

THE CANADIAN PEOPLES' UNION NFP



Power*Shift* to Freedom
The Canadian Peoples' Union

THE POWERSHIFT TO FREEDOM

Crash Course 2022 Edition

This is not legal advice. We, as Canadians and Indigenous Peoples, have activated our collective political and civil rights to self-determination on July 30, 2022, on Parliament Hill, Ottawa, Canada.

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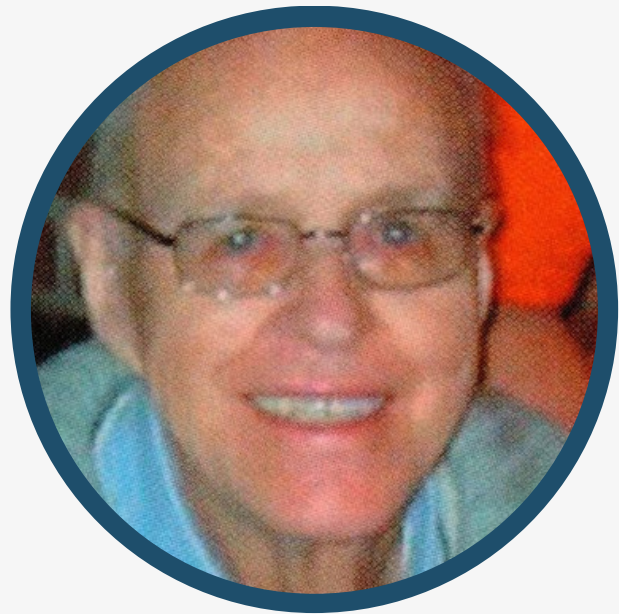
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Professor Vaughan Lyon and our tribute to his legacy



Vaughan Lyon

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This Crash Course has been craftily put together by the Marketing Team to commemorate Prof. Vaughan Lyon for his dedication to the *PowerShift* movement which will leave an indelible legacy on Canada, along with the Canadian Peoples' Union, espousing the citizens' collective political and civil rights to self-determination and self-governance.

For more information about Prof. Vaughan Lyon and his work, visit:

www.democracynow.ca

Achieving a "Quiet Canadian Democratic Revolution"

POWER SHIFT

From Party Elites
to Informed Citizens

Vaughan Lyon

Professor Emeritus,
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Overwhelmingly, Canadians want MPs to represent their constituents' views in the House of Commons rather than following the edicts of a party Prime Minister.

POWER SHIFT presents a practical, achievable model of the constituency representation Canadians want, and shows how its adoption would overcome the fundamental weaknesses in the current political system.

Foreword by **Alan Cairns** Past President of the Canadian
Political Science Association

HISTORY

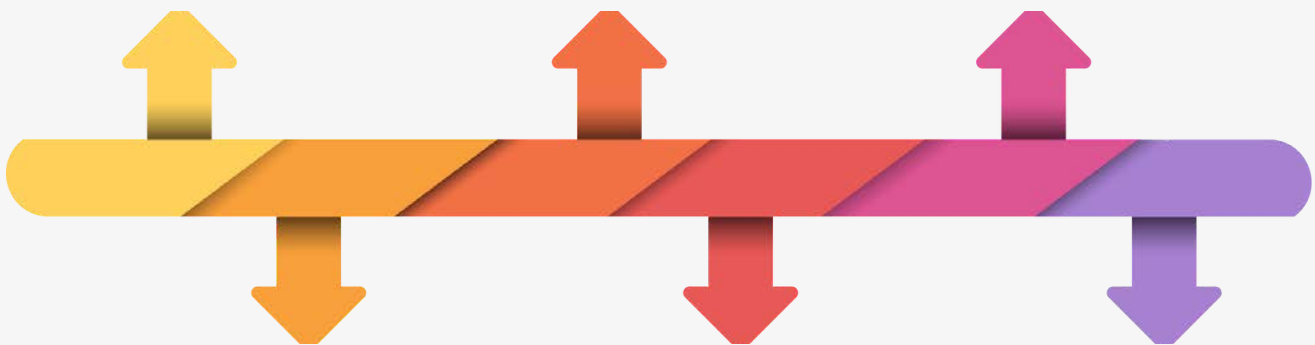
Our political system dates back to the 19th century, and the last time it evolved is when the powers of the British Governor were transferred to the Prime Minister and the Parliament. Around the same time, the two dominant political parties institutionalized the competition of political elites and brought order to political life. This was a significant improvement.

