

Canada: Leading by Example?

Please give the best example(s) you can think of where Canada needs to improve upon its efforts to lead by example in any of the 5 areas discussed above. - Advancing a Green Economy - Fostering Innovation - Championing Good Governance - Promoting Gender Equality and Human Development - Embracing Diversity And, please specify the actor(s) involved: - Government - Business - NGO - Cultural Sector - Social Entrepreneur - Individual Canadian		
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		97
<i>answered question</i>		97
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1	d	Nov 17, 2009 6:59 PM
2	<p>The Canadian government should development a strong commitment and action plan on reducing our green house gas emmissions that we bring to Copenhagen. We should also demonstrate our leadership in advancing a green economy globally by providing incentives and supports for Canadian clean energy companies. We should look at countries like Australia, Spain, China and the US who have invested significant resources in retooling their economies to build a green economy.</p> <p>Canadian comedians, filmmakers and musicians are recognized as world leaders in their field. I'd like to see Canada provide more support to Canadian artists in traveling abroad and building stronger diplomatic ties overseas. Investments in our cultural sector leverages more money into our economy. It also strengthens our profile and image internationally.</p> <p>Canada is home to a number of social entrepreneurs who have started organizations that are working globally to advance human development and gender equality (Free the Children, Taking It Global, Engineers Without Borders, Journalists for Human Rights, War Child, Apathy is Boring, the Remix Project). These social entrepreneurs have had to struggle within a restrictive regulatory environment (charity law) and with few resources. I'd like to see Canada strengthen the support networks for social entrepreneurs to thrive by making it easier for such organizations to innovate and provide philanthropists with more incentives to invest in such innovations.</p>	Nov 17, 2009 10:32 PM
3	asdfads	Nov 18, 2009 11:30 PM
4	The government of Canada needs to radically overhaul its policies concerning gender equality and human rights, specifically it needs to reclaim Canada's former role as a leader in promoting human rights in Africa. Additionally, the government of Canada needs to promote environmental sustainability and human rights by promoting corporate social responsibility through legislation with mandatory sanctions.	Nov 20, 2009 6:29 AM
5	The Government of Canada must address Aboriginal Issues. Aboriginals are amongst the most impoverished. marginalized people, and it is disgraceful that we still have racist policies in a country that is supposedly 'developed'	Nov 21, 2009 8:19 PM

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6	I think Canadian governments, both provincial and federal, need to push more aggressively to develop a framework to advance the green economy to put Canada on the map when it comes to innovative technologies.	Nov 22, 2009 11:50 PM
7	Mr. Harper needs to go to Copenhagen! Canada's climate change record is an embarrassment.	Nov 23, 2009 4:10 PM
8	Good governance - Government: Canada needs a department of international development that can replace CIDA and improve its focus and capabilities.	Nov 23, 2009 6:26 PM
9	It seems only NGOs are doing an adequate job of pushing for a Green Economy, something we are entirely lacking currently.	Nov 23, 2009 7:14 PM
10	Innovation and advancing a green economy. Government, business and social entrepreneurs (not sure what those are however). Introducing mechanisms to build markets for innovation that will improve sustainability. That doesn't just mean green tech but also how our economies are structured.	Nov 23, 2009 9:27 PM
11	Canada is per capita the worst polluter: needs to get into green innovation Very poor at celebrating and rewarding innovation Worst examples in urban planning and developers	Nov 23, 2009 9:36 PM
12	I think that we lead in most areas but it is the sharing of our knowledge and experience that is lacking. Canada needs to advocate its policies, ideas, and view point better.	Nov 23, 2009 11:57 PM
13	The government needs to lead ALL the people of Canada, not just the ones who voted for it. For example, shortly after they were first elected, the Conservative Government claimed that Kyoto goes to far, though this view was only shared by 6%! of Canadians. In order for this to work though, the people of Canada have to start paying attention.	Nov 24, 2009 3:14 AM
14	Going green commitment, green innnovation and tax incentives (government, business, NGOs)	Nov 24, 2009 3:43 AM
15	Innovation needs to be improved at all levels. There is very little exposure on how each level pursues innovation and when there is exposure, it is fairly minor.	Nov 24, 2009 5:59 AM
16	government needs to improve combating climate change and corporate businesses need to improve social accountability	Nov 24, 2009 2:45 PM
17	Government - Good governance, advancing green economy, human development Business - advancing green economy	Nov 24, 2009 5:31 PM
18	Government has not taken environmental threats seriously enough. The Alberta Oil Sands project is a perfect example of what has been described as one of the most environmentally destructive industrial development projects on the planet. Corporations are also not taking social responsibility seriously enough. Canadian mining companies have been blamed for human rights abuses time after time and even recently media has taken note of our poor global mining practices.	Nov 24, 2009 8:13 PM
19	Advancing a Green Economy....Government, Business, Individual Canadian	Nov 25, 2009 1:47 AM
20	Canada clearly needs to improve on advancing a green economy, above all other matters. We have been rated the worst country in the G7 for environmental policy, and it is because our government refuses to listen to the advice of the scientific community on climate change that our government has been an embarrassment on the world stage at climate talks. Our government put forward a plan called "Turning the Corner" early on after taking power in 2006; it is a weak environmental plan, but even it has not been put into practice. It is becoming increasingly apparent over time that our government is not interested in what is arguably the most important issue that our generation and immediate generations to come will ever face. The business community, with a few exceptions, has been absolutely abysmal as well, but it is clear that most of the business community will meet the minimal standards set by the government. Environmental NGOs have done an amazing job of making it clear that the Canadian government does not represent the point of view on the environment of most Canadians. It is clear that in the future, they will be the heroes we look back on as the ones who spoke up for the environment when the government failed to.	Nov 25, 2009 7:50 AM

