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THE CURSE OF OUR FEMALE GOVERNORS-GENERAL

“The role of the Governor-General is to be a unifying symbol in our system of government with the Queen as its head. ...The female Governors-General have done a disservice to their office by undermining and discrediting it.”

What’s with the last three female Governors-General? They lack common sense and they have a startling lack of understanding of their role. The role of the Governor-General is largely a ceremonial one, and is supposed to be a unifying symbol in our system of government with the Queen as its head. There are two primary duties of a Governor-General: exercising certain powers on behalf of the Queen, and serving as a unifying figure for all Canadians, even those with whom he or she disagrees. The female Governors-General have not been helpful in this regard.

ADRIENNE CLARKSON (1999–2005)



Liberal Prime Minister Jean Chrétien appointed Adrienne Clarkson Governor-General in 1999. She proved to be an expensive burden to Canada. She and her writer husband, John Ralston Saul, believed themselves to be “intellectuals”, learned in the arts and culture, and believed that Canadians should be honoured by their presence at Rideau Hall. The fact is, Clarkson and her husband were pretentious, self-promoting opportunists. As one wit stated: “Now that Clarkson and her husband Saul have been installed in Rideau Hall with free rent, food, servants, free limo and jet rides, maybe Saul could stop applying for Canada Council Grants on which he relied to write his largely unintelligible books.”

Before her appointment, Clarkson was a broadcast journalist, a feminist activist and board member of the Canadian Abortion Rights Action League (CARAL). She pushed feminism at every opportunity on her CBC current affairs program. Her activism continued as Governor-General when she sent a congratulatory letter, in January, 2001, to a homosexual couple in Toronto when they went through a fraudulent form of marriage at a homosexual church, presided over by controversial, homosexual pastor, Brent Hawkes.

As a former employee of the CBC, Clarkson had a lot of

experience spending taxpayers’ money. She and Saul lapped up the luxury at Rideau Hall and refused to be accountable for their expenses. They squandered unbelievable sums of money on their lifestyle. During her term of office, the budget at Rideau Hall skyrocketed from \$11 million to \$19 million. Some of Clarkson’s expenses included:

- Doubling the staff at Rideau Hall;
- In the last two years of her appointment, Clarkson and her husband flew to New York City on government aircraft ten times. She refused to disclose the purpose of these overnight trips (to see a Broadway show, perhaps?) The military Challenger aircraft costs \$2,032 per hour to fly, totalling \$48,564 for these ten trips. This did not include salaries for air and ground personnel, support and engineering, services, holding facilities, security and crew training services associated with Challenger;
- In 2003, Clarkson and her husband headed an entourage of 60 of their dearest friends and associates, consisting of artists and other luminaries, on a tour of Russia, Finland, Iceland and the Baltics, which cost the taxpayers \$5 million.

In 2011, six years after her departure from office, Clarkson demanded \$500,000 from the taxpayers to cover secretarial services which she claimed were required to respond to correspondence relating to her term of office as Governor-General. During this six year period, Clarkson wrote her memoirs (2007) for the supposed delight of Canadians, to allow them to marvel at her great personal achievements. In 2011, she published a book exalting Canadian Communist Norman Bethune’s contribution to communist China. Likely, the \$500,000 she demanded included secretarial services to produce these books.

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MICHAELLE JEAN (2005–2010)



The next Governor-General, Michaëlle Jean, was appointed by Liberal Prime Minister Paul Martin. In her previous life, Jean was also a CBC journalist in Montreal. It didn't take long for problems to emerge with her appointment.