However, since the early days of "Partyocracy"*, the name of our current political system, many things have changed!

19TH CENTURY: BEGINNING OF THE "PARTYOCRACY" MODEL, WITH RIVAL ELITES COMPETING FOR THE TASK OF MANAGING THE PUBLIC'S INTERESTS

20TH CENTURY: THE GOVERNMENT MUST DO MUCH MORE COMPLEX TASKS AND THE SYSTEM IS BECOMING ILL-SUITED. SOME POLITICIANS TRY TO LIMIT PARTY INFLUENCE ON BUREAUCRACY

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A constantly evolving society, specific issues to different eras and different regions, and three Coups d'États against Canadian citizens and Indigenous Peoples signify the necessity for a system that could effectively meet the needs and challenges of our time.

The mistake, made by many, is to think we enjoy a sane democracy while, in fact, we are still in 19th century "Partyocracy", which is now obsolete.

*A term coined by Prof. Vaughan Lyon.(Suffix "o-cracy": of Greek origin, kratos= power)

CALLS TO ACTION

HERE ARE A FEW SIMPLE THINGS YOU CAN DO TO
SAVE YOUR COUNTRY

SIGN YOUR CONVENTION OF CONSENT

**BECOME A C.P.U. (CANADIAN
PEOPLES' UNION) MEMBER**

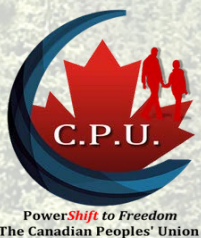
**EDUCATE YOURSELF AND STAY
INFORMED WITH OUR WEBSITE
THEPOWERSHIFT.CA**

**SHARE "CALLS TO ACTION" WITH
YOUR PROVINCIAL, FEDERAL,
MUNICIPAL AND SENATE
REPRESENTATIVES**

**GET INVOLVED WITH POWERSHIFT IN
YOUR COMMUNITY**

AND DISPLAY A BANNER!

