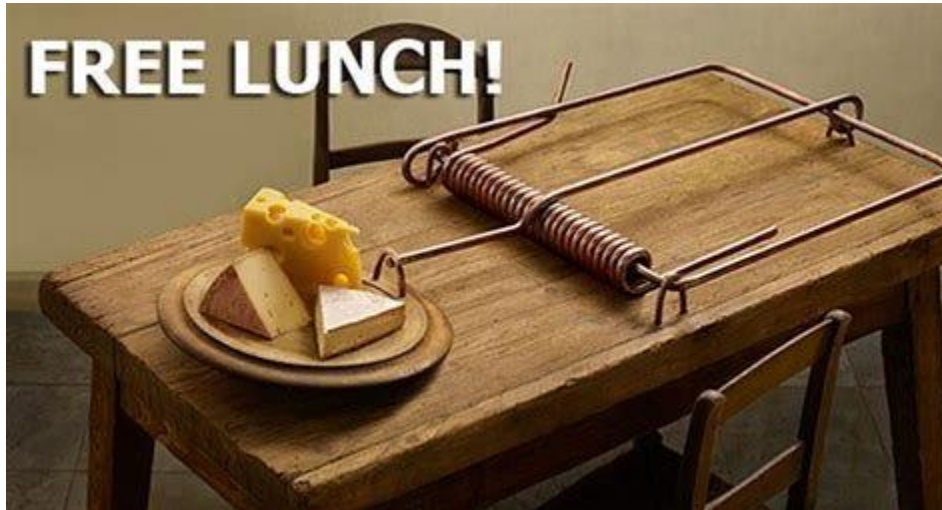


But It's Free!

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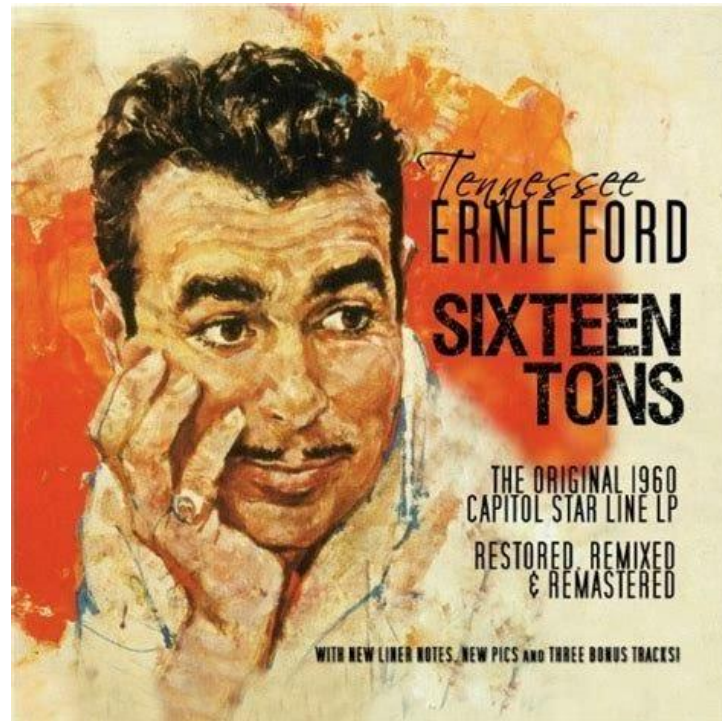
There is no such thing as a free lunch. It may not cost you personally dollars and cents but, in the end, someone did pay for it and the recipient must give up something in return, such as personal autonomy and freedom.

Here, in Canada, we often talk about our “free” health care. But it is not “free.” Those who provide the health care services, the doctors, nurses, and support workers, do not do it out of the kindness of their hearts. They get paid, and compared to other fields of employment, quite handsomely. Many of us, those who pay taxes, pay for those services with said taxes. And remember, the [Fraser Institute](#) estimated just last year that the average person attains “tax freedom day,” the day that you actually start working for yourself rather than the government, on June 19th. That means the average Canadian pays about 46.1% of their income as taxes, whether it be property taxes, sales taxes, income taxes and/or other forms of taxes.

Those who don't pay taxes, pay by giving up freedom, like freedom of choice.