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21	Championing Good Governance - Individual Canadian	Nov 25, 2009 10:22 AM
22	Canada needs to do a lot of things to advance itself in the international arena but is it a realistic goal? Our actions are thoroughly constrained by our relationship with the US as 80 percent of our exports go there. We need to diversify our markets and keep an open mind in order to advance our nation in these 5 categories as well as globally.	Nov 25, 2009 2:46 PM
23	The Government need to drastically improve its efforts in advancing a green economy. The tarsands in Alberta, our refusal to adhere to Kyoto, and our poor public transit systems throughout Canada are three ways in which the Canadian Government is opposing a green economy.	Nov 25, 2009 8:46 PM
24	Stop prejudice based on bias in the family that reared them or recent impoverishedness for which suddenly everyone else is perceived as being at fault.	Nov 25, 2009 9:21 PM
25	Policy support for R&D, innovation and commercialisation of new technology by small medium enterprises (government, business, social entrepreneur)	Nov 25, 2009 10:57 PM
26	Green Economy: We need to value the inherent worth of the environment rather than simply increasing its marginal social capital, as is the practice in environmental economics. Without agreement on first principles, we will be forever lost in revisionist failure. That is to say, "The environment is inherently good" rather than "the environment must be protected for future exploitation." This is related to fostering innovation, and the government can play a role in changing incentive structures to accommodate. It will require making the decision not to continue destroying Northern Alberta to make a buck, which is perhaps asking too much of Canadian democracy. The government, many individuals, and business have no meaningful interest in promoting gender equality. We are constructed into a violently protective patriarchal existence that is replicate by the aforementioned actors.	Nov 25, 2009 10:59 PM
27	The Government and NGOs need to start finding better ways to spend their money in terms of advancing in a green economy by fostering innovation.	Nov 25, 2009 11:15 PM
28	Certain NGOs are doing a great deal to promote gender equality. Meanwhile, factions among government, business, and the "cultural" sector are doing their best to capitalize on human trafficking by pushing for the full acceptance and legalization of prostitution, while little is done to prosecute men who commit violence against women. In BC, single, unemployed mothers don't receive enough money to live on, and thus are pressured into resorting to prostitution (including pornography) or staying with abusive men. The more fortunate Canadians are complacent about it all.	Nov 26, 2009 7:26 AM
29	Sectors involved = All of Above & Actors = Government (all levels) + Business (financial sector investors & lenders especially)	Nov 26, 2009 5:15 PM
30	Attending the Copenhagen Conference (green economy), defending its citizens' rights abroad when they are being abused such Omar Khadr in Gitmo (Good Governance), restoring CIDA's funding and stopping cuts to NGO funding (promoting human development)	Nov 26, 2009 8:34 PM
31	Canada does a horrible and shameful job in regards to the green economy. Canada is harming climate negotiations.	Nov 26, 2009 9:59 PM
32	Individual Canadians should make advancing a green economy their individual responsibility by "voting with their dollars." By supporting green businesses/products/initiatives and boycotting businesses and products that are not environmentally friendly, individual Canadians can have an incredible effect on both businesses and governments to change their existing policies.	Nov 26, 2009 10:17 PM

