

The Truth About Canada's 2019 Election

PART 2: THE RULE OF LAW

SNC Lavalin

- ▶ SNC Lavalin – a giant Montreal construction firm – was accused of two major crimes based on its association with the Gaddafi regime:
 - ▶ paying \$48 million in bribes to Libyan government officials, and
 - ▶ defrauding the Libyan government (and other entities) of "property, money or valuable security or service" worth \$130 million.
- ▶ Deferred prosecution agreement – no criminal charges.
- ▶ In the leaders' debate, Conservative leader Andrew Scheer accused Justin Trudeau of lying to Canadians when the SNC-Lavalin allegations first surfaced:
 - ▶ "You looked Canadians in the eye and told Canadians that the allegations in the Globe and Mail were false," Scheer said to Trudeau.
 - ▶ Trudeau replied: "They were false."
 - ▶ This will surprise the Ethics Commissioner, who ruled otherwise.

<https://nationalpost.com/news/politics/election-2019/the-snc-lavalin-scandal-heres-whats-true-and-whats-false>

Canada's Liberals

Obstruction of Justice

- ▶ Trudeau allegedly pushed out his Justice Minister and Attorney General after she refused to offer a non-prosecution agreement to an engineering firm - SNC-Lavalin.
- ▶ Trudeau was terrified that if prosecution occurred, and the firm was forced to close or reduce its workforce, he might lose critical electoral and political support in his home district.
- ▶ The RCMP were reportedly investigating serious claims that Trudeau obstructed justice.
- ▶ Globe and Mail: Trudeau's Liberal government has **blocked** attempts by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to investigate possible obstruction of justice in the SNC-Lavalin affair.
- ▶ **Trudeau refused to lift cabinet confidentiality for all witnesses, crippling the ability of the RCMP to conduct an investigation.**

<https://www.zerohedge.com/geopolitical/trudeaus-liberal-government-reportedly-obstructed-rcmp-ethics-probe>

Obstructing Justice

- ▶ Some G&M sources said they were instructed to *not* discuss issues related to the scandal with police officials.
- ▶ Earlier in the current year, Ethics Commissioner Mario Dion reportedly faced similar stonewalling during his own independent inquiry into the scandal.
- ▶ One former RCMP commissioner reported that the investigation was trapped in a difficult position, because privilege at the cabinet level is "pretty strong."
- ▶ Former commissioner of the RCMP, Bob Paulson: "If [the RCMP] were serious enough, they would probably get a search warrant, but that would probably be shot down by the courts. The privilege is pretty strong at the cabinet level."

Conflict of Interest

- ▶ In a report published recently, **the Ethics Commissioner asserted that Trudeau used his position of authority over Jody Wilson-Raybould to try and convince her to halt a criminal prosecution of SNC-Lavalin.**
- ▶ According to the report, Trudeau violated Canada's Federal Conflict of Interest Act.
- ▶ Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's cabinet alleged that Trudeau (as well as several members of his inner circle) had tried to pressure her into dropping criminal charges against SNC-Lavalin.
- ▶ Canadian Ethics commissioner Mario Dion has ruled that, in doing so, Trudeau violated a section of the Conflict of Interest Act:
 - ▶ "The prime minister, directly and through his senior officials, used various means to exert influence over Ms. Wilson-Raybould," Dion said.
 - ▶ "The authority of the prime minister and his office was used to circumvent, undermine and ultimately attempt to discredit the decision of the director of public prosecutions as well as the authority of Ms. Wilson-Raybould as the Crown's chief law officer."

Trudeau Broke Law?

- ▶ Former Treasury Board minister Jane Philpott – after resigning from Trudeau's cabinet to protest the scandal - has demanded that the speaker of Canada's House of Commons rule that Trudeau violated Canadian law when he unilaterally expelled her and former Justice Minister and AG Jody Wilson-Raybould from the Liberal Party caucus.
- ▶ "According to the Globe and Mail, a law called the Parliament of Canada Act - which was amended in 2015 to include a process for expelling members from a party caucus - stipulates that a caucus vote via secret ballot must be held before an MP can be ejected. Trudeau didn't hold a vote before effectively exiling the two dissident women from the party last week."

