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By CJ Wallace

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Visit our political website at <http://www.albertausa.org/>. For our information, educational website see <https://albertausa.info/>.

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News

ALBERTA'S COMING DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE?

By Barry Cooper, from Law & Liberty
<https://lawliberty.org/>

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https://albertausa.info/Database/all_records_more.asp?search_fd0=5598

For many Albertans it is 1775. A year later, as every American knows, the Declaration of Independence was signed in Philadelphia. At the time the Colonies were still part of the British Empire; it is, therefore, a British as much as an American document, which is why its logic has such a wide appeal today in the Canadian West.

All American schoolchildren know how it begins: when one people seeks to dissolve the political bonds with another, a decent respect for the opinions of humanity “requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.” It affirms that all human beings are created equal, that they have inalienable rights that governments secure and that governments derive their just power from the consent of the governed. When governments are destructive of these ends, “it is the right of the people to abolish it.” Many evils are sufferable, the Declaration continued, “but when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing inevitably the same object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such a government,” and establish a new one. Such was the position of American Patriots in the Thirteen Colonies in 1776; such is the position of many Alberta Patriots today.

The Confederation of the four original colonies, now the provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick,

occurred in 1867. To the west of the Canada of the St Lawrence river valley, which we call Laurentian Canada, lay the Hudson’s Bay Company lands, in law a plantation, with a status similar to Jamestown in seventeenth-century Virginia. In 1869 the Imperial Crown transferred this huge territory to the Crown in right of Canada. Canada indemnified the Company for “improvements” made over the previous two centuries, but it was not purchased, as Alaska was purchased from Russia.

Some Company land was given to Quebec; some to Ontario. All the rest, from the western border of Ontario to the height of the Rocky Mountains was reserved “for purposes of the Dominion,” that is, for the benefit of Laurentian Canada.

The Laurentians ignored the existence of a flourishing and, to use the language of the day, a “civilized” settlement at Red River, present-day Winnipeg. All the members of this diverse community had effectively adopted the practices of western civilization. They had not been consulted with respect to the transfer, nor did they consent to it. Canada never created anything like the Northwest Ordinance of 1789, the provisions of which enabled the orderly incorporation of the inhabitants of the American northwest into the United States. Instead, Canada used an archaic imperial statute to annex the Northwest and all its inhabitants. A long-time opponent to Company rule, Alexander Kennedy Isbister, said the territory had been degraded into a “colony of a colony.”

If the inhabitants of Red River were going to join Confederation, it would be on their own terms, as British Columbia had done. They saw themselves as vocal citizens, not mute subjects. Laurentian Canada thought otherwise, both in 1870 and fifteen years later when it deployed a military force to extinguish



an armed challenge to their remote imperial rule.

The Northwest remained a colony of a colony until 1905 when two new provinces, Alberta and Saskatchewan, were created. Neither was a full-fledged province because, unlike every other province, they did not control the chief sources of revenue, namely public lands and natural resources. James Mallory once said they were provinces “in the Roman sense,” by which he meant that, like Trans-Alpine Gaul, the West would be ruled by a new Rome, Ottawa, as a conquered territory. In return, like Roman provincials, Westerners were compelled to pay tribute—taxes—to Laurentian Canada. This legal subordination lasted until 1930 when the prairie provinces were granted control of their natural resources.

Laurentian Canadians still thought the West and its resources existed to benefit them. The resources changed, from fur to wheat, potash, uranium and today: hydrocarbons. Accordingly, when the Yom Kippur war drove up the price of oil, Ottawa instituted a “made in [Laurentian] Canada” price that subsidized eastern consumers. As the federal energy minister, Marc Lalonde, helpfully explained, he wanted “to transfer wealth from Alberta to central Canada.”

Albertans have tried to work within the system. Consider Senate reform. At present all Senators are appointed by Ottawa. Alberta has 6. New Brunswick has 10. Ontario and Quebec have 24 each. Attempts by Albertans to establish an elected, equal and effective—or “triple E” Senate—have failed. The Supreme Court of Canada said change required a constitutional amendment, which effectively made any reform impossible.

A second intractable problem is official bilingualism. The policy was introduced by

Pierre Trudeau in the late 1960s as a language proficiency test. It was always very much more. About 16% of Canadians are bilingual and nearly two-thirds of them have French as their first language. Nearly all are from Laurentian Canada, mostly from Quebec. About half the positions in the federal bureaucracy are designated bilingual; bilingualism is mandatory for nearly all the positions at the top, though the actual numbers are secret. What began as a policy to ensure French-speakers felt at home in Ottawa became a strategy for opposing Quebec separatists and thus promoting “national unity.” Laurentians ignore the fact that bilingualism is remote from Western historical experience, but to them bilingualism is the defining attribute of their vision of the country.