There was the problem of her apparent support for Quebec separation. Jean had cavorted on film with separatist supporters and raised a glass to Quebec independence. Her husband, Jean-Daniel Lafond, had written a book in which he compared the plight of Quebec to that of ex-colonial Caribbean nations struggling against "the transnational techno-capitalism Mafia". M. Jean-Daniel Lafond was a former philosophy professor from France who became a filmmaker in Quebec. Jean also established her left wing credentials by participating in a documentary in which she celebrated the 40-year rule of Cuban communist dictator Fidel Castro. Both Jean and her husband were citizens of France, as well as Canada, but due to adverse comments at the time of her appointment, Jean gave up her French citizenship. Jean had to make a face-saving statement saying she really did believe in Canada. What an extraordinary declaration for a Governor-General to be obliged to make!

Born in Haiti and emigrating to Canada as a child, Jean was a lightweight with little or no grasp of Canadian history, culture or traditions. She also appears to have had an imperfect understanding of the role of Governor-General. Not being blessed with discernment or independent thought, she backed every politically correct position available. Her partisan, left-based views are evidenced in her speeches, which amounted only to a re-hashing of the left wing political agenda. They were frequently about women suffering from discrimination or violence for which, of course, feminism was the answer.

Canadians could, perhaps, live with Jean's inconsequential feminist speeches, but what was unacceptable was her political meddling. She seemed to believe that it was her role to publicly scold and embarrass the Conservative government when it deviated from her own left-wing agenda. For example, she:

- Hosted a private dinner party at Rideau Hall in October 2006, which was attended by outspoken critics of the Afghanistan war. The pretext for the party was to supposedly honour Afghanistan's Prime Minister Hamid Karzai. No cabinet ministers were invited. Although Jean was a political neophyte and lacked the experience of the seasoned and astute Queen Elizabeth, Jean felt competent to use her position at Rideau Hall to trespass on a political issue.
- On April 16, 2007, on the occasion of the celebration of the 25-year anniversary of the *Charter of Rights*, Jean took the opportunity to claim that vulnerable groups do not have access to the "justice system". She declared that Canada was at a crossroads and spoke darkly about the need to resist the temptation to deny our fellow citizens their most basic rights. Her comments came at the same

time that the Conservative party was being criticized in the House of Commons for withdrawing funding from the notorious Court Challenges Program.

Jean was also no slacker in her love of luxury. Two days before her installation, she stayed with her family and friends at Ottawa's Chateau Laurier Hotel. This cost the taxpayers \$7,750.00. Jean had the time of her life, loving the attention, the luxury, the clothes, and the travel. In her view it was all about her. The history, purpose and the responsibilities, apart from a few scattered trendy speeches, of her high office appeared to sit lightly on her shoulders. For example, she declined to swear in the new cabinet ministers in the January, 2007 cabinet shuffle, an important part of her constitutional duties, because she wanted to spend time with her husband and daughter after returning from a trip to Africa.

Two weeks before she vacated her office as Governor-General, Jean threw a shindig at Rideau Hall inviting every extremist feminist from across the land to attend a lavish conference at the taxpayers' expense. She wanted to thank the attendee feminists for all their excellent work and to encourage them in their efforts to continue as agents of change, as she stepped down from office.

JULIE PAYETTE (OCTOBER, 2017)



Next up in the female Governor-General category is Julie Payette, a former astronaut and engineer appointed in October, 2017. Scarcely a month into her appointment as Governor-General, in her first major speech, Payette pronounced personal beliefs with great certainty, while mocking those who had different beliefs on such issues as climate change, or held a religious faith, which included such foolishness as Creation.

In a November 4, 2017 editorial, the *National Post* diplomatically suggested that Payette was on a learning curve, and that hopefully she will learn from her mistake. Other columnists and editorials in the *National Post* and other major newspapers took her to task for her appalling ignorance about the role of the Governor-General. Payette seems to have the bizarre notion that her position as Governor-General provides her with a platform to promote her personal opinions to enlighten the ignorant public.

If she wasn't aware of her responsibilities as Governor-General, why didn't the Prime Minister's office see that she was properly instructed? Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, according to newspaper reports, was thrilled with his choice of Payette as Governor-General. Look at her, she is French speaking, an engineer and astronaut! Trudeau was seeking, as always, optics over prudent judgment. Rumour has it that the Prime Minister was so excited about appointing Payette, that he didn't even bother to investigate her background before the appointment. If it had been done, he would have found some troubling facts which should have indicated a certain lack of judgment on her part.

