

Dear Members, Friends and Supporters,

For the first time in Freedom Party's history, Freedom Party candidates have not been invited nor welcome on a London radio-talk show Ontario election candidate debate. Having fielded Freedom Party candidates in all London ridings since the founding of the party, and never having encountered any such rejection in the past (even when a dozen candidates were present), it appears to be yet another symptom of just how far Left the 'establishment' media has itself drifted.

Perhaps one of the most recognized voices of the Left on radio in London today is that of CFPLam980's talk-show host Craig Needles. Given that the silencing of any meaningful debate is a hallmark of the Left, it should not be surprising that Needles' guests on his Friday (May 25) [panel discussion](#) included some very 'Red Tories' who all agreed that Freedom Party, and in particular FP leader Paul McKeever, should not be permitted to participate in his own riding's debate.



Craig Needles 
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[@KateMarieGraham](#), [@kernaghant](#), [@SusanTruppe](#) and [@CarolDyckGPC](#) will be in studio for a debate.

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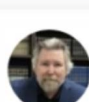
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Not invited: [@fpontario](#) leader Paul McKeever, the leader of Freedom Party of Ontario and the FPO candidate in London North Centre. [@NeedlesOnNews](#) told me - days ago - that he'll call me in the afternoon. Let him know what you think about that. [#onpoll](#)  [#OnElxn](#) 

Following McKeever's tweeted response (above) to Needles' announcement that only four candidates would be featured on his London-North-Centre debate (the riding in which McKeever is running), [Needles then followed-up with a one-on-one interview with Paul](#). Ironically, that interview only served to illustrate exactly why Freedom Party and Paul McKeever should be at the debate. It also illustrates exactly why Progressive Conservatives like Ali Chahbar, Cheryl Miller, and Nathan Caranci don't want anyone from the Right to be seen or heard. The contrast to their own Leftist views would become glaring and inescapable.

The panelists rationalized Freedom Party's exclusion from debates, not on the basis of Freedom Party's ideas which is what they all truly feared, but on arbitrary criteria that would prevent those ideas from being heard. They ranged from requiring an officially registered political candidate to have previously achieved a 2% share of the vote - to having actually "won a seat" (as suggested by Miller) before being allowed to sit at the table!

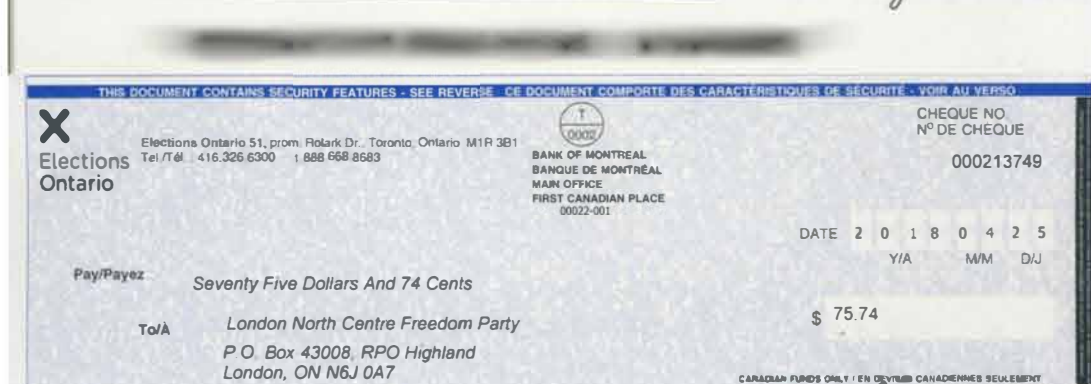
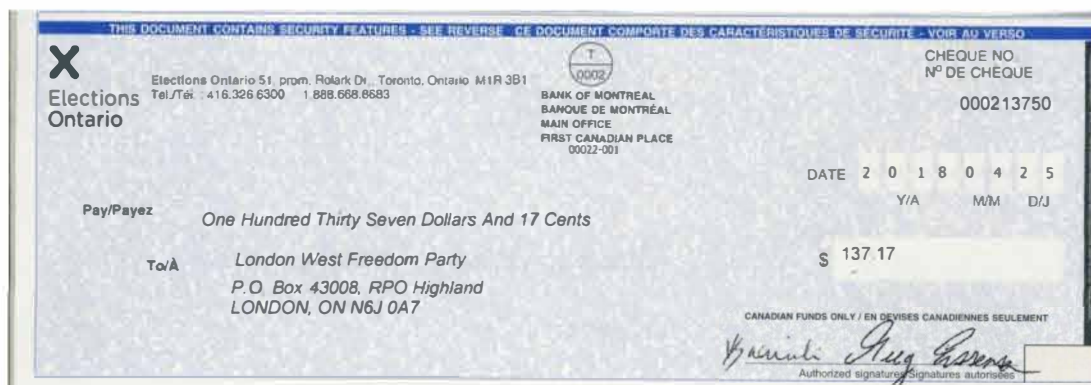
Beyond being outrageously contradictory and self-serving (given their histories with Freedom Party in past elections), these are reprehensible and anti-democratic views, one and all. ALL officially registered candidates, whether independent or endorsed by any political party, have an equal right to participate in election debates. It is not the candidates, but the voters who have been deprived of knowing who and what their actual choices at the polls are. And of course, that's exactly the whole objective of this anti-democratic exercise.

