

The Western Separatist



Gordon Kesler, right, elected as a Western Separatist, for the Alberta Western Canada Concept in the 1982 Olds/Didsbury byelection

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Our cover: This month's cover continues our series featuring Western Canadian separatist folk heroes. Although Gordon Kesler later renounced separatism as being too radical, he was elected as a Western separatist, and his overwhelming victory in the Olds/Didsbury byelection made headlines throughout the world, causing the Canadian establishment to take notice of Western alienation. The picture includes Dr. Fred Marshall, who was President of the Alberta W.C.C. at that time.

Conservatism Without Conservatives

by Richard McBride

“Where’s the Canadian Ann Coulter?” asks Tasha Kheiriddin in the National Post. “Why is she so popular in her own country, yet so offensive to so many people in ours?” Easy question, I would have thought. We’re a nation of cowards, *c’est tout*. But that’s not the answer Kheiriddin comes up with. According to her, the problem with *Canada* is that we’re not *American* enough.

Five years ago, Kheiriddin devoted an entire book (with co-author Adam Daifallah) to this thesis: *Rescuing Canada’s Right: Blueprint For A Canadian Revolution*. “To us,” these Canadian revolutionaries confess, “small-c conservatism means a political philosophy loosely based on the ideas of classical liberalism as outlined in the writings of John Locke, Adam Smith and more modern thinkers such as Friedrich Hayek.” Of course! A conservative revolution based on liberalism! Why didn’t anyone think of this before?

But American conservatism has been based on liberalism for decades, which explains why the American conservative “movement” is bankrupt. I wonder if Kheiriddin and Daifallah took pause when Barack Obama rammed his leviathan healthcare bill down American throats. Not likely. You see, “movement” conservatism, “classical liberal” conservatism is not about anything as intractable as principle; it’s merely about jobs for the boys and girls. Think-tank jobs.

Tasha Kheiriddin loves think tanks. She made her career in them, after all. They provide a pleasant and well-compensated roost for liberal conservatives in between their stints in government and their stints in the media, touting for “free enterprise.” I wonder if Kheiriddin and Daifallah took pause when it was lately revealed that their vaunted free enterprise was nothing more than a vast Ponzi scheme designed to make billionaires (at taxpayer expense) of the officers of Goldman Sachs, et al.

Not likely. For the genius of modern “conservatism” is that it is never held accountable for its record—a record of utter failure. Since William F. Buckley, Jr., founded *National Review* in 1955, generally regarded as the birth of the “New Right,” American government has become relentlessly bigger, more intrusive and more oppressive. But what is this compared to the fact that since the election of Ronald Reagan in 1980, thousands of young American Kheiriddins and Daifallahs have made lives for themselves in Washington, DC—formerly the belly of the beast, now home sweet home.

American “movement conservatism” serves five ends. To cheerlead for the Republican Party. To wave the flag whenever America decides at gunpoint to instruct foreigners in the way of righteousness. To command that Israel must be supported at all costs. To serve as acolytes at the temple of Mammon. And to preach that “choice” is the highest of all “values.”

None of these ends is truly conservative. But what would you expect of a movement that admits it is classically liberal? And it is no surprise that our *soi-disant* conservatives speak of values and not truths. They don’t believe in truth. Values are mutable, while truth is dangerously—and truculently—immovable.

Contrary to what movementarians believe, conservatism is not an ideology. It is a set of suppositions about human nature and the limits of human action. It teaches that we are all sons (and daughters) of Adam. That life is a vale of tears. That love is more important than gold. That our strength and comfort is to be found in our families and our communities. And that politics is understood as an expression of these truths. That it should be modest, and above all, prudential.

Movement conservatism praises gay marriage, no-fault divorce, children as consumer objects, “virtual” communities, massive Third World immigration, the destruction of national sovereignty and, above all, “efficiency” in all things.

We don’t need Americans to tell us how to wreck our country. We’ve managed that nicely on our own, thank you very much. The challenge for Canadian conservatives is to rediscover the meaning of life. And then to take the first faltering steps towards reinstilling that meaning in society.

The Cost of Confederation

Olympics Demonstrates Disunity

The West contributes billions of dollars to pay for official bilingualism, and other initiatives of the government to ensure national unity, and yet it is never enough! The following excerpts, from an article that appeared in the National Post on March 11, 2010, by David Akin, Canwest News Service, make this point:

Olympics an inspiration, says Harper, a reason for Quebec independence, says Duceppe

OTTAWA — Prime Minister Stephen Harper said on Thursday that Canada's record-setting performance at the Vancouver Olympics should be an inspiration to MPs and all Canadians as they face the challenges of recovering from the recession.

