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Jobs versus the environment?

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Jobs versus the environment: Filling the vacuum

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It should concern Albertans, & frankly all Canadians, that [@JustinTrudeau](#)'s "Just Transition" plan will eliminate 2.7 million jobs- according to a Liberal memo.

Alberta's energy industry & our workers are world-class & its time for [@RachelNotley](#) to end her silence.
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"This makes the NEP look like a children's play toy. Where is (NDP Leader) Rachel Notley on this? She should be standing with me and every Albertan against it."

CALGARY HERALD Premier Danielle Smith
January 16, 2023

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“By avoiding the question of job dislocation an enormous vacuum has been created. This vacuum is being filled by powerful corporate interests with much to gain from slowing down and reversing environmental regulations... As we speak, they're working hard to build a massive propaganda machine to subvert this sunseting effort.”

- Les Leopold, 1995

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Canadian oil & gas jobs in context

The numbers (approx.)

- 28% of GHG emissions
- 5% of GDP
- 1% of the workforce (about 200,000 jobs) 

Timeline

- Over 20 years: 10,000 OG job losses per year
- Over 10 years: 20,000 OG job losses per year

Mitigating factors

- Between $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ of OG job losses absorbed through retirement
- Canadian economy has created at least 40,000 jobs per month since Jan. 2021
- Greater investment in green energy will create more green jobs

CALGARY SUN

Bell: Smith to Trudeau – 'Back off' on your just transition attack

Rick Bell

Energy jobs, about 202,000 workers gone.

In Alberta, 187,000 jobs toast. Read that number again.

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Meeting the challenges we face

Tough problems

Employment transition

- Reskilling/training
- Relocation
- Periods of unemployment support

Dependent communities

- OG jobs are regionally concentrated
 - 187,000 in Alberta
 - 13,000 in Newfoundland and Labrador
- 18 communities in Canada where 5% or more are OG jobs

Making green jobs good jobs

- Labour protections and decent pay
- Address employment inequities and discrimination
- Non-degrading and dignified work

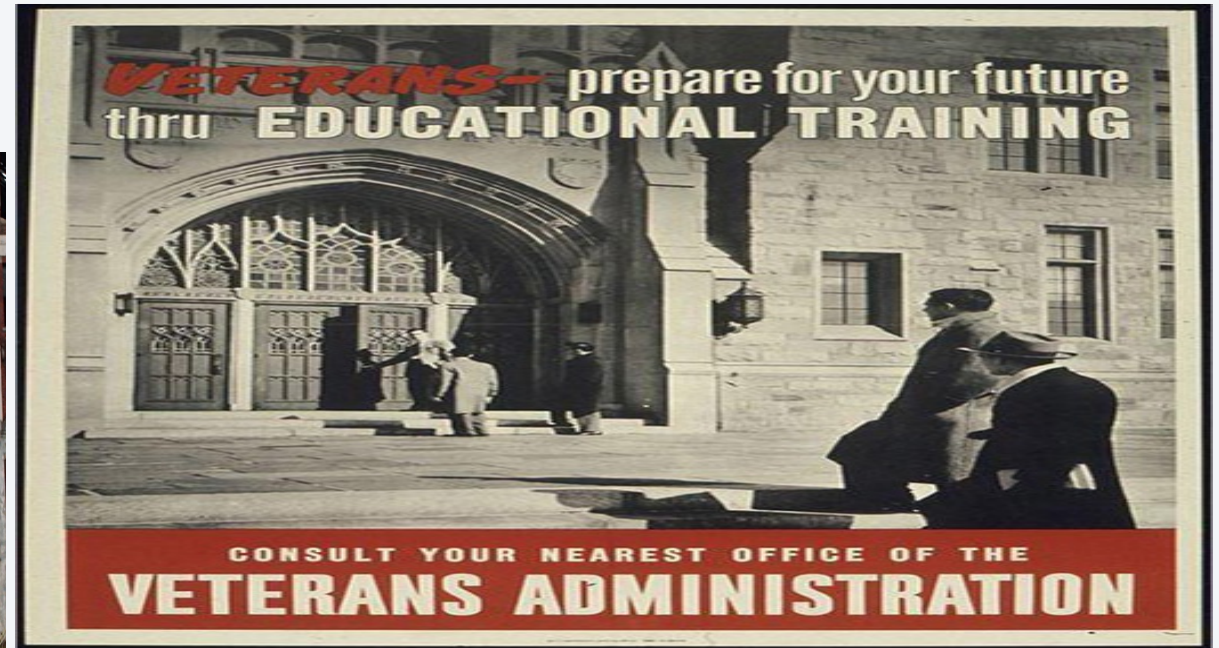
Our challenges

- Reduce barriers to education and training
- Expanded and robust public assistance/safety net
- Targeted energy transition support programs

- Investment in regional economic diversification
- Economic democracy

- Union and labour organization
- Enhanced labour protections and anti-discrimination programs
- Workplace democracy

Overcoming cynicism



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Thank you!

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