**WITH THE POWERSHIFT TO FREEDOM, WE ARE
RICHER AND MORE POWERFUL THAN WE KNOW!**



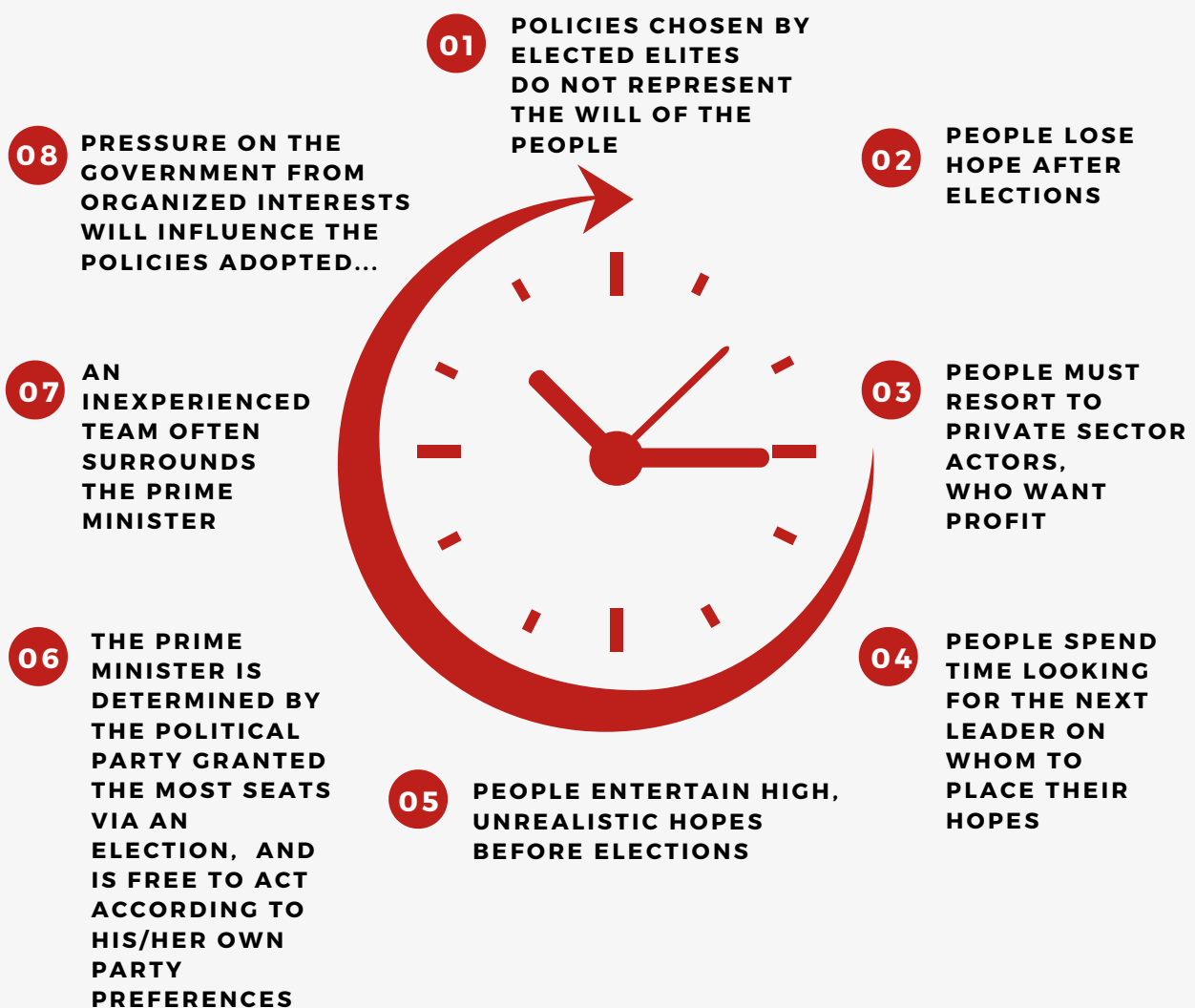
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"PARTYOCRACY" AND ITS PROBLEMS

IN THE 21ST CENTURY, IT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR OUR GOVERNMENT TO BE RESPONSIVE, EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE BECAUSE OF "PARTYOCRACY". CHOOSING POLICIES AND REPRESENTATIVES AT THE SAME TIME, THROUGH ELECTIONS, IS KEEPING OUR SYSTEM WEAK AND ENABLING CORRUPTION.