"Because the Vancouver-Whistler Games ... showed that when the challenge is understood, when the goal is clearly defined, and when Canadians are given the tools, Canada can get things done," Mr. Harper said Thursday in the House of Commons as part of his reply to the speech from the throne. "And Mr. Speaker, getting things done is the trademark our country is starting to be known for."

But just as Mr. Harper saw the Olympics as inspiration for his government's agenda, Bloc Quebecois Leader Gilles Duceppe, in response to Mr. Harper, cited the Olympics as one more reason why Quebec must declare its independence.

There was significant criticism, even from some cabinet ministers, that the opening ceremonies for the Games did not include enough presentations in French or about Quebec culture.

"That means that Canada continue to impose its multicultural ideology, the old Trudeau ideology, on Quebec," Mr. Duceppe said in the House of Commons. "Canadian federalism has nothing to offer Quebec."

[end of excerpts]

As an example of what the West pays for bilingualism, here is a little sample from a recent court case:

Alberta Court of Appeal Awards Costs in Caron Case

On January 30, 2009, in *R. v. Caron*, the Alberta Court of Appeal affirmed the Court of

Queen's Bench decision to award costs to Gilles Caron for the legal fees he incurred in preparing his defence to an alleged violation of section 34(2) of the *Use of Highway and Rules of the Road Regulation*. Caron did not dispute that he failed to make a left hand turn safely. He argued instead that the ticket was invalid because it was not in French.

To help pay for his court costs, Caron applied to the Provincial Court judge for an interim cost order on the basis of the test developed in the Supreme Court case *British Columbia (Minister of Forests) v. Okanagan Indian Band*. On November 6, 2006, the order was granted but set aside on appeal at the Court of Queen's Bench, where the judge held that the Provincial Court judge lacked jurisdiction to grant *Okanagan* costs orders. Thereafter, Caron successfully applied to the Court of Queen's Bench for a funding order according to *Okanagan*. The Court of Queen's Bench judge directed the Crown to pay for Caron's counsel and expert witnesses on May 16, 2007. **On October 19, 2007, the same judge awarded Caron costs of \$91,046.29 plus GST, representing the remainder of Caron's legal fees for the trial. On July 2, 2008, the trial judge handed down his decision on the traffic infraction, stating that Caron's language rights had been violated.** Caron was granted the relief he sought.

Freedom's Voice

"Human beings will generally exercise power when they can get it, and they will exercise it most undoubtedly in popular governments under pretense of public safety."

— Daniel Webster

"Progress, the growth of power, is the end and boon of liberty; and, without this, a people may have the name, but want the substance and spirit of freedom."

— William Ellery Channing

“The secret of happiness is freedom,
and the secret of freedom, courage.”

— Thucydides

A Separatist Speaks

by Douglas Christie

The Tar Sands: Canada's Only Hope

The West contains, as usual, all the resources upon which Ottawa relies to bribe the voters of Ontario and Quebec. The auto assembly plants of Oshawa and Windsor are the beneficiaries of billions. But where does it come from?

The same dirty place the environmentalists hate, the tar sands. And so everyone in Central Canada has a dilemma. To avoid showing too much concern for tar sands production, which would alienate their environmentalist friends in Central Canada while encouraging the oil sands production to get the guaranteed fuel supply needed to keep the wheels of industry turning, to keep prosperity possible.

In the face of all this, we see the true environmental by-product. They will gladly use all the goods and machinery which dirty oil provides, but at the same time, pretending to listen to Al Gore on climate change. Copenhagen failed. The UN climate chief resigned and the Himalayan Glaciers have not melted but God help you if you hint you are a climate change denier!

But Western Canada needs to seriously evaluate the real cost of confederation. On the one hand, Ottawa needs Western resources to fund its vote-gathering programs, grants, perks and privileges. On the other hand, because of the multitude of legislative seats in Quebec and Ontario, Ottawa can ignore Western opinion in this careful analysis. For this reason, **we** must seriously contemplate the keys to the farm. A scary thought, indeed. Do we give them to Ottawa or do we separate and build a new and

better security for our future for ourselves in the West?

What are the pros and cons? On the con side, we know Ottawa needs us and some people say (wrongly) Ottawa supported the West in the tough times. Our older members say it never happened. Another argument against separation is the illusion that size equals strength. This fallacy was refuted by the old Soviet Union and to some extent the United States as well, even today. There are emotions, as well.

