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THE SCANDALOUS 2021 FEDERAL ELECTION

2021 was an election for losers – including the Canadian public. After paying \$610 million on the election, the House of Commons is scarcely different from what it was before the election writ was dropped.

The seat count:

PARTY	2019 FEDERAL ELECTION RESULTS	2021 FEDERAL ELECTION RESULTS
Liberal Party of Canada	157	160
Conservative Party of Canada	121	119
Bloc Quebecois	32	32
New Democratic Party of Canada	24	25
Green Party of Canada	3	2
People’s Party of Canada	0	0
Other	1	0

Source: Elections Canada, October 7, 2021.

Both the Liberals and Conservatives decreased in popular support from the 2019 election. In contrast, the People’s Party, under Maxime Bernier, experienced a surge in the popular vote moving from 292,661 (CBC, September 21, 2021) in 2019, to an astonishing 842,253 – a 187.79% in-

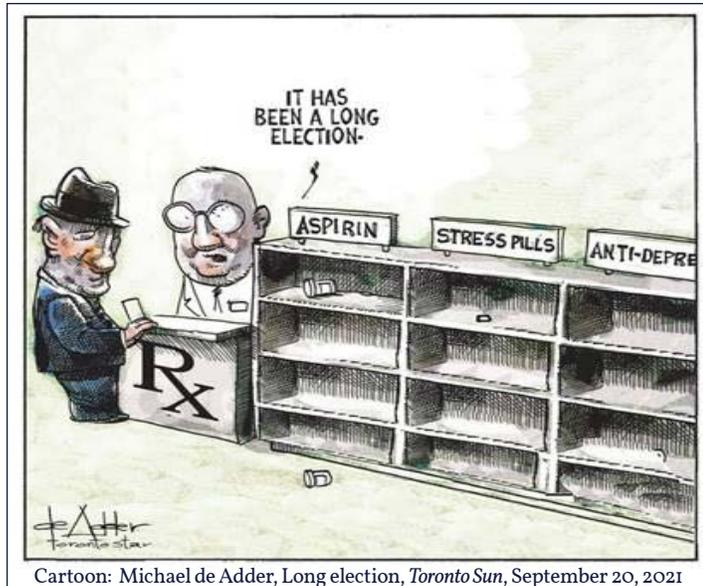
crease. (Elections Canada, September 27, 2021). Indeed, at 5% of the popular vote, the People’s Party of Canada had a larger share than the Green party’s 2.3%! The People’s Party of Canada, however, did not win any seats.

THE LIBERALS

Justin Trudeau called this unnecessary election for one reason only: to satisfy his vanity to obtain a Liberal majority in the House of Commons. In the end, Trudeau gained a mere three seats over the 2019 election result. Despite Trudeau “giving” the province of Quebec a grant of \$6 billion in August, with no conditions attached, he won only 35 seats out of 78 Quebec seats, which was a loss of three seats from the 2019 federal election. In Ontario, the Liberals obtained 78 seats, losing a seat from 2019.

The Liberals also lost three seats in the Atlantic Provinces. In the West, the Liberals won only 19 seats in total over the four Western provinces. Significantly, all seats were located in the urban centres of Winnipeg, Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver. Essentially, the Liberal government no longer represents Canada, but only the provinces of Ontario (78 seats) and Quebec (35 seats) and, especially, Toronto and Montreal, where seats were concentrated, supported by the few urban centres in the West.

This fact didn’t seem to bother Trudeau personally when he declared in his “victory” speech that he had a mandate for a progressive agenda, stating “millions of Canadians have chosen a progressive plan”. In making such a declaration, Trudeau ignored the fact that 67.4% of Canadian voters did not vote for his party or its “progressive” platform. He also denied there was any division among Canadians. Instead, he claimed that Canadians are standing together for “real climate action, for \$10-a-day child care, for homes that are in



Cartoon: Michael de Adder, Long election, *Toronto Sun*, September 20, 2021

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reach for middle-class families, for our shared journey on the path of reconciliation". Trudeau never lets reality stand in the way of doing what he wants to do. His minority government, which will be backed in Parliament by the Bloc Quebecois and the NDP parties, will force a left-wing agenda on Canada, despite the views of many, if not most Canadians.