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33	<p>Advancing a green economy would be easy, if there weren't so many businesses heavily invested in the black and gold economy. Innovation fosters itself. We don't need good governance we need neutral governance. "Good" governance is what has us fighting the world over. The genders aren't equal. We need equal dignity for all humans, not "equal" genders. Human development is mostly stagnant. Humanity can't feed itself yet, this would be a first brick in the foundation of human development. We'll see how long it takes to lay this cornerstone, then I'll get back to you.</p>	Nov 26, 2009 10:47 PM
34	<p>fostering good governance - I blame poor governance for an even poor policy on a green economy.</p> <p>again, all actors are involved, however government and individual canadian are the ost profound.</p>	Nov 26, 2009 11:59 PM
35	<p>The government needs to be a leader in climate change action, not waiting for others to act. We're losing our respected reputation for innovation and being leaders in this area.</p>	Nov 27, 2009 12:23 AM
36	<p>Businesses to embrace diversity and foster innovation in manager-employee relationship</p>	Nov 27, 2009 12:45 AM
37	<p>Advancing a Green Economy Promoting Gender Equality and Human Development Embracing Diversity</p> <p>Government Business Individuals</p>	Nov 27, 2009 2:01 AM

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38	<p>I can think of a lot more instances where Canada is doing an absolutely horrendous job in international issues, especially revolving around the advancing of a green economy and the promotion of human development. From a government perspective, our environmental policy mainly revolves around making extremely reluctant commitments and stalling again and again on them - initially (at a conference like Bali) citing our foot-dragging as the need to get developing countries on board with international aims to reduce carbon emissions and promoting green development AND THEN when countries like India and Brazil make overtures towards negotiating a concrete settlement, using the excuse of a lack of U.S. action and the need to coordinate on a continental agreement as a further delay tactic.</p> <p>Additionally, somehow our government has managed to frame the green debate as a growth versus environment paradigm when in fact we should be focusing on the promotion of green innovation which in fact improves the Canadian economy</p> <p>In terms of promoting human development, much fault lies on the side of the government for their recent cuts in development assistance and the re-prioritization of aid to middle-income countries whom we've signed free trade agreements with (Peru and Ukraine) while cutting off funding to sub-Saharan African countries like Malawi. The fault here is not that they focus on growth in promotion of human development (in fact NGOs, social entrepreneurs and individual Canadians are often at fault when they blanketly criticize the promotion of growth in developing countries as some right-wing, neoliberal craze when in fact you can't have development without economic growth) but rather that the prioritization has been away from the poorest of the poor in the world.</p> <p>I also think it's worth pointing out in terms of feedback on the survey that some definitions could be helpful (such as what is the proper meaning of a 'social entrepreneur'. Also, there should maybe be a debate as to whether the cultural sector should indeed have a role to play in these social and political issues, as their attention often either shifts the debate or narrows it to a camera-friendly, simplification of the entire debate at hand.</p>	Nov 27, 2009 2:42 AM
39	Advancing a green economy is the most important thing we can do by example for the rest of the world, and it should involve all sectors of society.	Nov 27, 2009 2:42 AM
40	Absolutely, the "Green" area should be an immediate, long term Canadian and global priority. To keep pushing back dates for acting responsibly and making significant changes is shameful. Governments are too worried about votes and hiding too much for there to be any feeling of trust anymore.	Nov 27, 2009 2:52 AM
41	<p>Canada must invest in the cultural sector. Increased funding will permit the development of artistic voices discussing all the above issues in a format which is accessible to most citizens.</p> <p>Canada must also invest in NGOs and small business. In order for these organizations to embrace the above issues, they cannot spend most of their time tracking down sponsors.</p> <p>Canada must create REAL opportunities for diversity beyond minor entry level positions.</p> <p>Canadians must communicate with their representatives and be assured that they will be HEARD by these same representatives.</p>	Nov 27, 2009 5:31 AM
42	<p>Gov't: take action on Kyoto instead of whining about the targets being unrealistic. Stop the oilsands. Money for green power and innovation.</p> <p>Cultural Sector, Individual Canadians: more discussion and action against sex trafficking in Canada, outrage about suspension of Charter and freedoms for the 2010 Olympics.</p>	Nov 27, 2009 5:39 AM
43	Advancing a Green Economy / Government/Business, Individual Canadian	Nov 27, 2009 1:38 PM

