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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?

Helping the working poor. Many workers just cannot get full time hours and thus lose health benefits. Education help for young adults.

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?

Many farms laborers around my town are foreign temporary workers, while so many young people are unemployed. The crops jobs are really hard, maybe we should be paying better for such difficult work and offer them to local people.

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?

Education coupled with inspiration for our young adults. Our youth seems rather uninspired, with a sense that the financial security train has left.

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?

Raise the minimum wage, keep the work at home, ie: end shipping raw goods like lumber.

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?

The young adults with degrees and working part time at Starbucks, Chapters and raising babies. The working poor need help figuring out how to get that security in their job that will help them raise happy, healthy families.