-related but still contrast with Australia, that has admitted about 1,300 compared to Canada’s 300, hard to explain.

[At Canadian emergency departments, waiting times look grim. But in many places, there is no data](#). Another policy and program failure but the available data on wait times etc highlights the increased pressure due to immigration-driven population increases.

[MPI: The Nascent Architecture for Managing U.S. Border Arrivals Shows Promise](#). “Three years in the making, the regional approach reflects a new architecture for managing migration. This architecture is fragile, and it lacks many of the key elements of institutional engineering that are needed to make it work in the long term. Nonetheless, it rests on three elements that are worth highlighting and strengthening.”

[Don Kerr: Canada's skyrocketing rates of non-permanent residents are the highest they've ever been.](#)

“This is not a pretty picture for a country that has long prided itself on having one of the world’s most successful immigration systems, whereby newcomers were typically granted as landed immigrants the right to stay in Canada permanently. The Trudeau government should have been thinking not only about increasing immigration, foreign students, and temporary workers, but how many would be “too many.” They should have realized that it is far easier to increase immigration than to reduce it. They took the easy route and increased immigration thinking only of the benefits.”

[MPI Explainer: Who Are Immigrants in the United States?](#) Useful.

[Laura Wright | Canada’s fertility rate has plummeted. Maybe we shouldn’t care.](#) Good call to recognize demographic realities and focus on how to re-examine existing programs in light of this trend, rather than merely trying to delay it through immigration.

[Simpson: Blame the four fatal ‘T’s of Justin Trudeau for the lacklustre state of the Liberals.](#) On immigration: “Historians of this period will look at cabinet records to figure out why the Liberals took the decisions they did that turned public opinion against immigration and the incumbent government. Was it the old Liberal reflex that immigrants usually vote Liberal so the more the merrier? Was it a response to those who proposed that Canada should become a country of 100 million people? Was it a response to business leaders who wanted more cheap labour? Was it the Liberal/liberal reflex to want to do good rather than to be smart? Was it a response to higher education institutions whose budgets were stressed by inadequate provincial funding and so needed foreign students whom they could charge higher fees? Was the push for record-high immigration needed to fill the gap of a declining birth rate? Was it that a party that had wrapped itself in self-virtue could not believe that a variation of what had happened in other Western democracies could not and would not happen here? Was it blind incompetence not to appreciate that driving up immigration and refugees to unprecedented numbers would produce a myriad of negative side effects and destroy what had been close to a consensus in favour of previous levels of newcomers?”

[One of the World’s Most Immigrant-Friendly Countries Is Changing Course.](#) NYT notices the change.

[Lavoie: Beware the punishing costs of isolationism.](#) Downplays impact of immigration on housing and notes trade offs with lower cost caregiving and food.

[Clark: Marc Miller and a mea culpa makes a rare success.](#) “Yet Mr. Miller has taken steps that have turned around the trend. It’s hard for governments to claim

credit for acknowledging their big, bad mistakes, and fixing them. But in politics, that should be rated as a rare success.”

[The Economist: Justin Trudeau is killing Canada's liberal dream.](#)

“A diagnosis of anxiety fits his own government, too. Mr Trudeau and his party have traversed an arc from heroic to hapless during nine years in office, and today are despised by many in Canada. Polls suggest that less than a quarter of the electorate plans to vote for him. With under a year to go until a general election, Liberal Party members fear no plan exists to increase that share. They have lost two by-elections in quick succession, as well as the support of their governing partner, the New Democratic Party. A letter has been circulating among Liberal mps calling upon Mr Trudeau to resign. Massive anxiety indeed.”

Immigration—International Students and Visitor Visas

[More than 200,000 international students in Canada will see their work permits expire by end of 2025.](#) Real crunch with likely increase in overstays.

