



OUR MOST COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT ABOUT THE BIDEN/DEMOCRAT WIN?

We are used to a parliamentary democracy where a prime minister with a majority has unbridled, dictatorial power. Our prime minister has the right to decide what legislation is brought to the House of Commons for passage and, when required, he appoints both Senators and Supreme Court judges for life. As a result, we do not have an elected, equal, effective Senate, but rather one that is politically compromised and impotent.

Also, the House of Commons, which is the sole legislative body in our government, has seats distributed according to population (plus there are still some agreements on minimums for Maritime provinces and Quebec given at the time of Confederation). This means our highly populated region of Central Canada has the vast majority of seats and therefore power. Attempts in the past (notably the Reform Party's Triple E Senate proposal) to correct this unbalanced federalism have always failed; Central Canada has no desire to relinquish its power and control over the rest of Canada.

America on the other hand has three strong branches of government: the Legislative (House of Representatives—based on population, and an elected Senate (composed of 2 Senators per state regardless of size); the Executive (including the president and his/her cabinet; and the Judicial (the Supreme Court and other federal courts). These equally strong branches provide rigorous checks and balances that preserve the Constitution and its amendments. To alter the Constitution requires a 2/3 majority vote in both the House and the Senate plus 3/4 approval from the states-- virtually impossible given the gains Republicans made in the past election (which the media ignored). Republicans now have 27 out of 50 governorships and control of 30 out of 50 legislatures.

Essentially, many of President Biden's and the Democrat's policies are unconstitutional and would fail ratification.

WHAT ABOUT HEALTHCARE?

Health care is a state's right and responsibility. Most states offer both public and private care; Republican Mitt Romney while governor of Massachusetts brought in a broadly based public system. Also, in America there are federal programs-- Medicare for the elderly and Medicaid for low-income folks. Alberta would design a system specifically for Albertans.

WHAT ABOUT MY PENSION?

Again, an Alberta Pension Plan would be created, plus there is an American pension program. Negotiations with Canada to have people's CPP investment transferred into the American plan would take place. But also note that demographically we are the youngest province in Canada by a long shot, while Central and Eastern Canada is rapidly aging. Therefore, we are net contributors to the CPP. Reversing this outflow and keeping it in Alberta, combined with the increase in economic activity statehood would bring, would result in bigger pensions for our elderly.

CAN I RETAIN MY CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP?

America does not require that naturalized citizens relinquish their prior citizenship. Retaining Canadian citizenship may be offered; it would be negotiable. But if you remained Canadian you would not have the privilege of voting in American elections.



WHAT ABOUT PAYING OUR SHARE OF CANADA'S DEBT?

It will be argued that Alberta has been a net contributor to Canada financially for decades. Remember too that our federal debt is in Canadian dollars, as would be our portion. Because America's population/economy is so much larger than Canada's, Alberta's portion would be viewed by America as incidental. It would be included in negotiations.

WOULD AMERICA WANT US?

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WHO WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON A STATEHOOD REFERENDUM?

This will be determined by our provincial government, but to avoid unwanted outside influences, most likely only adult residents of Alberta would be allowed to vote. However, there will definitely be a "length of residency" requirement, for instance being resident in Alberta for 6 months or a year. Alberta ex-patriots living outside of Canada might be granted the right to vote, but it is not a given.

WILL PEOPLE WANT TO COME (OR LEAVE) ALBERTA IF STATEHOOD WAS IMMINENT?

Historic change usually creates mass migration. Many from across Canada will return/come to Alberta for the correctly perceived advantages of freedom and opportunity statehood offers. A smaller number of people will leave, but the huge influx of people will create a boost to Alberta businesses (housing market, service industries, recreation).

