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Responses

1. Economic Recovery and Growth

Given the current climate of federal and global fiscal restraint, what specific federal measures do you feel are needed for a sustained economic recovery and enhanced economic growth in Canada?

More progress taxation system, higher corporate tax rates, investment of increased revenue into social programs, education, and environmental management.

2. Job Creation

As Canadian companies face pressures resulting from such factors as uncertainty about the U.S. economic recovery, a sovereign debt crisis in Europe, and competition from a number of developed and developing countries, what specific federal actions do you believe should be taken to promote job creation in Canada, including that which occurs as a result of enhanced internal and international trade?

Invest in public works projects, especially environmental clean-up and remediation projects.

3. Demographic Change

What specific federal measures do you think should be implemented to help the country address the consequences of, and challenges associated with, the aging of the Canadian population and of skills shortages?

More focus on preventative and out-patient care to reduce burden on health care system, better incentives for immigrants, especially ensuring that trained professionals from other countries (such as doctors, engineers, etc.) are able to get their experience recognized and get the necessary professional association certifications in order to be able to practice and work in their field.

4. Productivity

With labour market challenges arising in part as a result of the aging of Canada's population and an ongoing focus on the actions needed for competitiveness, what specific federal initiatives are needed in order to increase productivity in Canada?

Provide better support in terms of daycare for low-income families, more federal subsidization of education.

5. Other Challenges

With some Canadian individuals, businesses and communities facing particular challenges at this time, in your view, who is facing the most challenges, what are the challenges that are being faced and what specific federal actions are needed to address these challenges?

Dealing with climate change and creating a sustainable society (one that properly supports environmental and social justice) are challenges that affect all Canadians and needs to be tackled. Some ways of doing so include reducing the inequality of wealth distribution within the country, industry incentives for improved environmental efficiency and reduced impact, stricter regulations, and more investment into social programs and support infrastructure for marginalized groups.

