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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?

Obviously economic recovery is important and infrastructure and environmentally conscious resource development is important - but it is important to remember that ARTS AND CULTURE are what make a country united, spirited and relevant.

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?

I believe continued investment in the thriving (but struggling) film and tv industry is a way of creating jobs and maintaining Canadian identity and presence.

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?

Investment in health preventative measures and credits for active living.

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?

Invest in retraining initiatives for middle agers.

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?

As everywhere, the middle class is suffering and shrinking. Taxing the rich and corporations is a way of spreading this economic difficulty in a manageable way.