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Senate reform and bilingualism are just persistent annoyances. The attack on the Alberta economy and the manifest unfairness of what is called “equalization” policy are more serious. Section 36(2) of the Constitution Act (1982) established the “principle” that Ottawa would transfer money, called equalization payments, to “have-not” provinces from Canadian taxpayers living in productive ones. The goal, which is more a policy directive than a genuine principle of constitutional law, was to ensure comparable public services at comparable taxation levels.

Every Albertan knows the result. Since 1961 the net federal transfer out of the province has been \$630B; today it is about \$20B a year (nearly \$22,000 for every family of four

in the province). The net federal transfer into Quebec was \$497B; today it is about \$13B a



year, two-thirds of every equalization dollar. When the oil industry was flourishing few Albertans complained about spreading the wealth around.

In the last decade, however, because of deliberate federal policy choices that have nearly destroyed the oil industry, acquiescence in the equalization program has changed. An already heavy regulatory burden persuaded Enbridge to cancel a proposed pipeline to the Pacific in 2015; Trans Canada abandoned its proposed pipeline to New Brunswick in 2017; Kinder Morgan gave up trying to twin its existing pipeline to Vancouver in 2018. In June of that year the Trudeau government passed Bill C-69, which further increased regulation. Albertans call C-69 the “no more pipelines” law.

In September 2019 the Trudeau government passed Bill C-48, which prohibited Canadian-based oil tankers from sailing the north coast of BC while permitting US tankers to ship Alaska crude to 17 refineries in the lower 48. The combined effect of these laws has been to ensure that any new production in Alberta will be transported by expensive and relatively dangerous rail cars, mostly to American refineries on the Gulf coast at discounted prices.

Another attack on the economy was a carbon tax. The result has been to drive investment away from Alberta to less expensive (mostly American) jurisdictions. Since 2015 about \$100B in proposed capital investment has disappeared. The Alberta oil industry collapsed when business was booming in Texas and North Dakota, which is why so many Alberta companies moved south. Trans-Canada Pipelines even

renamed itself TC Energy to be more at home in Texas and Mexico. Encana, which began life as the Alberta Energy Company, is now headquartered in Denver.

Increasing numbers of Albertans see recent efforts by Ottawa to destroy their economy as the culmination of a long train of abuses that began a century and a half ago. But why would Laurentian Canada kill the goose that lays the golden eggs that sustain transfer payments to Quebec? How irrational is that? This point has been made for years, most recently by Jason Kenney, premier of Alberta, when he told Yves-Francois Blanchet, leader of the Quebec separatist party that he can't have his cake and eat it. Monsieur Blanchet replied: “you know what? I like my cake and I will do what I like about it.”

Blanchet was right. On December 7, 2018 the Premier of Quebec declared there was “no social acceptability” for a pipeline passing through Quebec. The next day the federal finance minister announced a \$1.4B increase in transfer funds to Quebec. That is, Quebec was rewarded for blocking efforts of Alberta to deliver its major export to world markets. The goose that laid the golden eggs was being served up for dinner. More prosaically, Laurentians are willing to destroy the oil industry because it is based in a province of little political value to them: Alberta.

The conflict between Alberta and Laurentian Canada is not simply about economic exploitation. The histories and the mythologies of the two regions are antithetical. Laurentia has been conditioned by defeat: of the French by the English in 1759 at Quebec, of the Loyalists by the Patriots following the American Revolution.



In contrast, the settlement of the Prairie West, despite Laurentian military victory in 1885 was, at least for settlers, akin to the

triumph of pioneer virtue and grit familiar to American tales about the “winning of the west.” This is why Albertans have more culturally in common with their neighbours in Montana than with fellow citizens in Ontario and Quebec.

The current Alberta government has plans to hold a referendum next fall on the continued acceptability of transfer payments. Just about everybody expects the vote to be heavily in favour of ending the policy of equalization. Then what?

Premier Kenney is of the view that such a vote will strengthen his hand in re-negotiating the program. Alberta Patriots fully expect Laurentian Canada to reject any proposals out of hand, thereby precipitating a major political crisis

Alberta's 1776 is fast approaching. Stay tuned.

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Party's Activities

PARTY REGISTRATION

Party registration continues throughout the province.

Paulette Mcculloch has done a great job travelling Alberta gathering signatures needed to register the party.

We still need to complete full registration as a provincial political party. In accordance with Alberta Elections laws, <https://www.elections.ab.ca/political-participants/> . The method that we have chosen is to collect Albertan voting citizens' signatures. The best reference to see if you qualify as a voter may be found at this official site, <https://www.elections.ab.ca/voters/who-can-vote/> .

Starting mid-March 2021. From the time the foundation is incorporated, and the party is

registered, we will have six months, with three-month possible extension, totaling nine months to collect and submit 8,473 elector signatures to Elections Alberta.

