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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?*
Job creation in, for example, green energy, local food economies, public infrastructure and worker cooperatives. There needs to be a more equitable taxation system to achieve this level of government funding. Since Canadian corporations have done so well since the implementation of free trade agreements and workers have suffered, corporate taxes should be increased.
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?*
EI should be enhanced and perhaps replaced with some form of guaranteed annual income so workers can more humanely adapt to the global economy. Public investment based on an increase in corporate taxation should be made in local economies through help in establishing worker cooperatives, local food production, development of high speed rail and hybrid or all electric cars. Also, there should be a way for working people to vote in referendums on economic issues separate from political elections.
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?*
Immediate and significant investment in skills training for young people, including publicly paid for tuition. Heavy investment for people in and approaching old age so they can stay in their homes as long as possible and continue to play a role in the life of their communities. The elderly should be trained as civic and job mentors to young people in school and the workplace.
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?*
Increased spending on all social services and expansion of medicare to include medicine, dental and so on. Publicly paid tuition should also be mandated at least for the first year of post-secondary and then re-evaluate for full funding in the future. More investment in worker cooperatives will allow working people to identify needs and the means to meet them in their communities and regions. major resource industries need to be brought under democratic ownership of the people as soon as possible. Public utilities including the Internet should be owned by workers as worker cooperatives or social enterprises of type the point being democratic control.

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?

Windsor has been decimated by de-industrialization due to free trade deals. It needs to be recognized that Windsor is a "rust belt" city and emergency funding needs to be applied to the city to create jobs and make right the fact that free trade was a bad deal for working people. Public investment in new manufacturing (nano-technology?) needs to be made here. The city has tremendous potential as a livable city for retirees and is as multi-cultural as Toronto. New comers need more assistance to settle properly here with more language and skills training and recognition of professional skills that need to be recognized in this country(medical for instance)