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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?

Reducing government spending in infrastructure, environment and culture does not sustain economic recovery or enhance growth. It is by spending in these areas that triggers growth.

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?

Support knowledge-based industries through subsidies and grants.

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?

Repair the inconsistency between immigration and provincial licensing bodies to enable skilled immigrants to work, particularly in the areas of medicine and law. While skilled immigrants are able to obtain visas, provincial licensing bodies prevent them from working in their field.

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?

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?

Restore funding to Telefilm Canada and CBC. Without public cultural industries able to employ Canadians, Canada is reducing its national sovereignty.