It appears, however, that Trudeau is just as ignorant as Payette about the duties of a Governor-General. He de-

fended her mocking speech, stating that his government was grounded in science:

- And I am extraordinarily proud of the strength and the story of our Governor General, Julie Payette, who has never hidden away her passion for science and her deep faith that knowledge, research and the truth is a foundation for any free, stable, successful society.

Opposition leader Andrew Scheer responded to Trudeau's comment on Payette's gaffe:

- It is extremely disappointing that the Prime Minister will not support Indigenous peoples, Muslims, Jews, Sikhs, Christians and other faith groups who believe there is truth in their religion. ...
- Respect for diversity includes respect for the diversity of religious beliefs, and Justin Trudeau has offended millions of Canadians with his comments.

Trudeau's unfortunate comments have raised serious questions as to whether Payette can be impartial in future, if she should be asked to decide who should form a government, or whether to accept a recommendation to prorogue or dissolve Parliament. She and Trudeau are obviously on the same political wave length.

DAVID JOHNSTON (2010-2017)



In contrast, Payette's immediate predecessor Governor-General David Johnston supported by his competent wife, Sharon, never put a wrong foot forward in his role as Governor-General. Oops, he did put a steadying hand on the Queen's elbow when she descended some slippery steps in London shortly before he retired. Protocol requires that the Queen not be touched. This is the case, with the exception of Michelle Obama, who put a friendly arm around the Queen while they were walking together at Buckingham Palace. According to the pro Obama media, this was not a concern, merely a minor misunderstanding of protocol, which the latter didn't apply to Obama and wife, but apparently did apply to Governor-General Johnston.

David Johnston's stellar performance as Governor-General may be due to the fact that he is a distinguished legal scholar, former president of McGill University and Waterloo University and was not a pretentious, self-seeking opportunist, unlike Canada's female Governors-General. He obviously understood the fundamentals and purpose of the ceremonial role of the Governor-General.

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TRUDEAU'S CONTINUOUS OPENHANDED PAYOUTS

"The Supreme Court of Canada stated that there is no hierarchy of rights under the Charter. Trudeau, however, has revised this by awarding homosexuals, not equal rights, but superior rights in Canada."

Rather than defending his government, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau readily capitulates to legal demands brought against it and quickly pays out taxpayers' money on demand.

He recently awarded \$145 million to homosexuals because they were dismissed in the past from the civil service and the military, assessed as a national security risk since they were vulnerable to blackmail as homosexuality, at that time, was prohibited in the *Criminal Code*. This payout was the result of a class action legal challenge brought by a Toronto-based homosexual lawyer, Douglas Elliott.

Despite this payout to homosexuals, it is a fact that they have been at all times, free to find employment elsewhere, and were accepted as full citizens with all rights and privileges. Who is to be compensated next? Will all homosexuals who were not permitted to marry prior to 2005 want to be compensated? Will all those women denied abortion prior to 1969, when it was prohibited by the *Criminal Code*, also be compensated?

This homosexual fund will entitle an individual to a minimum payment of \$5,000 and a maximum of \$150,000, depending on the degree of the alleged harassment or per-

secution. It is believed two to three thousand people will make claims.

Legislation has also been introduced for those convicted of buggery or gross indecency involving same-sex acts. They can apply to the Parole Board of Canada to have the conviction expunged from the record and the related judicial records destroyed.

Trudeau claimed, on November 28, 2017 (his time as a high school drama teacher has paid off) in his tear-stained apology to LGBTQ2, that the apology was being made on behalf of "all" Canadians. This is not true. This apology is not supported by people of faith whether Christian, Muslim, Sikh or Orthodox Jew who do not believe that homosexuality is normal, moral, or risk free.

