

SOCIAL CREDIT PLATFORM 1989

PREAMBLE: Social Credit in 1989, as always, subscribes to a philosophy which embraces:

1. Adherence to the Judeo - Christian ethic.
2. The prior status of the individual his divine right to life, liberty, property, and self - determination.
3. The Free Market, Free Enterprise system.
4. Limited Government - Its chief purpose the protection of peace, so that the individual may fulfill his own potential, acting responsibly in harmony with law.
5. Balanced Budgets at all levels of Government.
6. Humanitarianism - Man as his brother's keeper, the sanctity of home and family.
7. Monetary policies which maintain a workable balance between purchasing power in the hands of the consumer and the market value of goods and services.
8. A strong National Government, with powers clearly defined.
9. Representative Democracy, unabridged.
10. Fixed terms of office for elected representatives.
11. Major decisions settled by referendum - ie. French, Seatbelts, Abortion, etc.

POLICY POSITIONS

1. **TAX REFORM:** Since ultimately all taxes are paid by the consumer, and since taxation is the only proper source of revenue, Social Credit proposes:

- A. No indirect taxation at any level of Government.
- B. No tax exemption, tax deferrals, or tax incentives.
- C. Phasing out of Graduated Income Taxes.
- D. Reduction of Property Tax to that level required for services.
- E. Evolvement of Transaction Tax, showing specific amounts paid to each class of Government service, in conjunction with above.
- F. Referendum on proposed tax increases beyond a fixed percent.

2. **HEALTH CARE:**

- A. Medical services within the reach of every individual via the health insurance plan.
- B. Implementing of deterrent charges, deductibles, coinsurance, etc., to stop abuse.
- C. Privatisation of health care facilities and services, under contract with Government.
- D. Direct charges on doctors for hospital and laboratory privileges.
- E. No extra billing by doctors.

3. EDUCATION:

A. A move toward privatisation of education.

- a voucher system, on trial basis, to allow the parent to decide the university.
- reduced control over curricula by bureaucrats.
- reduced control over teacher qualifications, and in its place more systematic evaluation of student achievement in basic skills.

B. A shift in costs of College and University education to higher tuition costs.

- Student loans bearing interest, insured, and achievement - based.

C. Abolition of Tenure Rights for Professors.

D. Review of Research policies.

E. Reduction in admission of foreign students to small percent of total enrollment.

F. Grants to Alberta students for out of Province approved Colleges and Universities, tied to costs of Alberta schools, and on achievement basis.

4. ADULT EDUCATION:

A. Adapt programs to provide training for those of limited educational background.

- assess native skills and develop individual program patterns leading to job training.
- education in cultural and appreciation skills should be a local matter at the expense of local boards user fees.

5. ATTORNEY GENERAL:

A. Speeding up of Court procedures.

- Privatised court reporting.
- Citizens courts, Voluntary referral to single judge court without lawyers, but with agreement to accept the final decision of the judge.

B. Meaningful hard labour and greater austerity in jails.

C. Immediate prosecution for meaningful perjury.

D. Government sponsored insurance to provide restitution for crime victims, funded by meaningful hard labor.

6. MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS:

A. Complete local autonomy in planning, subject to court review to protect individual rights.

B. Phasing out of transfer payments from senior Governments, accompanied by tax reform, to make revenues from taxation adequate for municipal purposes.

C. Ombudsman procedures in Municipalities.

7. PROVINCIAL TREASURY:

- A. Balanced budgets, ALL departments.
- B. Far greater deposits, from non - renewable resource revenues, to Heritage Trust Fund.
- C. Government loans available only through Treasury Branch, upon credit worthiness.
- D. Expansion of credit by the Treasury Branches, backed by allotments from the Heritage Trust Fund.
- E. Independent interest rate policies to put pressure on finance institutions.
- F. Phasing out all subsidies and discontinuing bailouts of failing institutions.

8. WELFARE:

- A. Financed entirely by a specific tax which is subject to plebiscite approval under specific conditions.
- B. Welfare rolls subject to inspection by municipal councils.
- C. Close coordination with voluntary agencies.
- D. Contracting of welfare services with Salvation Army, Foodbanks, etc.

9. NEECH LAKE:

- A. No sell - out of Federal powers to accomodate Quebec.
- B. No power of veto by a single Province.
- C. Provincial contribution to Immigration Policies and administration to be advisory only.
- D. Senate Reform: First, a clear agreement upon the functions and powers of the Senate, and the term of office for senators.
 - election of Senate brings up serious implications:
 - a. it subjects senators to undesirable politics;
 - b. it is costly;
 - c. it negates the neutral position of the senate in representing the various interests of the Province and serving as an ombudsman;
- E. Deceleration of the Senate Reform process to permit study of possible consequences, and to allow discussion of proposals and ideas via the media.
- F. Social Credit views Senate Reform as an attempt to increase Provincial powers at the expense of a strong National Government.

10. INTEREST RATES:

- A. The management of the money supply is a complex business and will not function to the advantage of consumers if subjected to regional pressure for political reasons. Social Credit would set a low interest pattern through the Treasury Branches.

11. ENVIRONMENT:

- A. Class action lawsuit against polluters, individual and corporate.
- B. Immediate cease of release of dioxin by industry.
- C. Environmental Bill of Rights to guarantee public access to clean air and water.
- D. Environment Council to act as an assessment body for new industry, and as an investigative body for existing business, as regards environment.
- E. Upgrading and enforcement of the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts.

SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH OUR PRESENT GOVERNMENT

- 1. GROSS EXTRAVAGANCE IN REMUNERATION TO M.L.A.
- 2. UNWARRANTED TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE EXPENDITURES
- 3. HUGE INCREASE IN CIVIL SERVICE
- 4. BALE - OUTS OF FAILING ENTERPRISES
- 5. GROSS NEGLIGENCE - PRINCIPAL GROUP
- 6. ELECTION - CALL FOR NONE OTHER THAN POLITICAL EXPEDIENCE
- 7. UNDISGUISED BUYING OF PUBLIC SUPPORT
- 7. ROBBING OF HERITAGE FUND TO AVOID DISTASTEFUL TAX INCREASES
- 8. SUPPORT FOR A SERIOUSLY DEFICIENT MEECH LAKE ACCORD
- 9. ATTEMPTS TO DESTROY OUR LAKES, RIVERS, AND FORESTS BY CONSTRUCTION OF UNPRECEDENTED NUMBERS OF PULP MILLS, WITH NO ENVIRONMENTAL REGARD.
- 10. SCANDALOUS TREATMENT OF OUR GRAVEL TRUCKERS - CHARGING "GRAFT"
- 11. DECREASE IN WOODLAND CARIBOU POPULATION TO LESS THAN 200,
DUE TO RAPE OF LAND BY FOREST INDUSTRY, IN LAST 20 YEARS.
- 12. OLD MAN RIVER DAM IN SPITE OF COURT ORDERS TO STOP IT.
- 13. CUMULATIVE PER CAPITA DEBT IN EXCESS OF \$40,000.

WE MUST UNITE IMMEDIATELY, TO STOP THIS UNCARING AND MALICIOUS MISUSE AND ABUSE OF POWER, BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!!

PLEASE, FOR OUR SAKES, AND FOR OUR CHILDREN, HELP ME TO PUT AN END TO THIS UNCONTROLLED DESTRUCTION OF OUR RESOURCES AND OUR PROPERTY.

SOCIAL DEBT OR SOCIAL CREDIT !!!!

WHERE WILL YOUR VOTE BE???