But the positives seem to outweigh the negatives for a new country. We would have and we would need energy stability. The west would have a common language, common attitudes to freedom, like free speech. We even share the same love of the land which we experience with every prairie sunset. The resource base and prosperity would be enormous. The agricultural production would not drop drastically, apparently from the fact that fuel supplies and prices would be stabilized by local productive capacity giving any potential Western Canadian manufacturer a large competitive edge. The Western provinces could amalgamate and reduce the cost of our government drastically. We could establish the very thing we want, a separate and distinct, prosperous nation of strong idealistic hard-working people.

The prosperity which derives from low fuel costs and the competitive advantages of security of supply would make Western Canada a formidable exporting industrial and agricultural nation. The lower taxes would give our industry a new and vital boost of confidence rather than see them strangled under the weight of Ottawa's debt. Prosperity begets pride and patriotism, something Ottawa can only generate by massive public debt financed activities like the Olympics.

With all the tremendously positive benefits, why would Western Canada choose to continue to give ever larger amounts of their hard-earned income to the bankrupt ideas of

any politician of whatever stripe. Our goal for Western Canadians is to bring them a new vision of hope in a new nation.

Multiculturalism, the Canadian Religion

What is there about any country or nation which makes it different from anywhere else? Is it the geography, the weather, the water and how it flows, the height of its mountains, the proximity to the pole, or the equator? All these things affect the way people live and have food, water and shelter. But not how they govern themselves, the language they speak, the nature of their religion, or the morals they practice. The greatest uniqueness, what causes it? The physical circumstances or the cultural tradition?

To ask the question really provides the answer when a little thought is applied. The method of government, the language, the religion, the morals all determine the social environment.

In this regard, it seems the cultural of France is different from the culture of Italy, which is different from the culture of Germany or England. But each of them are more similar than, say, the culture of Thailand or Borneo.

But what does multiculturalism tell us? It tells us that all cultures are equally good and must equally be encouraged and fostered. The 1960's were the origin of this doctrine, along with other liberal values. It was then thought necessary for social harmony that all cultures feel equally welcome in Canada, as all religions, morals, languages and cultural traditions. What was ignored as a flaw in this utopian thinking was the fact that not all cultures are equally tolerant or morally equivalent. For example, some societies worship an entirely different deity from the Christian church and their version does not tolerate Christianity, even if Christianity tolerates theirs.

When we make way for tolerance, some cultures or religions move forward to supremacy and our culture is pushed from centre stage further and further to the margins. To criticize the state multicultural religion, the heresy of racism is the crime and social rejection is uniformly enforced by all Canadian political parties.

To this liberal theology in Canada, all political parties have willingly succumbed. To achieve electoral success, they have donned the headgear of various religions, in none of which they believe, except to the extent necessary to garner support. But soon we will witness the tragic result of this policy. Soon there will be no shared and common value except to the tax department and their many willing minions, those cheerful poke noses of boards, commissions, and registries which control everything from guns to grain, to garrulous speech. The law unmoderated by shared values or traditions of fairness, manners, and morals, must therefore substitute brute force for common sense. Common sense becomes non-existent without common values and common decency.

Thus we have seen the law become more pervasive, persistent and powerful the less people can be counted upon to reason from common premises, because there are none in a multicultural society.

Multiculturalism is not the way to tolerance, or even anarchy. It is the road to tyranny as Big Brother must emphatically and often brutally keep order between various feuding factions. This effect is one the skillful multiculturalist will turn around to say the conflict is not caused by the new regime, but by its predecessor, a real whopper of a story.

But culture cannot be eradicated by any gradual demographic changes. Immigration to destroy cultural cohesion, must be rapid, drastic and permanent. The government of Canada has been very good at such presentation, so it was with interest that I read the latest statistic

in the Montreal newspapers. The stream of immigration will at present rates result in 60% “visible minority” voters in 2031 in Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver, a mere 21 years from now. Will it be the same country with this change? Will anybody, including Stephen Harper oppose it? Will it be safer, socially? Better, intellectually? The answer is obvious; just look at recent events.

We must Free the West! When Western Canada is an independent nation, with our own constitution, we can **all** assimilate into our culture over time and anyone not willing to do so, can go elsewhere. Freedom will be the rock foundation and one language will be the medium. It will be a safer, more peaceful, prosperous and harmonious country. We need to realize Canada in this regard will only get worse.

Western Canada is our only hope for real beneficial change.

When an invading army imposes new regulations, language, cultural and religious practices, in all likelihood resistance would emerge. But under the guise of multiculturalism, Canada has surrendered to a cultural, religious, linguistic and moral mutation which is rendering all our history a nullity.