[Canada imposes further cap on international students and more limits on work permit eligibility.](#) The latest restrictions: 485,000 in 2024 to 437,000 next year, and keep it at that level for 2026, inclusion of post-graduates, language proficiency, college post-graduate work program eligibility linked to labour market, restrictions on spousal employment.

[Student accused of terror plot in New York raised no red flags upon entry into Canada, records show.](#) Will likely continue to raise questions about vetting and red flags even if no system in no country will catch every possible suspects. But large numbers contribute to challenges.

[International student tuition helps Ontario end 2023-24 fiscal year with nearly balanced budget.](#) Highlights just how much provincial governments have relied on this cash cow to the detriment of society as a whole.

[‘Alarming trend’ of more international students claiming asylum: minister.](#) Belated recognition of the perverse incentives at play and the likely need for further corrective actions. [Marc Miller Strikes Again](#) provides HESA’s critique of federal actions and that fed-prov consultations should have possible to achieve comparable results. [This will be the next shoe to drop in our broken immigration system](#), Tony Keller on Miller’s admission and the further increases in asylum claimants and overstays.

[Canada's limits on international students' postgrad work permits are 'elitism,' Ontario colleges say](#). Needed elitism...

[McQueen | Let's not just limit international students. Let's let in more would-be nurses and fewer would-be chefs](#). Highlights the perverse incentives of colleges, more employment mills in low priority sectors.

[Majority of immigrants support stricter policies on international student program: OMNI poll](#). Not surprising, as they feel the same impacts as everyone and can recognize the scam by recruiters and colleges as anyone else.

[Schools Make Millions Offering Degrees That Double as Work Visas](#). Not unique to Canada. "A record 24,000 foreign graduate students were enrolled in schools offering Day 1 CPT — or curricular practical training — as of fall 2022, according to a Bloomberg News analysis of the most recent available [Department of Education data](#). At typical prices, tuition probably topped \$240 million, Bloomberg estimates."

[Canada reveals programs international students in colleges can get post-graduate work permits from](#). Further needed tightening. For details: [Changes to PGWP eligibility criteria](#)

[Barutciski: Canada has become an immigration irritant for the U.S.](#). Agree.

"This unserious policymaking needs to be corrected, and we need to have an honest conversation about the border. If we fail to do so, we risk cementing a reputation as an unreliable partner that compromises continental security, as well as losing the public confidence around immigration, on which this country relies."

[Waterloo's international graduates outearn Canadian-born students, paving the way for immigration policies, experts say](#). Coverage of Skuterud's case study for University of Waterloo international students.

[Quebec government tables legislation to limit number of international students](#). Not unexpected but along with other changes, will affect English language institutions more.

Immigration—Asylum seekers and refugees

[Le Devoir Éditorial | Nourrir l'impasse plutôt que la fraternité](#). One of the better commentaries on the dispute between the federal government and provinces over distributing asylum seekers across Canada based on provincial population percentages.

Urback: Canada is sleepwalking into a refugee crisis. We need to act now.

Another highlighting of the consequences of lack of foresight and likely not listening to public service advice. “It’s not ideal that those legitimately seeking refuge in Canada may be denied the opportunity, but it’s a consequence of this government ignoring years of warnings. It cannot ignore these next ones.”

Le Devoir Éditorial | La fin ne justifie pas les moyens. Critique of language used by Premier Legault in pressing for more equitable repartition of asylum seekers and refugees. “Ces personnes présumées vulnérables à leur arrivée au pays n’ont pas besoin qu’on les instrumentalise ni qu’on les réduise à une statistique ou à la cause d’un débordement pour marquer des points politiques. En raison d’une exaspération politique dirigée contre Ottawa et son apathie crasse dans ce dossier, le Québec se transformerait-il petit à petit en porteur d’un message d’intransigeance ? L’exercice est certes très délicat, mais lorsqu’il manipule des dossiers pouvant mener à l’intolérance et encourager la discrimination, le premier ministre devrait comprendre que la fin ne justifie pas toujours les moyens.”