It was deceitful of Trudeau to pretend that there are no consequences to homosexual sexual practices, medically, psychologically and socially.

The reality is that the homosexual lifestyle often leads to the devastation of AIDS, anal, throat and mouth cancer, sexually transmitted diseases, drug abuse and increased depression and suicide. This occurs even in countries like the Netherlands and Sweden, where homosexual rights have been the law of the land for years. Homosexuals there remain three times more susceptible to mood disorders and 3 to 10 times more likely to engage in suicidal self-harm.

Heritage Minister Mélanie Joly has further announced another \$15 million has been earmarked for propaganda purposes to promote homosexuality in Canada. This sum

includes the cost of erecting in Ottawa, a statue to homosexuals. A further \$770,000 has been given to the LGBTQ2 organization EGALE to fund a travelling exhibit in ten cities, called: *Legalizing Love: the Road to June 27th, 1969*. The sum also includes the costs of a 60-minute documentary to increase awareness about LGBTQ2.

The Canadian military has been ordered to provide “safe places” for homosexuals, allowing them to create networks and seek information and assistance. This is discrimination against the needs of other military personnel. A new defense policy includes the appointment of a “diversity champion” within the military to ensure the integration of Gender-Based Analysis Plus in all defense activities, and a new focus on recruiting and retaining diverse populations. One would have thought that the purpose of the Canadian Armed Forces was to be a deterrent to war and, if need be, to participate in war in order to protect Canadians. The military was never intended to be a social agency to promote homosexuality. Finally, \$250,000 has been set aside to fund projects to support services for the LGBTQ2 community, such as peer led support for these communities and education sessions on the impacts of homophobia.

The result of Trudeau’s apology and funding is long range and damaging.

A genuine concern arises about those who do not ac-

cept Trudeau’s simplistic interpretation of homosexuality. Are they going to be hounded and persecuted under these homosexual programs?

The Supreme Court of Canada stated that there is no hierarchy of rights under the Charter. Trudeau, however, has revised this by awarding homosexuals, not equal rights, but superior rights in Canada.

Please write to the following, objecting to the payment of this money to homosexuals and for the promotion of their propaganda.

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THE ARROGANCE OF JUSTIN TRUDEAU

Trudeau’s superficial understanding of issues and his arrogance have endangered our lives. Our future is not safe in his immature hands.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau believes that he is not accountable to the Canadian public. He believes that he may say and do whatever he wants, and hand out taxpayers’ money to whomever he wants, completely ignoring the views of Canadians whom he is supposed to represent.



Detail by Mark Challen, *Huffington Post Canada*, November 8, 2016 .

Examples of his arrogant behaviour are piling up:

- In July, 2017 Trudeau appointed a close friend of Gerald Butts, his Senior Advisor in the Prime Minister’s Office (PMO), as Canada’s consul general to San Francisco. The salary for this individual, Rana Sarkar, a former Liberal candidate, is \$260,300—almost double the official pay rate for other such appointments.

Trudeau appointed, as Canadian Ambassador to France, former Quebec business person, Isabelle Hudon, with a salary amounting to \$119,400.00 more than any other career diplomat earns for the same or similar posting. Ms. Hudon’s salary range is between \$247,900 and \$291,600, whereas the salary range is usually between: \$172,200 and \$202,500. The predecessor to Ms. Hudon, Lawrence Cannon, appointed by the Conservative government, was paid, after five years on the job, between \$192,600 and \$226,500.

There has never been a satisfactory explanation for this discrepancy in salary paid to Ms. Hudon and to Rana Sarkar.

- Not only is Trudeau making huge payouts to homosexuals and spending millions for propaganda purposes within Canada, he is also arrogantly pushing the issue with other countries despite the fact that homosexuality is contrary to the culture and religion of these countries.