THE CONSERVATIVES

The Red Tory, eastern elites, who control the Conservative Party, thought they had their dream candidate in Erin O'Toole. The 2021 election, however, was a disaster for the Conservatives. O'Toole moved the party to the left, ignoring its social conservative base, which supported him in the leadership race. The base regards the move to the left as an unforgivable betrayal and an utterly dishonest act. O'Toole won only 119 seats, dropping 2 seats from the last election. At the first criticism from the media or the Liberals, O'Toole quivered and quaked, and quickly pulled out of his back pocket a revised policy suitable to the left. His candidates, canvassing door to door, couldn't keep up with his flip-flops on such issues as conscience rights for physicians, gun control, the carbon tax, climate change and defunding the CBC.

O'Toole believed that he could follow the example of the UK's Boris Johnson in the last UK election in which Johnson won many opposition Labour seats. O'Toole was not astute enough to realize that the situation in the UK was totally unlike Canada's. O'Toole was also wrong in believing that he would pick up left-wing votes by catering to labour leaders and giving them more power and influence. These labour leaders supported the Liberals or the NDP in the election. O'Toole didn't grasp the fact that labour leaders do not reflect the perspective of many of their rank and file union members, who are forced to pay union dues but who are hard-working, tax-paying people with family values.

In a fruitless attempt to gain seats in Quebec, O'Toole offered an astonishingly generous platform to that province. This had the effect of alienating the multicultural community, which had been alarmed by Quebec's policies on religion.

O'Toole proudly proclaimed he was all for a woman's "right" to abortion (although there is no such constitutional right), and was championing at the bit for a Gay Pride parade in which he could bob and weave among the naked participants, despite the fact that this is offensive to social conservatives.

O'Toole's misguided campaign, to create a watered-down Liberal party, fared far worse than his predecessor Andrew Scheer's, did in the previous election. The latter gained 26 seats more for the party in the 2019 federal election and won the popular vote. However, he was pressured, within two months, to resign from the Conservative leadership. If O'Toole and the Red Tories, who control the Conservative Party, haven't realized that it was a mistake to ignore conservative principles that animate its social and fiscal conservative bases, then there is no future for the Conservative Party in Canada

NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF CANADA (NDP)

The NDP, as is customary, provided an extravagant, unrealistic platform demanding pharmacare, dental care, guaranteed income, to be paid for by "taxing the rich" and corporations. Such a platform will only further destroy the already limited foreign investment in Canada and increase our horrendous national debt. The media covered up for Jagmeet Singh's fantasies (since he is left-wing, why not?) by repeatedly emphasizing his "likeability", "personableness", and "charm", ignoring his atrocious platform, unacceptable to any rational Canadian.

THE PEOPLE'S PARTY OF CANADA (PPC)

As noted above, PPC leader Maxime Bernier's popular support rose from 1.6 % in the 2019 election to 5.1% in the 2021 election. Who were the voters for the party? We know that many of these were individuals upset by the pandemic restrictions and mandatory vaccines.

The PPC also had numerous candidates who were pro-life/family. It is certain that these candidates received votes from former Conservative Party supporters. Although it is satisfying to cast a vote for a pro-life candidate, to do so, sadly, is a wasted vote for the pro-life cause because PPC candidates had no realistic possibility of being elected. The Liberals, with razor thin majorities in a dozen ridings, would have lost the seat if the PPC vote had gone to the Conservatives. In effect, the PPC flipped seats to the Liberals, which led to the minority Liberal government rather than a minority Conservative government.

WHITHER CANADA?

It is easy to dismiss the PPC as only a fringe party consisting of right-wing extremists – this is what the mainstream media want us to believe. To do so, however, would be a mistake. The PPC party reflects many of the positions that the Conservative Party once stood for: balanced budgets, lower taxes, economic and political freedom. These positions and the principles that animate them still resonate with the vast majority of Canadians. Many Canadians are heartily sick of the control of Canada by the left-wing – both in terms of our institutions and political leadership. Canadians want to be part of the country, not ignored, ridiculed, and dismissed as nobodies.

