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Responses

1. Economic Recovery and Growth

Given the current climate of federal and global fiscal restraint, what specific federal measures do you feel are needed for a sustained economic recovery and enhanced economic growth in Canada?

Canada must continue to promote its CULTURE internationally and nationally. This promotes tourism and increases demand. Canada must also develop certain industries beyond raw materials. Instead of selling off the raw materials, Canada should become specialized in the primary and secondary processing of raw materials. This will create jobs and will generate good revenues for the government.

2. Job Creation

As Canadian companies face pressures resulting from such factors as uncertainty about the U.S. economic recovery, a sovereign debt crisis in Europe, and competition from a number of developed and developing countries, what specific federal actions do you believe should be taken to promote job creation in Canada, including that which occurs as a result of enhanced internal and international trade?

Same as above. Canada must stop giving gifts to mining and oil sands companies. Either way, the raw material is in Canada. So, their argument is invalid. Create specialized fields for these raw materials (wood and mineral processing). This will create jobs and help growth.

3. Demographic Change

What specific federal measures do you think should be implemented to help the country address the consequences of, and challenges associated with, the aging of the Canadian population and of skills shortages?

Offer better access to specialized and university education. Offer better assistance to immigrants who come with a high level of education.

4. Productivity

With labour market challenges arising in part as a result of the aging of Canada's population and an ongoing focus on the actions needed for competitiveness, what specific federal initiatives are needed in order to increase productivity in Canada?

Offer better working conditions and stop supporting companies at the expense of workers.

5. Other Challenges

With some Canadian individuals, businesses and communities facing particular challenges at this time, in your view, who is facing the most challenges, what are the challenges that are being faced and what specific federal actions are needed to address these challenges?

In all areas: culture, agriculture and public services (health care, social services, etc.).