

# FREEDOM!

*Freedom* is having the right to choose and it is our freedom of choice that is at the heart of every political issue.

Politicians who restrict our freedom usually justify their actions with the claim that their imposed economic and social restrictions somehow serve the '*public interest*'. Then, as members of 'the public', we come to assume that we will gain by giving up some of our freedom as individuals. Unfortunately, this is not so.

Freedom reducing measures justified by the 'in the public interest' argument clearly favour the interests of one *group* of people over those of another group of people. Thus, for many, such measures not only restrict their freedom, but place them at a disadvantage with respect to those favoured or not affected by the restrictive measures.

The politicians who bestow a benefit on one group at the expense of another group expect, and often get, political support from the people who receive the benefit. At the same time, the punished groups seldom retaliate by withdrawing their support because they have been conditioned to believe that their 'sacrifice' is 'in the public interest'. But as they all eventually discover, 'the public interest' really means 'in the governing politicians' interests'.

All of Canada's large political parties recommend and follow policies that seriously restrict our choice of language, units of measurement, entertainment, products, services, employment, and a multitude of other things. The only difference between the parties is not whether freedom of choice should be limited, but *whose* freedoms are to be restricted for *whose* benefit.

# Freedom Party

**Freedom Party** believes that the *purpose of government* is to *protect* your freedom of choice, *not* to restrict it.

If you want to make your own choices rather than have those choices made for you by 'public interest' politicians, then *choose Freedom Party*. After all, freedom of choice is what we're all about!

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