In order for the Conservative Party to succeed, it must stick to conservative principles and serve as an authentic voice for millions of Canadians by reflecting their values, views, and opinions. In effect, it's time that Conservative leaders shred leftist policies and return unapologetically to solid conservative values and principles, proposing a bold, new vision of a better Canada. Certainly, the Conservative Party has failed miserably over and over again in its efforts to imitate the parties of the left. It's time the Conservative Party moved on from losing policies, and upgraded its leadership and policies to become an authentically conservative party.

The renewal of the Conservative Party is possible, but can only be done with leadership that is confident, principled, and articulate. Until such a leadership is found, the

Conservative Party will continue to drift, serving as a hapless foil for the dominant Liberal Party.

During the election, O'Toole showed himself to be an inept and a surprisingly incompetent politician. He does not

have the confidence of most conservatives, who perceive him as lacking in integrity and principle. O'Toole must be removed as Conservative Party leader. †

THE EUTHANASIA FALLOUT IN CANADA

According to Health Canada, as of December 31st, 2020, there has been a total of 21,589 deaths by assisted suicide in Canada since it was legalized in 2016. There was a 35% increase in euthanasia in Canada between 2019 and 2020.

The euthanasia law was the result of a Supreme Court of Canada decision in February 2015, which authorized the legal killing of a patient by physician by lethal injection. In its decision, the Supreme Court's appointed judges, representing no one but themselves, stated the law would not lead down a slippery slope to an expansion of euthanasia, and would only be applied in exceptional cases. The court was either hopelessly misinformed, or was deliberately hiding the effects of its decision from the public. As a result of its decision, euthanasia has been normalized today as a routine medical procedure.

This is indicated by the second annual report on euthanasia, presented by Minister of Health Patty Hadju, released on June 30, 2021 which stated that the euthanasia law has been applied in Canada for the following reasons:

- 4,120 Canadians were euthanized because they had **cancer**, but without any **discussion with an oncologist** (cancer specialist) about this course of action;
- 2,650 people were granted euthanasia because they believed they were **a burden on their family, friends or caregivers**;
- 1,373 people requested euthanasia because they **felt isolated and lonely**;
- 1,253 died by lethal injection, who did not have a

terminal condition;

- 227 people were put to death because they were **frail**;
- 322 people **needed disability support services, but did not receive them**, and were euthanized instead;
- 126 persons **needed, but were not able to access, palliative care**, and were provided with euthanasia;
- 59 people, whom the practitioner assessed should receive a lethal injection "voluntarily", **were not consulted about this decision**.

Before the 2021 election, the federal Liberal government had established a committee to set guidelines on how euthanasia can be expanded, for example, by applying to minor children.

Although not publicly acknowledged, this expansion is apparently necessary due to the problems experienced in Canada with our troubled health care system. According to official records, euthanasia is not about the relief of pain, as claimed by Dying with Dignity, but instead is about the removal of inconvenient people from our health care system in order to provide beds and medical care for other more "deserving" patients.

This is one of the reasons why the NDP B.C. Health Minister, Adrian Dix, was so determined to take over the palliative care facilities operated by the pro-life Delta Hospice Society. It's less costly to kill patients than to treat them since deaths provide more beds and frees up medical care for other patients. †

CANADA'S FAILURE IN AFGHANISTAN

Afghanistan is now in shambles – a cauldron of chaos, confusion and danger. In this turmoil, the human rights of women and children especially, are hanging by a thread.

The U.S. invaded Afghanistan in 2001 after the September 11, 2001 attack on the World Trade Centre in New York City that killed 3,000 Americans. The Al-Qaeda who carried out this evil attack, did so with the aid and blessings of Afghanistan's Taliban leaders. The latter refused to turn over terrorist, Osama Bin-Laden, who masterminded the attack on the U.S. The Taliban had controlled Afghanistan since 1996, during which it enforced harsh conditions, based on their strict interpretation of Islamic law.

Under Taliban rule, women had to cover themselves with

the burka and only leave the house in the company of a male relative. It banned girls from attending school, and women from working outside the home. Women were banned from voting. Women were subjected to cruel punishments, such as beheadings or stoning to death in public executions for committing adultery. This treatment was based on the Taliban's interpretation of Sharia (Islamic) law which treats women as objects, available only for the service of men.