There is only one way to satisfy Alberta Elections requirement for the petition; everything must be 'handaulic'. In other words, physically downloading the pdf form, filling it out, as below, signing it and mailing it through Canada Post.

PDF copies may be downloaded at https://albertausa.info/Docs_Elector_Petition/Petition/PETITION_REGISTER_PROVINCIAL_PARTY_2021.pdf .

ABSP PROMOTIONAL STORE IS LIVE

The promotional store is now open for business.

The aim of the stores are three-fold. One, allow members and supporters to purchase



ABSP copyrighted material. Two, to spread the presence of Alberta Statehood party. Three, to raise funds for the party's activities.

The ABSP Stores has two divisions:

- Party Administrative Merchandise. Members and constituencies may select such items as tri-fold brochures, door-knob hangers and business cards. This store should be open in a couple of weeks.
- Party Promotional Merchandise. **Now live!** This will include, stickers, ball caps, t-shirts, mugs, posters, license plates, etc.

ABSP DONATE WEBSITE

The donation website is up and running. We need your donations to continue to develop the party and to get our message across to Albertans.

Your donations go towards continuing our three websites, <https://albertausa.org> , <https://albertausa.info> , our donation website <https://albertastatehoodparty.com/> , and all associated databases and security elements, such as SSLs, firewalls, backups. etc.

As well, your donations go towards our stores, advertising, office supplies, government fees, and budgeting for upcoming events such as our first convention.

<https://albertastatehoodparty.com/>

ABSP ON NEW SOCIAL MEDIA GETTR.COM

GETTR.com and is a new middle of the road to conservative social media site.

The site was created by Jason Miller, a former Donald Trump aide and spokesman. The platform launched officially on July 4, 2021.

Gettr describes itself as a "non-bias [sic] social network", and bills itself as an alternative to mainstream social networks, writing in a mission statement that its aims include "fighting cancel culture, promoting common sense, defending free speech, challenging social media monopolies, and creating a true marketplace of ideas". The name is a portmanteau of "getting together".

Gettr's user interface and feature set have been described as very similar to those of Twitter, with some journalists describing it as a "clone". Users can write posts on the platform of up to 777 characters in length, upload images, and upload and edit videos that are up to three minutes long. Users can repost other users' posts, as well as explore a feed of trending topics. The platform also includes the ability for users to be verified. The app is rated "M" for "mature" in app stores, meaning it is recommended for those 17 years of age and older. Miller said that the platform plans to add monetization via a "tipping" feature, livestreaming, and a platform to facilitate political donations.

Source: Wikipedia

<https://gettr.com/user/alberta2usa>



Join!

Membership applications may be found at <https://albertausa.org>. Go to the menu and select Memberships.

Although membership is free, to become a member of the provincial party, Alberta Statehood Party, you must meet the following criteria:

- * Be a Canadian citizen
- * Be 18+ years of age
- * Be a resident of Alberta

Donate!



Donate to the Alberta Statehood Party Foundation.

Secure PayPal, credit and debit cards payments are available.

Go to:

<https://albertastatehoodparty.com>. Go to the menu and select Help Us Become a Party.

Stores!



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Register the Party!

WE NEED YOUR HELP to make us an official provincial party. Download the pdf https://albertausa.info/Docs/Elector_Petition/PETITION_REGISTER_PROVINCIAL_PARTY_2021.pdf. Collect signatures and postal mail.

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Volunteer!



Alberta Statehood Party needs all types of volunteers. You'll never get bored.

WE NEED YOU!

You may volunteer at the provincial level or within your own constituency, or both.

Sign up to volunteer at:

<http://www.albertausa.org/volunteer/>.

We need volunteers to gather signatures to officially register our party with Alberta Elections. Go to <https://albertausa.org>. Go to the menu and select **Sign the Party Registration Form!**



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ABSP information site: <https://albertausa.info>

ABSP Donation website: <https://albertastatehoodparty.com/>

ABSP Stores: <https://www.albertausa.org/merchandise/>

Our FAQ Database. FAQ search results in our database:

http://albertausa.info/Database/query-media_type.asp?search_fd0=&search_fd1=FAQ

ABSP Database. This is a direct access to the online database:

http://albertausa.info/Database/all_records.asp

ABSP Twitter: <https://twitter.com/Alberta2USA>

ABSP MeWe page: <https://mewe.com/group/5e7a58f9de8a474f3bbfd96a>

ABSP Gab page: <https://gab.com/alberta2usa>

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ABSP Reddit Page: <https://www.reddit.com/user/Alberta2USA/>

ABSP NewTube Channel: <https://newtube.app/user/Alberta2USA>

ABSP GETTR Page: <https://gettr.com/user/alberta2usa>

ABSP official FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/Alberta2USA>

ABSP CloutHub group: <https://g.clouhub.com/group/alberta-statehood-party>

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