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44	<p>Championong good governance (gouvernement): humaniser l'aide au développement, si une telle chose est possible. Depuis l'arrivée au pouvoir du gouvernement conservateur, 98% (approx.) de l'aide au développement est de l'aide 'liée'. Une hausse de près de 20% en comparaison avec les gouvernements précédents.</p> <p>Promoting gendre quality (gouvernement): Attaque constante envers le droit des femmes de disposer librement de leur corps. Que le gouvernement fédéral arrête son offensive, à l'aide de multiples projets de lois obscurs, contre le libre-choix en matière de grossesse (et d'avortement).</p>	Nov 27, 2009 7:14 PM
45	Wonderful wonderful Copenhagen	Nov 27, 2009 9:10 PM
46	We could definitely improve our efforts in the green economy by lowering taxes for young entrepreneurs who want to do start new green businesses - there are great ideas but not the means to realize these.	Nov 27, 2009 11:48 PM
47	advancing green economy- ie funding of alternatives -- Government, business, Social entr - (buying, individuals)	Nov 28, 2009 12:49 AM
48	The government of Canada is dragging its feet in a pathetic and unconscionable way with regard to climate change, and stonewalling efforts to effect the necessary changes in this area. We are in danger of becoming a laughingstock in this area, if we aren't already!	Nov 28, 2009 3:23 AM
49	Green Economy: a combination of high environmental standards for infrastructure and transportation, coupled with incentives for businesses and citizens, working closer with NGO and cultural sector groups. Fostering innovation: increase use of open source technology. Good Governance/Diversity, Development: change the allocation structure for taxes (give municipalities more money and freedom to do what they want)	Nov 28, 2009 6:46 AM
50	I dont see it on here, but i think that the current government (and previous ones for that matter) lack an overarching vision for what Canada is as an nation and, by extension, what role we should be playing in the international arena. We can improve here, big time.	Nov 28, 2009 8:22 AM
51	The government of Canada definitely needs to step up in all areas but especially when it comes to advancing a green economy and embracing diversity. I think one group that is often ignored are the Natives. We could be doing a lot more.	Nov 28, 2009 3:35 PM
52	The government of Canada needs to step up its mandate to foster a green economy. We are well below our promised emission targets stated in the Kyoto Protocol. Stephen Harper has consistently attempted to skirt the climate issue at global conferences or has chosen not to attend. Canadians waste the most amount of water in the world. The melting glaciers in the Arctic, melting permafrost in the Northern areas of Canada, and the ripple effects of these events on the animals and Aboriginals who depend on these ecosystems is devastating. Individual Canadians and NGOs are doing their best to help the issue however the government had been ignorant and idle. Canada needs to lead by example which requires the government to pass regulations that they will actually adhere to and thus Canadian businesses will be forced to also innovate and improve their operations.	Nov 29, 2009 2:06 AM
53	Green Econ: Gov - foot dragging on carbon emissions.	Nov 29, 2009 5:36 PM
54	advancing a green economy and fostering innovation, government and business	Nov 29, 2009 6:37 PM
55	Canada definitely needs to step it up on the Green Economy side, as well as Fostering innovation. While individual Canadians are doing this, there doesn't seem to be a cohesive vision.	Nov 29, 2009 6:53 PM
56	Government: 1. Get out of the tar sands completely. 2. Make a solid support for green products, foster innovation to help the people have more of a choice of green and put more money into mass transportation, and to foster innovation by tax cuts. The government also needs to settle land claims for the First Nations. Once the government becomes serious about issues, most people will support them.	Nov 29, 2009 9:57 PM