In 2016, Canada assumed the role of co-chair of a new “Equal Rights Coalition” which is a network of 30 countries

from the west who are attempting to promote and protect LGBT rights in the developing world. Canada is also working to promote homosexuality within the Commonwealth. Thirty-six of the fifty-two member countries within the Commonwealth do not accept homosexuality. Trudeau apparently believes he is entitled to impose his personal beliefs on these countries as well as within Canada

- Canadian national security is at risk because of the returning Canadians who had travelled abroad to join the ISIS (Islamic State of Iraq and Syria) to fight against the Canadian military operating in Syria with our allies there. These hardened terrorists are to be welcomed back to Canada under Trudeau's policy to provide them disengagement and integration support, and counselling at the newly established government agency, *Canada Centre for Community Engagement and Prevention of Violence*, in order to help these jihadists supposedly renounce their terrorist ideology.

In contrast, Britain is stripping citizenship from dual national terrorists and banning them from returning to the UK. The US has stated explicitly that its mission is to make sure that any foreign fighters who join the terrorists in Syria, also die in Syria. Australia and France have taken a similar approach, with French special forces hunting down and killing French terrorist fighters before they return to France to create further terrorism there.

According to the Minister of Public Safety, Ralph Goodale, there are about 180 Canadian extremists who are active in terror groups around the world, and around 60 have already returned to Canada. Mr. Trudeau believes that de-radicalization counselling and giving terrorists taxpayer funded handouts and support will turn these warmongers into stable citizens.

The existing literature indicates that these returning terrorists are not likely to change, and instead, are capable, committed and dangerous, and are much more effective at terrorism than non-veterans. Trudeau's policy on the returning terrorists is not just incompetent, but is also reckless and dangerous for Canadian citizens.

TRUDEAU BORN INTO WEALTH AND PRIVILEGE

Trudeau's arrogance stems from the fact that he was born into wealth and privilege. He lacks adequate education, intelligence and experience to function as Prime Minister. His name has carried him far. His friends include aristocrats and a small tight circle of elitists consisting of the wealthy, influential, and powerful. He has no understanding of the lives of ordinary Canadians who work hard, look after their children without paid nannies, pay their taxes, and generally hold up and maintain Canadian society. The latter are important to Trudeau only to squeeze more taxes from them. His friends are wealthy financial advisors, environmentalists, professional feminists, abortion and homosexual advocates to whom he gives generous dollops of taxpayers' money.

Trudeau operates under the notion that he is anointed to carry out a mission to set Canada and the world on a proper left wing trajectory. He believes he is right, and that others, those not in his select circle, are improperly informed and misled and that it's up to him to set them straight. That is, straight into accumulating deficit and heavy debt, with a carbon tax which will increase taxes (contrary to his oft-repeated vacuous concern for the "middle class"). He is legalizing marijuana to gain the millennial vote, despite the fact marijuana is a health and traffic hazard, especially for adolescents. Under Trudeau's marijuana legislation, every home may grow four marijuana plants. The crop can easily be sold illegally by family members to others. He has imposed extremist feminist and homosexual policies both domestically and internationally, with Canadian taxpayers' money. He promotes and has earmarked \$21 million to provide more female participation in international peacekeeping where they will be even more vulnerable to harassment and sexual assault than they are experiencing. Part of this fund is to be used to crack down on sexual assaults by security personnel and peacekeepers themselves!

The changes that Trudeau is making have not been properly analyzed. They are immature and harmful. If they had been carefully analyzed, they should never have been implemented.