Immigration—Labour

The provision of higher- and lower-skilled immigrant labour to the Canadian economy. “The share of recent immigrants in lower-skilled or labourer jobs (35%) was almost as high as the share working in higher-skilled occupations (40%) in May 2021. However, recent immigrants and immigrants overall were much less likely than Canadian-born individuals to be in middle-skilled technical or trades jobs such as construction. Recent immigrants were more likely than their Canadian-born counterparts to be employed in higher-skilled occupations such as engineering and computer and information systems professions but less likely than Canadian-born individuals to be in nursing professions, partly because of the time it may take to become professional nurses.”

Senator Omidvar: Canada must overhaul its temporary foreign worker program. Here’s how. Reasonable suggestions: a independent commission on migrant labour policy, replace employer specific work permits with regional or sectoral (likely hard to do so), stronger inspection.

‘Smug Canadian superiority complex’ contributes to immigrant talent being underused, study says. “While racism and discrimination will not vanish, employers participating in this research have shown that many of the key challenges to immigrant labour force integration are indeed soluble,” said the report. “Sometimes it takes only minor adjustments to hiring methods or mentality.”

[Lisée | Les difficultés temporaires de François Legault](#). “François Legault avait promis de mieux gérer l’immigration et d’y arriver dans le cadre fédéral. Force est de constater que, loin d’avoir réussi à « en prendre moins », son gouvernement a activement exacerbé la situation pendant plusieurs années, avant de réaliser, penaup, dans quel pétrin il avait contribué à plonger le Québec.”

[Canada tightens rules for multinational corporations transferring employees here](#). Significant but not that important given that intra-corporate transferees accounted for only about 2 percent of all IMP in 2023.

Citizenship

[Birth tourism families could reap 'never ending chain' of Canadian citizenship abroad: critics](#). On the possible implications of Bill C-71 on birth tourism, likely secondary to the broader implications and uncertainties.

[MPI Explainer: Noncitizen Voting in U.S. Elections](#). Another analysis debunking Republican claims about the extent on non-citizen voting, “audits by election officials and numerous studies reflect that voter fraud by noncitizens is extremely rare.”

[Global Affairs Resisted Domestic Election Interference Monitoring Despite 2019 National Security Warnings](#). Keeps on getting murkier and more concerning. ““We had that capacity, but we need to focus on international threats,” she testified, suggesting that domestic monitoring responsibilities should be transferred to other departments.”

[Most Canadians say citizens who stay in high-risk conflict zones don't deserve government protection: Leger poll](#). Not surprising and understandable. “Canadians of convenience.” Also [Flight leaves Lebanon with about one-third of seats reserved for Canadians filled](#).

[Chris Selley: For anti-Israel protesters, October 7 anniversary is an unofficial citizenship test](#). Yep.

“But ultimately, what’s most important about this anniversary isn’t what’s legal and what isn’t — who if anyone gets charged and who doesn’t. It’s more like a sort of citizenship test. If you’re celebrating Palestinian resistance on Oct. 7, then you’re celebrating ethnic cleansing, which is exactly what you accuse Israel of. And you’ll be judged accordingly — if not by the legal system then by friends, neighbours, colleagues, future employers and polite Canadian society as a whole.”

Multiculturalism and Diversity

[Government of Canada invests \\$7.25 million to establish the National Institute for People of African Descent](#). Hard to see how a Conservative government would support yet another such initiative given that the broad mandate and goals are far beyond funding.

[Combatting hate in Canada](#). Announcement of expanded funding for a variety of programs and initiatives (\$273.6 million over six years, and \$29.3 million ongoing) without, it would appear, any substantive change from the INSERT evaluation. Likely will be significantly cut back under a Conservative government.

[High-ranking Montreal police officer accuses force of racism in resignation letter](#). Ongoing issue.

[Elyse Graham: Authoritarian governments love to fight wars. They're very bad at winning them](#). Interesting assessment of how diversity improves intelligence gathering and military strength.

