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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?

helping the most vulnerable Canadians (seniors, people with disabilities and people marginalized). People need safe, affordable housing, access to health care and dignity to make a contribution to society. No one should have to live below the poverty line in a country like Canada. Take care of all Canadians and not just the rich and business owners.

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?

BUY CANADIAN first and foremost. Lets make jobs by spending money here in Canada. Try real benefits for businesses that keep jobs here and bring in more jobs. Protect Canada and our way of life by not selling off our rights and resources to the highest bidder through trade deals that benefit the rich.

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?

Work with labour and community groups who have real ideas for doubling CPP and making sure that no Canadian senior lives in poverty. Make it affordable for all Canadians to go to university or trade schools and get the skills this country needs - whether that means lower tuition fees, more financial assistance, housing, day care and more schools in remote communities. We have people who want to work but who can not access jobs and training due to location or health issues.

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?

First and foremost the Canadian government needs to stop companies from running away with jobs and money to cheap off shore locations. If you get money from Canada to expand and then run off to a cheaper location outside of Canada there needs to be repercussions. STOP interfering in labour relations and allow unions to actually negotiate and make change at the bargaining table - we have a strong history of fair and productive labour relations that the current government is destroying with its heavy handed and clearly management slanted bias.

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?

For over 100 years we have lied to and abused the first national people of this country and to date we still have not fully admitted this and begun the process of healing and proper compensation. This group is the largest growing labour force and still we have not found away to ensure the have education and training so that these people can enter the workforce and have strong productive communities. It is disgusting that we run around the world defending other peoples rights and yet continue to trample the rights of our own people.