REAL WOMEN ATTAINS FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE OF THE TALIBAN

REAL Women by chance, acquired first-hand information about the abuse of women by the Taliban. While attending a

UN International Conference, one of our members was sitting outside the conference room during the negotiations, when a tall, dignified, young woman, wearing a hijab (headscarf), sat down beside her. She introduced herself, explaining she was from Afghanistan and attending the UN Conference without official permission, and had travelled thousands of miles over mountainous and perilous paths to attend the conference so that the terrifying situation for women in Afghanistan could be brought to the public's attention. She stated that she had first approached the feminists at the conference for help. The feminist organizations controlled the conference agenda, and the negotiations. They were not interested, however, in the plight of Afghan women. Their only interest at the UN conferences was to have abortion and homosexual rights included in the conference's outcome document that would be implemented worldwide. Because of this rejection by the feminists, the young woman said she decided to approach REAL Women whom she understood had a different understanding of women's rights.

Sadly, as Canadians, REAL Women was unable to offer her any assistance as the feminists present regarded REAL Women with undisguised contempt, and even hatred. Any overture we made to them would be regarded with disdain. Also, the Canadian Liberal government had sent a large contingent of delegates (thirty-nine women and one man), to the conference, who were all radical feminists and who refused even to speak to us at the conference. A Liberal government would never acknowledge REAL Women's concerns at any time, under any circumstances.

The young woman sat silently, contemplating this information, and then quietly and with great dignity, walked away. Her unanswered request for help, haunts us still. We do not know what happened to her, or whether she even survived if she had returned to Afghanistan.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN GAIN PROTECTION UNDER THE ALLIES

During the twenty years that the Allies remained in Afghanistan, from 2001 to August 31, 2021, the country, as well as women and children, flourished. The troops and the Allied countries established schools, roads, bridges, irrigation systems, dam repairs, and tried to encourage a democratic form of government in the country.

This effort came to an end in April 2021 when U.S. President, Joe Biden, announced that the U.S. would be withdrawing from Afghanistan on August 31, 2021. The withdrawal was a chaotic nightmare, leaving thousands of Western citizens and Afghan supporters behind to the mercy of the Taliban.

TALIBAN INSISTS THEY HAVE CHANGED

The Taliban now want the world to believe that they have changed, claiming that they would allow women to hold junior roles in society if it was in accordance with Sharia law. This claim has been met with skepticism, based on the fact that the Taliban are presently in the course of hunting

down 67 female members of the former Afghan Parliament; removing female journalists and news broadcasters from employment, and tracking down female judges who are in hiding. In addition, women have been instructed by the Taliban to remain at home, for their own 'safety'.

The reason the Taliban insist that they have changed is that they are desperately in need of the foreign humanitarian aid that had previously poured into the country under Allied protection. In fact, international donors had provided 75% of Afghanistan's budget over the previous twenty years. Further, the Afghanistan economy is dependent on the opium trade, which the Taliban claim requires international assistance to help Afghanistan farmers switch to alternative crops. Past attempts to ban poppy cultivation, the source of heroin, has faced violent opposition and is unlikely to be stopped any time soon. The economic problems of the Taliban, have also been exacerbated by the fact that the U. S. has frozen \$9 billion of Afghanistan's bank reserves. This raises a moral question — to send desperately needed humanitarian aid to Afghanistan also encourages and supports the Taliban. What is the West to do?

CANADA'S PREVIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO AFGHANISTAN

Canada provided military support to Afghanistan from 2001 to 2014. Our soldiers (158 of whom lost their lives in Afghanistan), served with utter professionalism, both competently and courageously.

Also, since 2001, Canada pumped \$3.6 billion into Afghanistan to help stabilize the country.

TRUDEAU HAD DIFFERENT OBJECTIVES

Justin Trudeau appears to have little interest in stabilizing Afghanistan. Rather, he thought that what Afghan women really needed was to be educated on feminism. As a result, in the period between 2014 and 2020, Afghanistan was the top destination for Canadian aid dollars. During this period, Canada provided \$966 million to Afghanistan, to focus on feminist issues only — such as gender equality and empowerment of women.