[Sheema Khan: In times of tragedy, a Muslim wedding can be a joyful act of affirmation](#). Applies more broadly to many communities.

[Robert P. George: A Princeton Professor's Advice to Young Conservatives](#). “Grievance identitarianism — be it of the left or the right — impedes the very thing a student is attending university to do: namely, think and learn. It turns a person into a tribalist, someone who, rather than thinking for oneself, outsources one’s thinking to the group.”

[Marche: Canadian culture isn’t in crisis – it’s in recovery](#). “Other institutions are losing their once-entrenched connections to progressive orthodoxies. They have no choice. As a freelance writer, I am a bit like a stray cat; I wander into a lot of different houses and down many dark alleys, and I have seen the era of the slash-activists (the novelist/activist, the curator/activist, the administrator/activist, the journalist/activist, the professor/activist) coming to an end. Editors and publishers and administrators have learned: Too many activists work in bad faith, and only harm the institutions foolish enough to employ them.”

[Stephens: The Year American Jews Woke Up](#). “That’s one illusion I still hold dear. My mother came to the United States after World War II as a stateless, penniless refugee; she, and therefore I, owe this country everything. I desperately want to believe that what’s happened since last year on college campuses won’t go far beyond the quads; that Joe Biden won’t be the last Democratic president to also be a sincere Zionist; that the Republican Party will snap out of the populism and

nativism into which Trump has sunk it, which invariably produces antisemitism; that Black America won't turn sharply against the Jews; that America's exhaustion with being the world's de facto policeman won't lead it to forsake small countries faced with aggressive totalitarian neighbors; that Greene and Rashida Tlaib will never hold leadership positions in their parties; that young Americans drawn to anti-Israel politics will rethink their radicalism as they grow older; that envy won't replace admiration as the way average Americans view personal and communal success; that an America that exists somewhere between Morningside Heights in Manhattan and Berkeley, Calif., still hasn't lost its moral decency and common sense."

[Speer: Can Canadian pluralism survive in a post-October 7 world?](#) Valid question.

"Yes, of course, people should be free to express their political views and live out their values within the law. But we're also free to contest their views and values. We're free to argue that they're bad or wrong. And we're free to contend that not all views and values are equally valid. That's a part of pluralism too.

Compromise and cordiality are generally good. But the post-October 7 world calls for something different. We need a principled pluralism that's prepared to stand up for basic Canadian values in the face of this ongoing test."

[Lederman: A year after October 7: Grief, fear and uncertainty.](#) One of the better Canadian Jewish commentaries.

"I wish I could write my heart's demand: "No more lives lost!" and make it so. Alas, nobody has this power. Even the powerful don't seem to have this power, or desire that particular outcome. There are no words. And yet, the only thing many of us can do, is use them: to write, to talk to one another. And to express hope for peace, in spite of it all."

Also Coren: [Roald Dahl's antisemitic views are sadly still around today.](#)

"It has to be possible to have a conversation that leaves room for nuance and empathy. I shouldn't have to wonder if giving our children Hebrew middle names was a mistake. I should be able to discuss Zionism without being threatened. I shouldn't have to explain my politics merely due to my ethnicity. Otherwise that swine Roald Dahl has got away with it again."

[Handlarski | I'm a rabbi heartbroken over October 7 and the violence in Palestine. Here's what I wish each side understood about the other.](#) "If we are going to take a side, let's be on the side of peace and mutual security. The true

tragedy of this past year has been that there is no community better suited to understanding the Jewish histories of exile, oppression, and trauma than Palestinians, and vice versa. We are neighbours, we are siblings. We need to find a way to live beside each other both in Israel/Palestine and in the diaspora — and that starts with seeing the humanity in one another, acknowledging the intergenerational trauma both groups carry, and deciding to create a shared future where Palestinians and Jews can flourish.”