Back in 1955 “Tennessee” Ernie Ford had the hit song, “[Sixteen Tons](#).” The chorus from that song is “*You load sixteen tons, what do you get? Another day older and deeper in debt. Saint Peter don't you call me, 'cause I can't go. I owe my soul to the company store.*” While he was singing about coal miners in effect being indentured slaves to the coal company that employed them, how is that any different than us now? We owe our souls to the government. The same government that is out to kill us (think “mandated” injections of experimental drugs) as they have bought into the propaganda being promoted by the World Economic Forum who believe

there are too many of us, the non-elite. The equivalent to Ernie Ford's coal miners being subjugated by those who own the world around us, the equivalent to the heartless coal company.

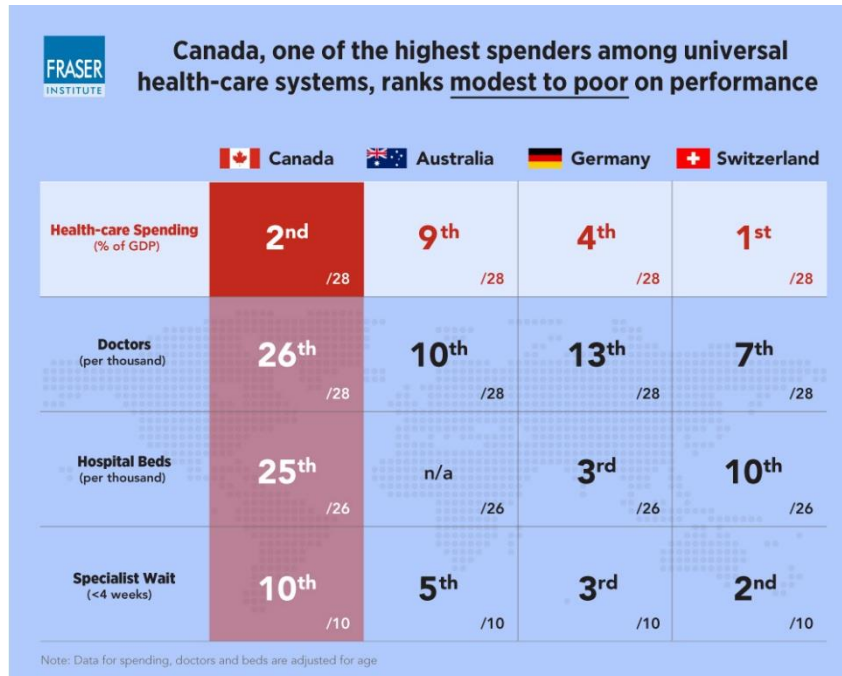


And remember, the “average person” pays 46.1% of their income to the government. That means 50% of the people pay more!

You don't think we are indentured slaves to those in government? Well, lets do a quick review on that “free” healthcare many Canadians are typically so proud of. Do you get to choose who your doctor is? No. Do you have input as to who will provide you with the health care you need? No. Do you have a choice as to which waiting list you get placed on if you need health services? No. Those are just several examples from a long list.

Ironically, those with enough money can buy access to medical practitioners, services, and immediate access – outside of our country. A two-tier system that our political elite say that we should not have, but are unwilling to admit that we do, and always have. And what is wrong with having some who can afford to do so, withdrawing themselves from the endless queues? A double standard that we tolerate which blinds ourselves to reality. What would be wrong with medical and nursing schools abandoning quotas so that there is opportunity for more practitioners? Or those same practitioners having the opportunity to open private practice?

[World Population Review](#) has done a ranking of countries to see which offers the “Best Health Care in the World.” Where does Canada lie? Number 38th. Not bad but consider that France, a country with a blended private/public system, they rank 23rd. You read that right. We lag way behind in quality of health care to a country that has no issues with both public and private health care providers. Why would that be?



A simple explanation is by invocation of Adam Smith’s “invisible hand” of free enterprise. People will go where they get the best quality service for the lowest price. This puts pressure on any private enterprise to give the customer a reason to deal with them. Not so with a monopoly, which is what we have in our province for most of our health care services. All in the name of avoiding a “multi-tier system.” That, like so many simple statements of complex issues, is wrong. We have always had multi-tier health care; we just have to travel to other countries to get it. Those who can afford quicker access to better care, can and do so.