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57	Advancing a Green economy in a way that we should stop following in US steps. we should be green and more work needs to be put into this effort. Government	Nov 30, 2009 3:50 AM
58	-better engaging with realistic climate agreements and not being hypocritical -maintaining our edge in high tech industry and preventing theft from other countries (RIM vs. Chinese Redberry, Russian oligarch involvement in Canadian industry) -accomplishing goals promised in Afghan development which have been ignored -diversity in Canadian culture must be willing to adjust to non-Canadian sources	Nov 30, 2009 7:27 AM
59	Advancing a green economy with business	Nov 30, 2009 8:54 AM
60	Government - Championing Good Governance - definitely needs to take a stronger stand diplomatically with other countries to champion democracy and human rights Business - needs to invest more in green technology and encourage more social entrepreneurs - we can lead by example in innovation & green technology if business sector invests more in these efforts Government/Individual Canadians - while we tolerant of other cultures, we need to protect freedom of people here that are under cultural/religious pressures. Tolerance should not turn into submission lest we encroach on any religious boundaries - too many Canadians, especially young Canadians are caught in the conflict between the old school/religious values the parents raise them with and the new values they want to embrace.	Nov 30, 2009 9:18 AM
61	Government is really what the people make it... if all the people who believed in the most progressive policies voted for the party or candidates with the most progressive policies then the whole spectrum in Canadian spineless governance would shift, and it would make us leaders. Build upon our extensive cooperative structures (MEC, Credit Unions, Land/Housing Cooperatives, etc.) to develop more Participatory Economic models (PARECON). This would move Canada forward on all of the five areas.	Nov 30, 2009 10:05 AM
62	Promoting Gender Equality - The glass ceiling still exists in big business!	Nov 30, 2009 4:14 PM
63	bringing Omar Khadr home. GOVERNMENT	Nov 30, 2009 6:10 PM
64	development aid peacebuilding efforts	Nov 30, 2009 6:43 PM
65	advancing a green economy, promoting gender equality and human development: government and business sector need to do more	Nov 30, 2009 6:44 PM
66	Embracing Diversity -While Canada is often portrayed as an open and welcoming country, this is often not the case among individual Canadians. The society is very fragmented where there are cultural pockets that in some cases even breed racial discrimination. It is good that immigrants are able to hold on to and display their cultural heritage but it comes at a high price - a fractioned society where there is little dialogue between people of different backgrounds.	Nov 30, 2009 6:59 PM
67	Our government is an embarrassment when it comes to international environmental leadership. In many ways we are responsible for the collapse of Kyoto and if Copenhagen goes forward, it will be in spite of Canada	Nov 30, 2009 7:09 PM
68	Embracing Diversity --> ALL NEED TO IMPROVE	Nov 30, 2009 7:27 PM
69	Individual Canadian in Embracing diversity	Nov 30, 2009 7:46 PM
70	As my last screed sort of illustrated, I think Canada needs to improve its effort to lead by example in all of the 5 areas discussed. I generally think Canada has lost its way and needs to find its place in the world. This conference is certainly a start.	Nov 30, 2009 8:08 PM

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71	-government has fallen behind in advancing a green economy, why are canadian mining companies allowed to pollute with impunity? -government has shown own deficits in transparency and good governance, ignoring public demand. - government has shown increasing intolerance or gender,race and ethnicity, and has reduced earlier commitment to human development -government is also weaker on promotion of diversity and tolerance. -other actors perform better, save the mass media, but their influence is limited	Nov 30, 2009 8:12 PM
72	While I think most of the world thinks of Canada as a very environmentally connected country, the advancement of the Green Economy in Canada has been lacking. While the US, China, Korea and European countries forge ahead in developing a green stimulus package, Canada's has been lacking. As innovation turns to clean tech and green solutions, Canada is being left behind while it invests in unsustainable oil sands and mineral and resource exploitation.	Nov 30, 2009 8:14 PM
73	advancing a green economy. many Canadians are lacking in the initiative to carry out their 'plans'	Nov 30, 2009 8:14 PM
74	The government and NGOs must do more about the environment and climate change, especially with respect to the Arctic and the potential for increased conflicts as temperatures rise.	Nov 30, 2009 8:14 PM
75	Canada needs to improve their efforts in all area's provided from a Green Economy which the Canadian people and government are contrary to popular belief the last of the G8's in the world with a ridiculous carbon footprint. Governments need to work towards what is best for Canada and not what is best for winning elections instead of being catch all parties trying only to bend to their constituencies every beck and call. When it comes to promoting gender equality we need to continue on the current path providing jobs and opportunities to young women working on empowering them and moving away from the classic household caretaker model.	Nov 30, 2009 8:46 PM
76	Fostering innovation, become more involved in efforts already been done by locals in communities rather than "teaching"	Nov 30, 2009 8:46 PM
77	Green Economy : The government is thinking about extending and allowing more and more green territory to private companies...	Nov 30, 2009 8:51 PM
78	Government needs to embrace immigrants as a positive force in the Canadian Economy.	Nov 30, 2009 8:56 PM
79	The greatest area for improvement is in creating a better R&D sector which fosters innovation and progress in many areas such as the environment and the business sector.	Nov 30, 2009 8:59 PM
80	Canada's govt has been shamelessly following the US in the charge towards carbon neutrality. Canada's leaders have been silent as our environment suffers and as citizens continue to demand change.	Nov 30, 2009 9:05 PM
81	Government- needs to reframe its work to ensure it truly works in areas determined by PARTNERS and does not dictate policy by aid.	Nov 30, 2009 9:06 PM
82	Governmental and business sectors need to become more transparent in their involvement in these five areas. For example: re-thinking the educational systems and how they relate to fostering these ideals in our youth.	Nov 30, 2009 9:08 PM
83	All of the above, although diversity seems to be taking hold.	Nov 30, 2009 9:17 PM
84	government in enforcing green ideas in citizens, promoting the arts and culture and diversity in canada more	Nov 30, 2009 9:45 PM
85	Canada should get more involved in fostering innovation and taking a lead in world politics.	Nov 30, 2009 9:48 PM

