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Talking About Wage Earners Acting For Big Business

Don Currie - Chair CPS

Big business has anointed the Harper Conservatives as their first choice on October 14th. The Dion Liberals are a second best. The corporate bosses believe they have another "win-win" as the profit system slides into global recession.

Not everyone is fooled. The leaders of organized labour from coast to coast are warning members not to vote Conservative. Organized labour is right. Harper is the wrong choice for workers. Harper doesn't have a hidden agenda he has an unfinished anti-labour agenda.

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The "Left" Bamboozled Again!

William O'Casey - Alberta Energy Sector Worker

It is with dismay that I find myself penning this commentary. Along with hundreds of thousands of other Alberta workers my family's livelihood is completely dependent on the energy sector and in particular the tar sands. Like thousands of other Alberta energy sector workers I have worked my whole life in the construction, maintenance and technology and engineering of industrial projects in Alberta. It is how we make our living.

Alberta energy sector and construction workers are no different than auto workers, manufacturing sector workers, forestry workers, east and west coast fishers, health care workers, teachers and service industry workers, confronting a capitalist system in crisis. We are not dispensable. We need our jobs and we will fight for our jobs!

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Canadians Got It Right. The Media Moguls Got It Wrong!

The attempt of the brain trusts of the major parties and a few corporate media executives to stage a televised federal election debate without Green Party Leader Elizabeth May failed. Public outrage at the attempt to exclude May from the leader's debate forced media moguls to climb down from their elitist perch and make room for May to participate.

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Communist Party Enters Election Campaign

Just as Stephen Harper unleashed his threat to dissolve Parliament, members of the Communist Party of Canada's Central Committee gathered in Toronto for a two day meeting over the August 23-24 weekend. The meeting finalized plans to nominate some two dozen candidates in the October 14 election, running on a platform to defeat the Harper Tories and to fight for policies of peace, Canadian sovereignty, jobs, social justice, and democracy.

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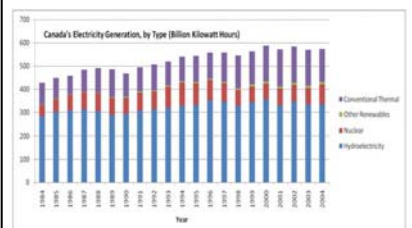
It's the "Stupid Economy"

"It's the economy, stupid" was a phrase coined by a Bill Clinton campaign strategist to expose Republican George H.W. Bush's (Bush senior) failure to talk about economic questions in the 1992 Presidential campaign. Clinton did and he won.

Re-work the slogan and we get: **"It's the Stupid Economy."** Just how "stupid" the economy can become in the hands of right wing politicians is revealed everyday in the financial pages of the corporate media.

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FOS Fact: Canada's generates 40% of Electricity from Coal and Nuclear Power Sources. Source: [EIA](#)



"Alberta should require that all bitumen extracted from the oil sands be at least upgraded to synthetic oil before being shipped out of the province."

Alberta Federation of Labour
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