So, why not allow private enterprise to operate within our country as we do with other services? Would that not employ home-grown health professionals here rather than them going to greener pastures; and at the same time take the pressure off an artificially tight system? And why do I say “artificial”? Well, that goes hand in hand with any monopoly as inefficiencies abound and there is little, if any, effort expended to streamline. A friend of mine used to be an administrator in a Northern Ontario hospital; he retired. His replacement quit after one year and the hospital board convinced my friend to return until a new chief administrator was found. What did he discover? Three managerial positions had been created, yet the local population had not changed. The associated health care bureaucracy had become further bloated. More cost that did nothing to ensure better health care.

Note that we have private dental clinics and private veterinarian clinics. Each vying for your business. And each finding a way for you to deal with them and not their competition. We have no issue with those related services. So why must health care be different?



Consider too that we, the average citizens of our country are being told, nay, mandated to reduce our “carbon footprint” by the very same people that tell us a monopoly health care system is good for us. Meanwhile they do nothing but spew carbon dioxide as they relentlessly travel across the country, or like our Prime Minister, around the world without any care or concern with “carbon footprint.”

Economist Thomas Sowell, in his book “[A Conflict of Visions](#)” ascribes this dichotomy to two groups. One with an “unconstrained vision”, based not on past experience but who “rationalise” that they know what is best for others, but are blind to their own failures. Examples of these are documented by [Dunning and Kruger](#), “in which people with limited competence in a particular domain overestimate their abilities;” and those with a “constrained vision” who deal with trade-offs rather than solutions having learned from past experiences. Those in the former group use cognitive dissonance, being unable to accept new information – you only see what you want to see, and confirmation bias, only accepting information that confirms your existing beliefs – you only accept facts that support those existing beliefs.

An example of how those with an unconstrained vision exhibit these two psychological traits include those who support Black Lives Matter, a very racist position, all in the name of fighting racism. This is just one of many examples prevalent in today’s world. These same people, blind to their own irrationality, then ascribe what they are doing to those who hold a constrained vision – for example accusing everyone who does not support Black Lives Matter as being racist!

	Conservative (Constrained Vision)	Liberal (Unconstrained Vision)
Individual vs. Society	The individual and his/her freedom is more important than the collective. "Society" is nothing more than some total of the individuals who make it up.	The collective is more important than the individual. Society shapes the individual.
Equality	Equality means "parity of privileges." It is process equality.	Equality means nothing outside of social outcomes. It is "end-state equality."
Justice	Process justice must be preserved at all costs. It is the glue that holds society together and directs self-interest into social benefit.	Justice is tied to results. Therefore different standards may apply to different individuals.

In short, those with an unconstrained vision focus on the lives of others while at the same time suppressing the review of their own lives; always looking out and never in. They are more concerned with how other people lead and live their lives, yet unconcerned about how they live their own, as demonstrated by Justin Trudeau. These people lack the ability to see the illogical nature of their beliefs and are easily duped by those who value power and greed. Meanwhile, those who have a constrained vision focus on themselves, especially personal freedom. Key words for those with such a vision are liberty, responsibility, respect, justice, and fairness.

I will say it again, nothing is free, especially freedom. You need to want it, fight for it, do everything in your power to keep it. Otherwise, it will be lost. And once lost it will be difficult to restore. Look how long it took the Russians to shed the tyranny of Communism? If you believe in freedom, fairness, respect, and responsibility then you too have a responsibility to do what you can to support getting those back. This includes getting involved politically and supporting financially your political party of choice. You have the right to vote, but it takes money to get the message out to others. Pamphlets, post cards and other hard copy media are not free. Neither are hall rentals, billboard rentals, nor advertising on traditional and social media. Every small financial contribution can and does help. We have covered this in past articles, such as [Overcoming Obstacles](#), [How to Save Democracy](#) and [On Hubris](#), as several examples.

In Canada, **The Peoples Party of Canada**, is the model of the Constrained Vision. Yet it is having problems gaining traction. Why? Because not enough of us who believe in the party and its platform do the basic action of donating to help spread the word. And it doesn't have to be much. Personally, I make a small monthly donation to our local Electoral District Association which will impact efforts to get a MP elected locally. And why monthly? Simple, as a budgeting tool it is far easier to donate small amounts multiple times. For example, \$20 per month adds up

to \$240 for the year. While the latter may be a large pill to swallow on an ever-tightening budget, thanks to irresponsible spending by those in government, \$20 a month is easier to allocate.

Why not join me and help pay for freedom? It really is a small price to pay, especially considering the costs involved with keeping the government now in power. Just follow this [link](#) and do your part to make the impossible possible!