

1. FEDERAL EXPANSION



The federal government now funds or controls many key areas:

- Child care
- Dental care (Canadian Dental Care Plan)
- Pharmacare (selected medications, contraception)
- Housing initiatives
- Climate rebates
- Industrial subsidies
- Infrastructure funding (Infrastructure Bank, Canada Growth Fund)
- Carbon contracts
- Pipeline ownership (e.g., Trans Mountain)
- Major project approvals
- Proposed online safety regulation

These programs increase federal involvement in Canadians' lives, the economy, and what people can say online.

2. SPENDING & DEBT



Federal finances are under pressure.

- 2025–26 federal deficit: approximately \$90 billion
- Total Canadian government debt: approximately \$2.3 trillion
- Debt servicing costs (\$53.8 billion) exceed federal healthcare spending (\$52.1 billion)

Rising debt means higher costs for future generations and less flexibility for government.

3. ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE



Canada's productivity has weakened.

- Labour productivity growth was ~3% annually in the 1960s–70s, fell to ~1% from 2000–2019, and remains weak.
- GDP per person fell 2% from 2020 to 2024, despite overall GDP growth.

Result:

The economy grew larger, but average Canadians are worse off.

Long-term productivity growth is essential for rising incomes and higher living standards.

4. ENERGY & PIPELINES



- Private pipeline investment faced legal, regulatory, and political barriers.
- Ottawa purchased Trans Mountain for \$4.5 billion. The expansion was completed at a cost of \$34 billion.
- A proposed West Coast pipeline is expected to be built by government-owned Trans Mountain Corp., with federal and Alberta governments as majority owners and Pembina holding a 10% stake during construction.

Increased federal ownership shifts risk to taxpayers and reduces private sector investment and efficiency.

5. FEDERAL CONTROL & FREE SPEECH



Project Control

- The Major Projects Office recommends which projects move forward under federal legislation.
- Concerns about political influence, delays, higher costs, and fewer projects getting built.

Online Regulation

- Bill C-34 (Safe Social Media Act) would create a Digital Safety Commission.
- Concerns about broad federal oversight of online platforms and content.
- Reports indicate federal officials have discussed legal action against users spreading “false and misleading information.”

Albertans value strong economy and the right to speak freely without fear of government interference.

6. ALBERTA'S FUTURE



Alberta is a resource province that builds and exports.

Key industries include:

- Oil & gas
- Pipelines
- Mining
- Petrochemicals
- Electricity
- Rail & infrastructure

The goal of independence is to restore:

- ✓ Provincial control over natural resources
- ✓ Alberta control over taxes and spending
- ✓ Alberta control over project approvals
- ✓ Alberta authority over economic policy
- ✓ Alberta laws that protect free speech
- ✓ Local accountability to Albertans

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