



**What is an  
actual  
working  
democracy?**



**The System is the Scandal**

**and so scandalous decisions  
and actions are not surprising,  
they should be expected.**

**The System is the mess that  
underlies all other messes.**

# Why don't we have democracy (political and economic)?

- Canada's Constitution written by 36 men elected only by men who owned property (10% of population);
- Canada's largest 1,000 corporations spend about \$25 billion each year pushing their agenda, including 10,000 lobbyists;
- Canadian citizen groups have about 500 full-time campaigners, spend about \$30 million each year



**More than 600 specific measures needed  
to have a democratic good government,**

**<<http://democracyaudit.ca>>**

**and another 300 specific measures  
needed to have democratic corporate  
responsibility,**

**and another 100 to have a democratic  
society**

# The 5 Democracy Requirements

Everyone in every organization, and in relationships with each other, must be required to be:

- 1.honest
- 2.ethical
- 3.open
- 4.waste-preventing
- 5.representative



**If honesty is  
the best  
policy --  
why are  
people in  
politics not  
required to  
tell the  
truth?**



**You cannot be an informed voter -- you can't decide -- if you don't know which promises and statements are lies**

**We are all caught in an imperfect information game, like playing poker**





**AMAZINGLY  
ENOUGH**

**IT'S A  
LOAD-O-CRAP**





CRAP-O-METER

**Oh No!**

**The Prime Minister  
cut the rule that  
requires ministers  
to be honest!**






**Even  
corporate  
executives  
are required  
by law to be  
honest,**

**sort of . . .**

a load of crap.



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change the  
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have to work  
to change the  
system**



## **Rays of Sunshine**

- Parliamentary Budget Officer**
- Competition Bureau**
- <http://democracywatch.ca>**



**Given that  
sunshine is a  
good  
disinfectant,  
why is  
excessive  
government  
secrecy and  
secret  
lobbying  
legal?**





**Given that  
sunshine is a  
good  
disinfectant,  
why are  
businesses not  
required to  
disclose all their  
wrongdoing on a  
searchable  
website?**




**Given that  
sunshine is a  
good  
disinfectant,  
why don't  
banks have to  
tell us all the  
details about  
what they do  
with our  
money?**



**And why are  
whistleblowers  
who report  
government and  
business  
wrongdoing not  
fully protected?**

WELL,  
GUESS WHAT?  
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- Whistleblower law review**
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**Government  
corruption =  
waste and  
abuse of the  
public and  
the  
environment**



**Unethical  
business =  
waste and  
abuse of the  
public and  
the  
environment**





**So why are unethical decision-making, unethical gifts and donations, and unethical lobbying all legal?**




**Money to the Referee?  
We don't allow it in sports --  
so why is it legal in politics?**

# **Why are unethical business decisions allowed?**

**If money is currently the root of all evil, then pass an Good Money Act that requires all companies, especially banks and insurance companies (and credit unions etc.), to only use our money for good**

**Pass a Sustainable Fair Trade Act that only allows governments to sign trade deals that comply with sustainable fair trade principles**





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A dramatic photograph of a bright sun shining through a dense layer of dark, heavy clouds. The sun is positioned in the upper center, creating a powerful lens flare and illuminating the surrounding clouds with a golden glow. The sky is a deep, dark blue, contrasting sharply with the bright light of the sun and the white highlights on the clouds.

## **Rays of Sunshine**

- Govt. Ethics laws review**
- Bruce Carson case**
- Foreign bribery cases**
- Shareholder activism**
- <http://democracywatch.ca>**



**We don't  
have time,  
money, air,  
water, soil,  
minerals,  
fuels, plants  
or trees to  
waste**



**So why is it  
effectively legal  
to waste time,  
money, air,  
water, soil,  
minerals, fuels,  
plants and trees?**





Total

BS!

