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Social Credit Platform 198~~8~~

The Party is pledged:

1. To work for and support a cooperative and harmonious union of the provinces of Canada, with each level of government autonomous in those functions assigned to it by the constitution and the specific Act by which a province was created.
2. To restore to the individual his dignity based on freedom of choice and responsible citizenship.
3. To work to free Enterprise from:
  - (a) government intervention and regulation
  - (b) government competition in business
  - (c) Burdensome taxation
  - (d) high interest rates
  - (e) the stilt of strikes and lockouts
4. To halt the practices of government which through patronage, subsidies and exemptions belie the equality of citizens before the law.
5. To extend the functions of ombudsman to provide a simple appeal procedure to those who believe they are unfairly dealt with by government agencies.
6. To uphold contractual agreements so that neither contracting party is unreasonably penalized by economic vicissitudes which neither can control.
7. To restore respect for law, courts, enforcement personnel and government officials by:
  - (a) strict enforcement tempered by reason
  - (b) a radical speed up of the judicial function
  - (c) reasonable compensation for cost entailed in defence procedures when prosecutions are unsuccessful or civil suits are unsustainable.
  - (d) the elimination of costly comforts and amenities in jails and correctional establishments
  - (e) by encouraging and welcoming involvement of private citizens in crime prevention and detection and assistance to police in carrying out their duties.
  - (f) by discouraging soft treatment of young offenders.
8. To cut costs of government by:
  - (a) a shift of costs for services to those receiving the service so far as this is possible.
  - (b) Reviewing the cost-benefit justification of every service branch and eliminating or reducing them as the review indicates justifiable.

- (c) Replacing government grants by assigning additional revenue raising powers to local governments.
  - (d) Reduction of space requirements of governments and undue frills in design and structure and by introducing shift work on the part of the myriads of civil servants who do not meet the public.
  - (e) Divising procedures which will reduce travel and subsistence costs
  - (f) Lowering of qualifications standards to minimum levels and introducing on the job training and competence evaluations rather than relying on paper qualifications.
9. To assign to junior governments every responsibility which can be efficiently carried out locally and accompanying such assignment with revenue sources to be collected by the local government.
10. To legislate fixed 4 year terms for legislatures unless a government is defeated on a non confidence motion during such 4 year term.
11. To work toward an election expense program which would assure to each qualified candidate a fair exposure of his qualifications and personal platform.
12. To revise the program for the heritage fund which would:
- (a) reduce to nil over a short term the use of revenue from depleting resources for current government costs unrelated to resource management.
  - (b) The assignment of 75% of the net revenue generated by the fund to individual dividends to qualified Alberta residents.
  - (c) The use of the fund to back credit expansion through the Treasury Branches to credit worthy borrowers at interest rates below bank prime rates.
13. To give every encouragement to wholesome family life as the best insurance against the social evils afflicting all nations today.