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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?

A national energy policy. Stop giving away our national resources.

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?

Fair trade. Not free trade. More protection required for temporary foreign workers. Job skills retraining.

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?

Train Canadians first. There is no labour shortage in Canada. As the questions states, perhaps a skills shortage. Bringing in temp foreign workers, paying them less and denying them basic rights is wrong. Train Canadians.

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?

Train Canadians.

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?

Stop pandering to the conservative vote. The government of Canada should look after all Canadians, not just the conservatives. I would say that over 65% of Canadians are not being heard, some might argue 99%.