The direction of Canada is obvious. Does Western Canada want to be dragged down this road with the surrender of the way we were, becoming tolerant primarily of Big Brother? Ottawa requires this surrender by all politicians who want to be successful. The cities of Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver have become a form of Trojan Horse which every potential politician must ride to victory, to mix metaphors. They must, regardless of party, surrender to multiculturalism to win these cities. The irony and tragedy is that in the long run, conflict between cohesive colonizing cultural groups is inevitable. For peace, prosperity, social harmony and the preservation of our culture, independence for the West is essential.

Otherwise, one hundred years from now, the few remaining of our Western Canadian culture, the culture that came here for freedom will look upon the history of what they have lost, if they are allowed to look at history at all and they will see a first and second world which disappeared, subsumed into the third world. Then they will learn the true meaning of discrimination. Like the Roman empire which fell they will look forward upon one thousand years of dark ages, stretching before them.

Ann Coulter Jumps East/West Divide

Recently Ann Coulter, the American political speaker and writer came to Canada. It would be hard to have missed the events around her controversial visit, but what was really interesting was the contrast between her reception in Central Canada, the epitome of Central Canada, in fact, being Ottawa, and what some might say is the epitome of Western Canada, that is, Calgary.

Because of her reputation, the hostile political correctness crowd were gunning for her, metaphorically speaking, of course. The University of Ottawa provost warned her about breaches of the Criminal Code or Human Rights Act before she even opened her mouth. This letter was apparently taken as a license to shut down her meeting. The organized resistance shouted, yelled, swarmed, pushed and shoved in so that the meeting was cancelled.

These are the standard tactics of left wing censors whenever someone they don't like attempts to speak, and has frequently happened to me.

But when Ann Coulter came to Calgary, a different scene took place, possibly as a reaction to the embarrassment of the Ottawa protesters showing themselves too clearly for who they are, censors, who are not above resorting to violence to gain their point and shut up their adversaries. This was demonstrated in the me-

dia, not just across Canada, but in the United States and internationally as well.

When she got off the plane in Calgary, Ms. Coulter remarked that she "felt safer" already, and made some comments that underlined the great divide between the Central Canadian mentality and the Western Canadian mentality. The CBC headlined their story, "Coulter's Calgary Cry: 'Save the Good Canadians.' Of course she didn't advocate separatism, but joining the U.S. as the 51st state, however it was obvious from the difference in the crowd, the small number of protestors and even the statements of principle respecting freedom of speech from the University of Calgary provost, that the Western values are different. Some excerpts from the article:

"It's quite a country you have here," Coulter told Evan Solomon, host of *Power & Politics*, on CBC News Network on Thursday. "I'm more determined than ever to turn pretty much from Calgary through the west into the 51st state now. We got to save the good Canadians." "Save us from what, Ann?" Solomon asked.

"From the crazy liberals. From the crybabies," Coulter answered, sporting sunglasses. "How did Canada go from being the country that sends us all our best comedians to a bunch of whining, crying babies that can't take a joke?"

"I have discovered that Canada's approach to free speech, and that is speech they like," Coulter said Thursday. "It's not free speech if they are going to say, 'Yes, you can have free speech as long as you don't say X, Y, Z.'" When asked what her message to Canadians was, Coulter answered: "It's a lovely little country. I do recommend that you get free speech. It's a lot of fun." [end of excerpts]

When you contrast the way Ann Coulter was treated in Calgary with her treatment in Central Canada, you have an indication that there is a clear cultural difference and Western

Canada is already another country. Is it the real "land of the free?" Perhaps it will be as long as it isn't overwhelmed by immigration with a totalitarian mindset, fostered by Ottawa. We should realize that the West represents the last, best hope in North America for freedom and prosperity. Thanks for the reminder, Ann.

Western Block Party Plans: Finding Candidates

We have worked long and hard to establish one Separatist political party from Winnipeg West. We have had the Western Block Party established and maintained in good standing, with little help.

We know that the Conservative government has had to repeatedly bail out Ontario's auto industry, and do what pleases Ontario and Quebec in the faint hope of gaining a majority. In the unlikely event they do, it will have to be an Ontario/Quebec party and will have to abandon its Western roots.

To prepare for this or a Toronto Liberal resurgence, we need to get 10 Western Block Party candidates in each province of the West. Would you be willing to be a candidate?

If you would, or you know someone else who would make a good candidate, please contact us. We will organize a seminar to enable a clear message and united front to present a new vision for Western Canada, our own nation where free speech will be possible and our cultural heritage can be preserved, where we can have all the financial benefits of the West remaining in the West, instead of paying for equalization, official bilingualism, and hand-outs to foster a tenuous Canadian unity.

If you don't do it, who will? With our common cause and courage, we can help you make a difference. Also, tax deductible donations can help pay for the seminar, and help us grow. Please contact us today.

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