<https://www.zerohedge.com/news/2019-04-09/trudeau-broke-law-when-he-expelled-critics-liberal-caucus-mp-says>

Free Speech

- ▶ In May 2019, Canada's Liberal government launched the so-called Digital Charter, meant to promote "trust in a digital world."
- ▶ The charter contains ten principles, three of which focus on "hate speech and disinformation".
- ▶ Naturally, the charter contains no definition of what constitutes "hate" – turning it into flexible weapon to be used against whatever the Canadian government deems politically troublesome.
- ▶ The Conservative members of the committee... recommended that punishments regarding hate crimes (online or off) should be dealt with under the existing appropriate sections of the Criminal Code.
- ▶ They also recommended that "The definition of 'hate' under the Criminal Code be limited to where a threat of violence, or incitement to violence, is directed against an identifiable group" and that "rather than attempting to control speech and ideas, the Government explore appropriate security measures to address all three elements of a threat: intent, capability and opportunity."

<https://www.zerohedge.com/news/2019-08-15/killing-free-speech-canada>

Free Speech

- ▶ Conservative Party dissenting opinion in "Taking Action to End Online Hate":
- ▶ "Sickening ideologies which encourage individuals to take the lives of their fellow human beings have faced a concerning proliferation both at home and around the world. Yet sadly, Justin Trudeau and the Liberal Members of this Committee have tried to use these troubling events as a way to bolster their political fortunes. They have tried to paint anyone who doesn't subscribe to their narrow value set as an extremist."
- ▶ The charter, said Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, will target fake news and hate speech online.
- ▶ "The platforms are failing their users, and they're failing our citizens. They have to step up in a major way to counter disinformation. And if they don't, we will hold them to account and there will be meaningful financial consequences."
- ▶ Charter: "The Government of Canada will defend freedom of expression and protect against online threats and disinformation designed to undermine the integrity of elections and democratic institutions. Canadians can expect that digital platforms will not foster or disseminate hate, violent extremism or criminal content."
- ▶ "There will be clear, meaningful penalties for violations of the laws and regulations that support these principles."

Free Speech

- ▶ Canada already has hate speech laws in its criminal code: anyone who publicly "incites [or willfully promotes] hatred against any identifiable group" commits an indictable offence. The "identifiable group" includes "any section of the public distinguished by colour, race, religion, national or ethnic origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or mental or physical disability." Section 318 prohibits advocating or promoting genocide.
- ▶ In June, the House of Commons Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights released a report titled "Taking Action to End Online Hate," which recommended that the Canadian government establish a "civil remedy" for people who claim that their human rights have been violated.
- ▶ After hearing from witnesses, the majority of the Committee suggested that Section 13 of the Canadian Human Rights Act – or something similar to it – be reinstated.
- ▶ Section 13 was repealed in 2013 under the Harper government after being justly criticized by free-speech advocates for its role in enabling censorship on the internet.
- ▶ Section 13 stated that it was discriminatory for people to communicate via computer or on the internet "any matter that is likely to expose a person or persons to hatred or contempt by reason of the fact that that person or those persons are identifiable on the basis of a prohibited ground of discrimination."

Free Speech

- ▶ The Conservative members of the committee were against reintroducing the repealed section 13 of the Canadian Human Rights Act.
- ▶ Sanctions regarding hate crimes online (or elsewhere) should be dealt with under the appropriate sections of the Criminal Code.
- ▶ The Conservative members conclude:
- ▶ "Far too many innocent individuals have been impacted by extremist violence in recent years. Sickening ideologies which encourage individuals to take the lives of their fellow human beings have faced a concerning proliferation both at home and around the world. Yet sadly, Justin Trudeau and the Liberal Members of this Committee have tried to use these troubling events as a way to bolster their political fortunes. They have tried to paint anyone who doesn't subscribe to their narrow value set as an extremist. This is dangerous. Conservatives believe that Canadian society is resilient precisely because it offers a big tent for all sort of views, but that we also must hold those accountable who distribute material that radicalizes individuals and leads to extremist violence."

Free Speech

- ▶ The Conservative party wrote a dissenting opinion in the report, according to which:
- ▶ "... many of the suggestions would, if implemented, have the dual impact of stifling free speech of those acting in good faith, while also serving to further radicalize bad actors by driving their communication out of the public square... Driving reprehensible ideas underground will not end them. It will merely prevent them from being debated and debunked."
- ▶ The Trudeau government also adopted the parliamentary motion M-103, condemning any critical discussion of Islam and Muslims as "Islamophobia."

<https://www.zerohedge.com/news/2018-11-27/canadas-treacherous-faustian-bargain>

Guns

- ▶ The Daily Caller's Ottawa Bureau Chief David Krayden reports that the Trudeau government is heading towards a total ban on handguns and assault weapons in Canada.
- ▶ CBC News has reported that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has sent a letter of mandate to Border Security Minister Bill Blair which makes it clear the direction the Liberal government wishes to take:
 - ▶ "You should lead an examination of a full ban on handguns and assault weapons in Canada, while not impeding the lawful use of firearms by Canadians."