[Allen | The wounds of October 7 cannot heal until there is peace.](#) “I yearn for a Canada whose citizens can hold in their hearts sympathy and understanding for all those killed and maimed during this period. I wish that students on campus and Canadians more generally understood that both sides view themselves as victims and that each side bears some blame for the current crisis. I acknowledge that Palestinians have been under the yoke of an illegal occupation for over five decades and that this must end. Unfortunately, the fears and hatred generated by the Oct. 7 attack have made the task harder.”

[John Ivison: We have strayed from freedom of expression into terrain where rape and murder are lionized.](#) “Younger Canadians may yet grow out of their reckless and misguided support for settler colonialism, but only if they don’t become radicalized in the meantime.”

[ALCCA: October 7 and Beyond: A Canadian Call to Action.](#) One of the more thorough calls to action, some recommendations more realistic practically and politically than others.

[Khouri and Wilkinson | We must do better to resolve the local conflicts that have erupted since Oct. 7.](#) The challenge is immense given the apparent Hamas supporters within the Palestinian demonstrations:

“We need to start hearing each other differently, listening to understand rather than to interrupt, and applying our values consistently rather than selectively. Our social media warriors need to dull their instruments and start using them to bring us together rather than pull us apart.”

[Regg Cohn | How to cure Canada of what ails its multicultural soul.](#) On art and culture and the Agha Khan Museum.

““People have borrowed from — and benefited from — each other’s cultures since the beginning of humanity, as long as it’s not stealing,” she tells me.”

[John Ivison: Flag-burning Islamists in our streets would kill us with our own tolerance.](#) “Hostilities may not have been declared, but if you don’t think Canada is

in a fight for all it holds dear, you should watch the forces of radical Islam calling for the death of Canada on the streets of Vancouver, while holding the remnants of a burned Maple Leaf flag."

[NP View: Canada overrun by terrorist sympathizers since October 7.](#) "And what October 7 is still revealing to us is that Canada may not be a beacon of harmony, peace and goodwill. An effectively pro-terrorist movement has taken firm hold and is flagrantly indoctrinating a generation of youth into supporting a hateful and violent ideology.

Combatting antisemitism isn't just about Israel. It's also about Canada and what kind of a country we hope to be in the future."

[Gopnik: The tragedy of our time is that antisemitism rises equally from the left and right.](#) "Every person is a world in an agonizingly literal sense. Let's recall that one of the few texts that passes complete from Jewish scripture to Islamic scripture is the injunction that "Whoever kills a soul, it is as if he had slain mankind entirely. And whoever saves one – it is as if he had saved mankind entirely."

No matter how perfect our beliefs, we struggle to apply them universally, to count past two to three and four and, if we could, past that to one billion individuals who live on this planet. The persistence of antisemitism is an expression of the difficulty. Expanding those circles is the hardest work human beings do, and the most important.

[Terry Glavin: Liberal failure to outlaw pro-terrorist group Samidoun is mind boggling.](#) "The big question that went unanswered on Tuesday was the question raised in the House by Michael Chong, the Conservatives' foreign affairs critic: "Samidoun is knowingly acting on behalf of, at the direction of or in association with the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a terrorist group under the Criminal Code. This qualifies Samidoun for a terrorism listing. Why hasn't this happened?""

[Urback: When does a crowd cheering the death of Canada become an emergency?](#) "Indeed, why was one relatively localized (some border blockades had been dismantled before Mr. Trudeau invoked the Emergencies Act), largely physical threat deemed a national emergency, but a movement where terrorism is celebrated in cities all across the country, and where there have been multiple attempts to carry out violence, not viewed as a "threat to the security of Canada"? Why is some intimidation tolerated, while others elicit a federal response? When, exactly, does a crowd cheering for the death of Canada become an emergency?"

[Ling | Radical extremists are putting Canada at risk. Can we stop them before it's too late?](#) Similar efforts to other post 911 and 7/7/7 initiatives. Evaluations showed mixed effectiveness I believe but worthy to keep exploring different approaches.

