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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?

the fiscal restraint seems to be a misnomer, it seems there is plenty of money to support mining and oil and gas. The economic growth is based on an educated and healthy population living in a healthy environment. Stimulate the economy by investing in Education, research, environment protection, health, culture.

#### 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?

job creation should focus in sectors such as education, environment protection, environment studies, health research, natural and organic food production, secondary and tertiary industries.

# 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?

healthy canadians should be encouraged with incentives to continue working and mentor and transfer skills to the young and upcoming workforce there should be more equality in salaries and pensions between canadians transfer payments to the provinces should be negotiated with provinces instead of imposed

## 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?

why increase productivity? why not focus on sustainability of the environment

## 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?

the people who live below the poverty line and the middle class which are supporting the 1% rich who do not contribute their share in taxes. the people living in rural communities the sick the uneducated federal programs are needed to level the playing field between the classes