After all, the arbitrary criteria suggested by the panelists would disqualify virtually every new candidate of every party since none has ever even had a name on a ballot before. None has received either 2% or won a seat before. It should also be noted that political parties, per se, do not get elected; they merely endorse candidates who are then free (but not without political risk) to declare themselves 'independent' or even 'cross the floor' upon election.

So for those of you who often ask why Freedom Party is rarely heard from, or about, in the mainstream media, this is just one of many examples. Craig is just another 'Needles in a large haystack' of ignored and evaded news and information that originates from Freedom Party. Despite our many media releases - from reacting to political issues of the day to our own party platform release and the release of numerous 'costed' budgets - Freedom Party is the one party the public never hears about in the mainstream media.

In other words, "it's not us, it's them." Today's regulated media has well earned its reputation for not reporting the news, but being the news.

And just for the record, here are examples of what the '2% subsidy cheques' payable to Freedom Party look like:



The cheques pictured above represent amounts stolen from all Ontario taxpayers (voting or not) and simply transferred to officially registered political parties (which are private associations). They are based on a formula that takes into account both the number of votes a particular party receives, and the number of voters who actually cast a ballot in a given riding.

This kind of 'political party financing' should be considered criminal.

Of course, this is yet another new, despicable, and highly un-democratic practice introduced by the Wynne government and supported by every other political party in Ontario - except Freedom Party. The 'allowance cheques' also were accompanied by legislation prohibiting freedom of association among our own party members, leader, and candidates at our own voluntary fundraising events. Worse, the government imposed totalitarian restrictions and reductions on voluntary contributions made to political parties.

To add injury to their insult and contempt for all Ontarians, under the new rules all taxpayers are forced to finance political parties - whether they agree with them or not. This is so unprincipled and reprehensible that it is alarming how our media, commentators, and other political parties simply accept these anti-democratic anti-democracy practices without question.

The depth of Ontario's corruption in politics runs deeper than "you dare imagine"; the bizarre and unsubstantiated belief that this degree of corruption can be "changed from within" or by running only with "the established parties," is a persistent myth that only adds more and more fuel to the fires of the Left - whatever the party.

If one thing stands out clearer than ever before, Freedom Party is the only political party in Ontario that actually offers any alternative to the kind of government towards which all other Ontario parties are rapidly leading - tyranny.

That's why it's so important to financially support Freedom Party - before even that will no longer be permitted. And all, your VOLUNTARY contributions are the fuel that drives the real political debate in Ontario - and drives the real choice for Ontario voters.

And that too, is why Freedom Party is becoming increasingly unwelcome on the political stages of the Left.

Yours in freedom,
Robert Metz

President, CFO
Freedom Party of Ontario

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