[Ibbetson: India's response to Canada about allegations of grave criminal acts is the ultimate in gaslighting.](#) Ongoing repercussions.

[Canadian support for Donald Trump higher than in last U.S. presidential election, poll finds.](#) “So if we see support for Trump going up, particularly among younger men, for instance, or people west of the Ottawa River et cetera, it’s just a sign that those groups are the most dissatisfied with or among the more dissatisfied with the way things are going on in the country. This is how they are expressing it.”

Government and Public Service

[Can angst about productivity lead to serious public-service reforms?](#) Wernick’s sensible suggestions about how to approach productivity in the public sector, arguing for a program review exercise that asks the harder questions rather than across the board cuts.

[Wernick: Bulking up the Privy Council Office isn't the solution to what ails the public service.](#) Sensible advice but do note that only PCO involvement in the Afghan file resulted in effective coordination according to some of the officials involved at the working level. Interesting discussion of reinforcing TBS management role.

“My advice: the next prime minister should resist adding bespoke units to the PCO as a form of political signaling and be ruthless in winding them up. “My advice: the next prime minister should resist adding bespoke units to the PCO as a form of political signaling and be ruthless in winding them up.

Before you go there, start by making sure the enduring core functions at the PCO are in good shape. Stick to the core role of supporting cabinet. Make sure the PCO is agile and responsive to emerging issues. Use short term task teams and committees of ministers with chairs that are empowered to get results.”

[Donald Savoie: In its current form, Canada's public service can't attract the best and the brightest.](#) More from Savoie on the growth of the managerial class and government inefficiency and lack of accountability. (The percentage of Executives has increased from 1.7 percent in 1995 to 3.0 percent in 2023.)

[Breznitz - How not to run a country: Government ineptitude and Canada's economic malaise](#). “What is needed is a mindset change, the lazy fantasies of the 1990s are long gone, and the world definitely does not need Canada, it is Canada that needs the world. To win in this world we need a leadership that is committed to growing productivity in both the public and private sector and is willing to fix the government itself to do so.”

[Ministerial policy roles and mandate letters in the Justin Trudeau government](#). More interesting question is their effectiveness in service and program delivery. “Finally, this article focuses on the text of mandate letters as input into co-ordination relationships among ministers. It does not go beyond that to examine how mandate letters are used in practice, in everyday cabinet decision making and relationships between first ministers and ministers. How often, and how, do prime ministers use mandate letters in interactions with ministers? “

[The Functionary: Interview with Peter Wallace](#). Thoughtful discussion between Kathryn May and Wallace. Some of my favourite quotes, good reading for those preparing for a Conservative government:

“We want people to trust government, but they really should be skeptical about what government does with authority and they really should push back on that.”

“We’re mystified (as to) why people can be upset with government, and I don’t think we should be. The reality is governments are often times incredibly intrusive.”

“It’s incredibly important to remember that today’s dissidents are often tomorrow’s heroes. We must be cautious about shutting people out of the policy process.”

“The public pays for what we do, and they have a right to see our work. We need to demonstrate our value and show that we are thoughtful and competent. So, let’s embrace that scrutiny.”

“We’ve got to have metrics to help us understand individually at a gut level what we’re doing with that money. We have to be satisfied before we advise an expense that it’s actually worth the opportunity cost, worth the fiscal cost.

[Harrison Lowman: By putting words in Poilievre’s mouth, CTV put its foot in theirs](#). Thoughtful commentary on the further polarization and risks of weakened trust in mainstream media. “I’m worried. I’m worried that chasm between mainstream journalism and conservatives will become even wider. I’m worried

blind spots will grow for a media that for the life of them doesn't "get" conservatives. I'm worried their errors will increase as cuts continue. I'm worried conservatives are beginning to not just distrust mainstream news, but increasingly distrust journalism as a profession."