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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?

Create more jobs in Canada by producing more canadian products.

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?

Same answer as before. Produce more canadian products therefore employing more canadians, and keeping the money in canada.

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?

Provide more incentive programs to get the training so workers can be considered skilled. Put a cap on tax increases, and make it more affordable to live in Canada: ie Saskatchewan.....

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 mandatory training for recipients of welfare programs and get them working. The number of employable people on welfare is staggering and keeps growing daily. Mandatory drug testing should also be required monthly before the recipients of welfare are paid any funds. As employers have the right to do this, so should the government.... train these people in the trades and make it difficult for them to remain on welfare.

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?

I live in a small town and the biggest challenges of the few businesses that remain here are income to support the business. I believe the government should come up with a plan to help these businesses succeed whether by way of tax breaks, or supplementing the business end of it. I believe the small businesses everywhere are suffering because of the big box stores...(Wal-mart, Superstore).