Global Affairs Canada reported a review of the policy on its website in December 2020 which concluded that Canada's attempt to provide gender equality in Afghanistan had caused problems, since it had not taken into consideration the culture and Islamic traditions of the country.

CANADA'S FAILURES IN WITHDRAWING FROM AFGHANISTAN

Canada had four and a half months' notice, from April 2021 to August 31st, that the U.S. under President Biden's direction would be withdrawing from Afghanistan. Canada did nothing about this until Afghanistan was on the brink of collapse. On July 29, 2021, Canada announced its "plan" to evacuate Canadian citizens and permanent residents, and individuals and their families, who had worked with Canadians, including interpreters, suppliers, contractors, drivers, cleaners, etc. before the Taliban took over.

Canada's bungled plan was the worst among all the allies. Other countries flew helicopters into Kabul to rescue its citizens and supporters and to fly them directly to the tarmac apron at Kabul's airport where the planes were waiting. Canada insisted that all the individuals for which it was responsible must make their own way to the airport, dress in red to identify them as Canadians, and hope for the best. Those who did so were turned away by the armed and hostile Taliban at the airport gates. These unfortunate individuals were then forced to retrace their steps (serving as sniper targets in their red apparel) and return to their homes. Estonia, Portugal and Ukrainian military officials had offered to partner with Ottawa to make the rescue possible by helicopter, but this never happened. No explanation was provided.

In addition, Ottawa had given applicants getting out of Afghanistan only seventy-two hours (later extended) to assemble all the necessary documents for evacuation. This required them to fill out paperwork in English (not the first language for many), and to find an internet connection, plus access to a computer to forward the documents to Ottawa – an impossible task in the chaos. Other countries had the sense to get the evacuees first out of the country to a safe third country such as Germany, and then

carry out the documentation there.

As a result of Canada's incompetence, it left behind in Afghanistan 1,250 Canadian citizens and permanent residents, as well as thousands of Afghans, who had helped the Canadian military and Canadian NGOs over the years. Incidentally, the Canadian ambassador to Afghanistan departed on July 16th because of stress, to safety in Ottawa, around all the turmoil of the evacuation, and left behind few embassy staff to process the thousands of Afghans clamouring for help.

Trudeau appears oblivious to the disaster his government had wrought. On August 27th, he stated, "our priority has been from the very beginning, and will always be, getting Canadians to safety ... there are thousands of Afghans to whom we owe a duty of care, and we are doing tremendous things to get them to safety as well". This statement, as usual, did not bear any resemblance to the factual situation.

Canada's bungled withdrawal from Afghanistan is humiliating. Canada's incompetence abandoned thousands of individuals, who deserve far better treatment from us for their support of our military and our country. Instead, Trudeau blithely continued with his election campaign, which is all about him getting a majority in Parliament, with no concern for the innocent lives of others whom we have failed. †

BOOK REVIEW

Made to Live, A Physician's Journey to Save Life, by Paul Saba, M.D. 2020, 118 pages, \$16.99 plus shipping + tax. Can be ordered from www.wordalivepress.ca

The author is a physician who has studied, trained, and worked in Canada, the United States, and internationally in war-torn Lebanon and Somalia, in Bangladesh, Honduras, the Ivory Coast, and Haiti. He currently practices medicine in Montreal, Canada.

He has made presentations opposing assisted suicide and euthanasia in state legislatures and international forums around the world. With a supportive lawyer, he has engaged in what he describes as "gargantuan court battles against both the Quebec and Canadian governments, who have been steamrollers in their attempts to silence any opposition to assisted suicide and euthanasia."

The book's title, Made to Live, is drawn from an inscription on a family painting made by his seven year old daughter Jessica, who was born with severe congenital cardiac malformation and had struggled, with the support of others, to live. The parents had been offered abortion for Jessica, but chose not to give up on her life. She is now a healthy young girl. Dr. Saba's strong family and Christian values are the basis of his public defense of good medicine.

The book is made up of short chapters that keep one's attention. The many references lead us to many publications and websites which take the book well beyond its slim 118 pages.