I don't have the time



# All watchdog agencies must be:

- Fully independent (not just arms length)
- Fully resourced (independent of PM/premier and Cabinet)
- Fully empowered, and required, to investigate and penalize
- Fully transparent
- Fully accountable (public must have right to challenge any decision in court)

# All penalties must be:

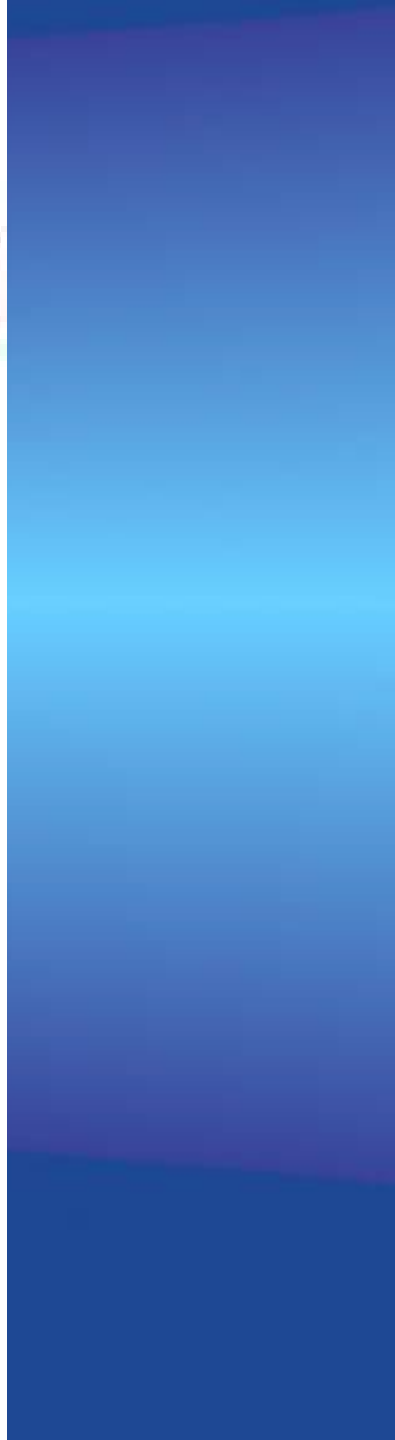
- **Based on the profit made from the wrongdoing (political profit or money profit)**

**X**

- **The chance of getting caught, charged and successfully prosecuted, and penalized the maximum penalty**



**We have more parking inspectors than democracy and corporate responsibility inspectors, and penalties for illegal parking are often higher**





**THAT'S  
ABOUT ENOUGH  
OF THAT  
CRAP!**

**NEXT FEDERAL ELECTION  
VOTE**



**NOBODY**

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- ➔ **NOBODY** keeps election promises
- ➔ **NOBODY** has all the answers
- ➔ **NOBODY** will represent you

*"A vote for Nobody is a vote for Everybody!"*

*Written and authorised by the Ants.*

# Easy representative government changes:

- **Make the voting system more representative,**
- **Allow vote for “none of the above”**
- **Independent commission to screen candidates for Cabinet appointments**
- **Fix election dates**
- **Restrict PM and premier powers to control legislature and other politicians**
- **Allow majority of parties to initiate a public inquiry**



# Easy representative business changes:

- **Make voting for boards of directors more democratic (don't allow CEO to participate) -- quota for women?**
- **Require corporations in every sector to include 1-page pamphlet and email notice in what they send to shareholders and consumers**
- **Share of royalties must go to fund that give grants to citizen watchdog groups**
- **Evaluate bank and insurance company lending and investment decisions**
- **Allow stakeholders to apply for termination of a corporation that repeatedly violates laws**



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**But overall  
difficulty  
will always  
be figuring  
out what is  
responsible  
and for the  
common  
good**



# **Is planning ahead 7 generations enough?**

**Nice idea, but how  
do you do it?**

**(One company uses  
that name and make  
diapers that are not  
fully compostable)**

A dramatic photograph of a bright sun partially obscured by dark, heavy clouds. Sunlight rays, or crepuscular rays, fan out from behind the sun, illuminating the scene. The sky is a deep, dark blue, and the clouds are dark with bright, golden-yellow highlights where they catch the light.

## **Rays of Sunshine**

**What every progressive person and  
group are doing in the world**



## **Rays of Sunshine**

- **Send those letters to change the system**
- **Invite others to join and vote with you  
(more than the usual 10-15%)**
- **CoffeeParty.ca**

# **History has shown that we won't likely:**

- **have a good country until we have good governments**
- **have responsible corporations until we have responsible governments**
- **have a clean environment until we have clean governments**
- **have a fair and just society until we have fair and just governments**
- **or have a democratic society until we have democratic governments.**



**All together  
we can make a difference**

**All together  
we can make Canada the  
world's leading democracy!**