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86	All 5. The Canadian government is comfortable riding on Canada's reputation as a peacekeeping, advanced nation - but the reality is that we do not deserve that label. The Canadian government is too passive, willing to allow the United States and neo-liberalism to dictate our policies. There is no real interest in alleviating the problems of Aboriginal Canadians, people suffering overseas, and the looming threat of climate change. Business has, for the mostpart, been collaborationist in this system that promotes profits long before people.	Nov 30, 2009 9:59 PM
87	Championing good governance and embracing diversity: Government. Immigration policies are getting tighter and tighter and much more inaccessible.	Nov 30, 2009 10:46 PM
88	The Canadian government AND it's people need to do a better job living up to their green reputation.	Nov 30, 2009 10:48 PM
89	Championing Good Governance NGO There is a lot of talk about things, but NGOs should be more focused on doing, rather than in talking. Some of they're fixed agendas does not allow them to perform any actions. Too much talking to few real results!	Nov 30, 2009 10:54 PM
90	ADCANCING A GREEN ECONOMY NEEDS TO BE IMPROVED UPON BY GOVERNMENT	Nov 30, 2009 11:33 PM
91	-Business needs to find ways of being more ethical and in line with a value of people over profits in terms of international trade -Government needs to be more transparent and responsive to citizens in all areas -Citizens need to be more pro-active in terms of expressing themselves towards government in all areas -All sectors need to collaborate more in all areas -Need to harness cultural tools (ie. music, film, dance, etc) to communicate more effectively across cultures to build stronger international relations	Dec 1, 2009 12:04 AM
92	-Championing Good Governance - greater involvement of citizens in politics (government, individual Canadian) -Advancing a Green Economy - increased pressure for business to conduct its processes in a sustainable way (business, government)	Dec 1, 2009 12:09 AM
93	Canada is a total laggard at R&D (Innovation) this needs a huge boost, the taxation system only superficially supports the Green Economy. Leading politicians need to avoid the tragedy of the commons and act in a manner which promotes dialog and thoughtful debate, even if this undermines short term electoral gains.	Dec 1, 2009 12:33 AM
94	promoting gender quality business	Dec 3, 2009 5:49 PM
95	1) We must resume our Pearson-era peace-keeping diplomatic initiatives in the world instead of defaulting to militarism. 2) Making all levels of governance (municipal, provincial, federal, & international) curriculum throughout primary and secondary school would transform our practices of self-government. 3) A thorough understanding of how proportional representation could engage citizens in their relation to political choices would likely yield profound changes in the quality of the governments we elect. 4) Equally important as learning about governance is for the school population, so too have all aspects of media become central to the fabric of our society. As they live and breathe, all students could learn the skills of photography, editing, writing, presenting, researching, and knowing how a documentary (or news) is made from start to finish. 5) When native groups across the country have to engage in long-drawn-out legal battles with mining companies as they did in the story of Amazay Lake to preserve pristine environments in Canada, clearly we as a country are failing to lead by example in our sanctioning of wholesale destruction of our great natural endowment here, there, and everywhere.	Dec 4, 2009 8:38 AM

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96	<p>The Governement needs make living a greener life more financially desireable since they are steering a mass of capitalists. Why are there no insentives for hybrid cars? But there are for efficient furnaces?</p> <p>There are communities that pay for each bag of garbage they put out each week, therefore causing a greater focus on recycling and cutting down on excess. Why not make that policy universal?</p> <p>Unfortunately with all the focus on oil in Alberta, Canada is too busy trying to squeeze every last penny out of a finite energy source to sell to everyone else instead of taking care of its own people for the future.</p>	Dec 6, 2009 7:13 PM
97	<p>All: Advancing a green economy: it's embarrassing how far behind Canada is in this respect. Just because we have a natural resource-based economy does not mean that we should not be using our wild spaces and water as infinitely exploitable. Nor should we condone or encourage other countries to follow our example (e.g. dumping asbestos from Quebec in developing world markets. It's unethical!)</p>	Dec 7, 2009 12:33 AM