In a short chapter on the history of devaluing life, he

notes that the Supreme Court of Canada's Carter decision has returned us to Roman time which saw "the abolition of the whole person as a legitimate answer to general human imperfections or specific forms of suffering." The law at the time ordered the killing of deformed children. The Stoic philosopher Seneca's view that killing oneself "exhibited freedom and autonomy and preserved dignity" reminds us of the language used today in our courts and parliament to legalize MAID (Medical Assistance in Dying).

In his chapter covering international references, he reveals the link between the Nuremberg Trial and the World Medical Association's repeated prohibition of euthanasia as it is contrary to medical ethics. Ten million physicians belong to the World Medical Association (WMA). Its 2019 updated declaration states that, "No physician should be forced to participate in euthanasia or assisted suicide, nor should any physician be obliged to make referral decisions to this end."

Dr. Saba offers many perceptive observations which expose the falsehood of activist language. He reminds us that killing is intentional and is different from dying. Euthanasia and assisted suicide are not medical treatments as is claimed. Death is being prescribed for lack of resources which could be provided, and euthanasia could be the only affordable "treatment" for many. He writes "I strongly believe that the

confusion of terminology has been a deliberate distraction ploy to obscure the reality of what is being done.”

One chapter uncovers five MAID (Medical Aid in Dying) myths and provides reality checks to destroy the magical and mythical thinking behind them. He believes promoters of so-called medical death have lost their grip on reality.

Another chapter on his experience with the court system calls to mind the noble efforts of so many to prevent the transformation of the meaning of health care. Once transformed, he claims, there is a danger that trust in the medical profession will be destroyed.

Dr. Saba states that euthanasia is the opposite of medicine, state sanctioned killing of citizens is wrong, and that a culture of intentional killing is based on the assumption that only certain lives are worthy of life, a very dangerous ideology.

Doctors know that there is a high risk of misdiagnosis in medicine, and the author provides many interesting anecdotes from his life as a physician about “hopeless” cases who were not abandoned, found hope and lived. Hope drives us to cure many diseases, he writes.

This book underlines how out of touch with reality are the legislators who voted for euthanasia in our Parliament, and how defiant they are in the face of historical events, such as the Nuremberg trial. They care little for the 2500 year old Hippocratic Oath, which countered a culture where people were afraid to go to a physician because of the possibility that they would be killed.

It is also evident that Canadian medical associations feel no qualms about defying the World Medical Association, which officially protects conscience rights and the lives of vulnerable patients. Dr. Saba correctly identifies the atmosphere that leads to euthanasia as moral disengagement and “the current spirit of death.”

Made to Live is a book worth reading, lending and giving. A debt of gratitude is owed to the many physicians who practice genuine compassionate medicine. ♣

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



Dear supporter of REAL Women of Canada:
Welcome to the October 2021 edition of e-REALity and the September/October 2021 edition for those readers who are receiving the print edition.

On October 1, we sent out an [ALERT](#) to our members advising them of the cancellation of our 2021 Annual General Meeting, which had been scheduled for October 23 in Toronto. This was due to our inability to use our hotel venue, which is enforcing COVID restrictions for meeting places, as established by the Ontario government. A 2022 date will be determined when the restrictions are lifted.

On September 14, we published a Media Release, [Canada’s Failure in Afghanistan](#), which is also discussed in this month’s REALity. The human rights of women and children are in serious peril in that country. On September 27, we published another Media Release, [Conservative Leader O’Toole Must Go](#). In this month’s issue, we analyze the recent federal election, in which Erin O’Toole failed to oust the Liberals, mainly due to his drifting from conservative principles, alienating social conservatives, and moving the party to the left.

Prior to the federal election, we were monitoring Bill C -6 on Conversion Therapy, Bill C-10 and Bill C-36, both on Internet Censorship. These bills had not yet passed when the writ was dropped and thus died on the order paper. These bills will be re-introduced by the Liberals in the new Parliament from the beginning again with a new number. The website [LegisInfo](#) keeps the reader informed on the various federal bills that are before Parliament and what stage they are at.

We are ever so grateful for your continued support of REAL Women of Canada.

Warm regards,
Pauline Guzik
Pauline Guzik,
National President ♣



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