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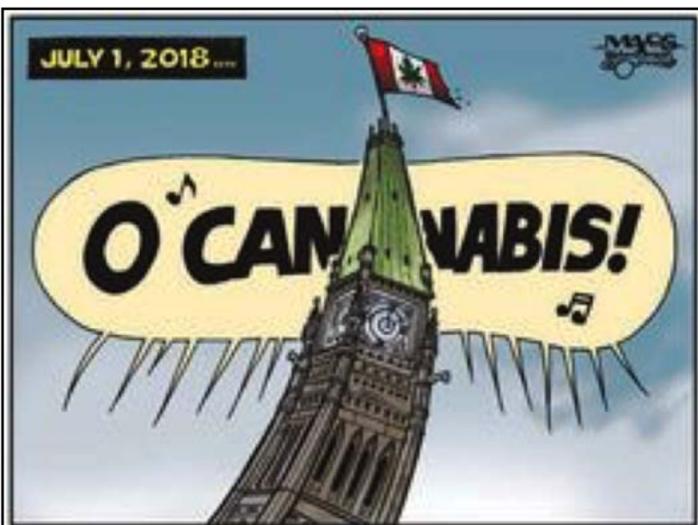
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RELIGION STRENGTHENS IN FORMER COMMUNIST COUNTRIES

Roughly a quarter of a century after the fall of the Iron Curtain and the collapse of the Soviet Union, a major new Pew Research Center survey finds that religion has reasserted itself as an important part of individual and national identity in many of the Central and Eastern European countries, where communist regimes once repressed religious worship and promoted atheism.

Today, solid majorities of adults across much of these regions say they believe in God, and most identify with a religion. Orthodox Christianity and Roman Catholicism are the most prevalent religious affiliations, much as they were more than 100 years ago in the twilight years of the Russian and Austro-Hungarian empires.

That said, the Pew Research Center Survey, in its fascinating report *“Religious Belief and National Belonging in Central and Eastern Europe”*, also found that not everyone is an observant follower of a faith, actively attends church or prays daily: just 10 percent of Orthodox Christians, for example, do so.

Nonetheless, the comeback of religion in a region once dominated by atheist regimes is striking—particularly in some historically Orthodox countries, where levels of religious affiliation have risen substantially in recent decades.

Catholicism in Central and Eastern Europe, meanwhile, has not experienced the same upsurge as Orthodox Christianity. In part, because much of the population in countries such as Poland and Hungary, retained their Catholic identity even during the communist era, leaving less of a religious vacuum to be filled when the USSR fell out of power and influence.

One country that has seen a decline in Catholic affiliation is the Czech Republic, where the share of the public identifying as Catholic dropped from 44% in 1991 to 21% in the current survey. The Czech Republic today is one of the most secular countries in Europe, with nearly three quarters of adults (72%) describing their religion as atheist, agnostic

or “nothing in particular.” However, the Czech Republic is the exception. This may be explained by its “political geography”, in that it is further west (and identifies with the West), while the Orthodox countries are further east, close to the former Soviet Union when atheism thrived.

The Catholic religious revival is taking place in such countries as Hungary, Poland, Croatia and Lithuania. In June, 2017, Lithuania rejected same-sex marriage. This is not surprising since polls there show that 80% of Lithuanians are against same-sex marriage. The Lithuanian Parliament (Seimas) listened to the public, not the media or the EU bureaucrats in Brussels, in rejecting same-sex marriage.

The Orthodox revival is taking place in Moldavia, Greece, Armenia, Georgia, Serbia, Romania, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Belarus and Russia.

The Orthodox faith is strongly opposed to abortion.

Archimandrite Theophilactes addressed the Russian parliament’s *Commission for the Protection of Christian Values* at their first session of the new State Duma in May 2017. He advised the commission to make an abortion ban the top legislative priority.

“Abortion must be made equal to murder,” the Patriarch’s representative urged. “Attention must be paid to this bill and eventually it must be passed.”

The Commission for the Protection of Christian Values is a lower house coalition of 46 members of Parliament coming together to make sure Russian laws conform to Biblical standards of morality and decency. New laws are proposed and existing laws are evaluated for their impact on Russian society in terms of Christian values.

Religiously mixed countries include Estonia, Bosnia and Latvia, where religion is a strong part of national life.

This revival of faith in Eastern Europe is forming a strong wall against the tyranny of the Western elites who are trying to force their failed ideology on their countries. †

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