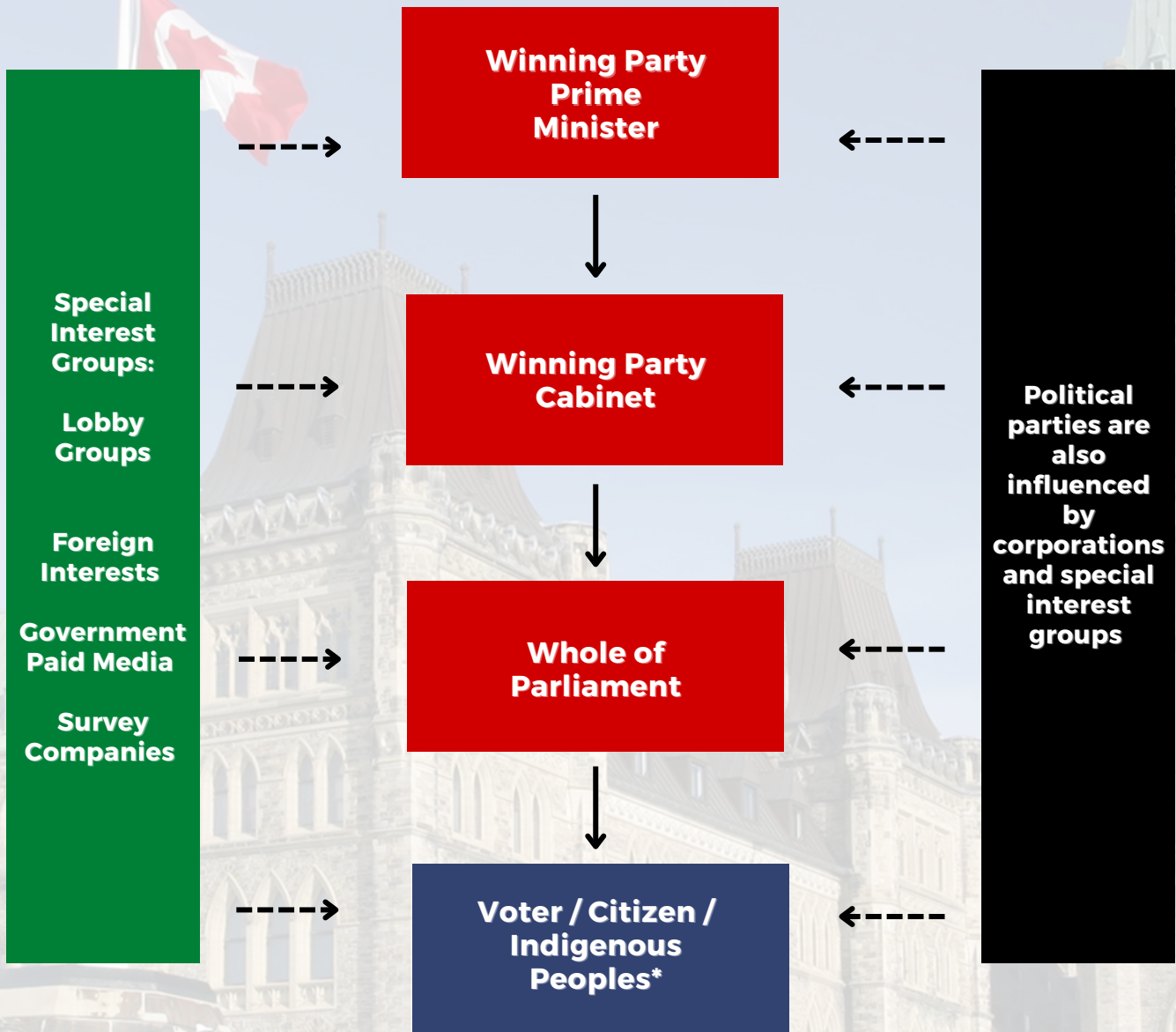
All political parties favour their interests while claiming to speak for the people. Leaders prefer the status quo, drama, and dysfunctionality while citizens and Indigenous Peoples, on the other hand, are politically uneducated and unorganized in order to encourage their leaders to be open to changing the democratic institutions.

"Partyocracy" fosters a negative cycle that is always detrimental to the well-being of the voters.



"PARTYOCRACY"

OUR CURRENT SYSTEM



Legend

-----> Influence

-----> Control / Authority

Voter / Citizen / Indigenous Peoples* Involvement is kept to minimum participation with almost zero influence beyond voting

THERE ARE NUMEROUS FLAWS IN "PARTYOCRACY" THAT ALSO NEGATIVELY INFLUENCE THE CITIZENS AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES, KEEPING THEM UNINVOLVED, ALIENATED AND HELPLESS:

FLAWS OF "PARTYOCRACY"

A	Our dependence on party representation
B	The divisive strategies used to get votes
C	Parties use preoccupations to influence public perception
D	Leaving the "worrying" up to politicians
E	The governing party creates policy that may not be in the people's best interest
F	Loyal servants, not necessarily effective and appropriate for the position, are chosen for us
G	The people are kept away from public servants
H	The government controls information
I	Public servants must obey the governing party

***IN SUMMARY:
A POLITICAL SYSTEM WHERE THE ELITES DECIDE FOR THE PEOPLE, AND OUR RIGHTS AS COLLECTIVE SOVEREIGNS STOLEN FROM US SINCE 1982, PUTS CITIZENS AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AT A REAL DISAVANTAGE. SO WHAT CAN BE DONE?***



PHASE ONE: CORRECTING THE PAST

A REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE WITH FINAL CORRECTIONS TO *THE CANADA ACT 1982* WAS ADDRESSED TO THE UNITED KINGDOM ON MARCH 3, 2022.

During January 2022, a most impressive convoy - enough to inspire countries halfway around the planet - saw the light of day from coast to coast. Its goal: to stop all mandates forced upon Canadians. As it started to make its way from British Columbia and Prince-Edward-Island to Ottawa, the convoy grew; its supporters of all types and from all walks of life converged onto this historic movement. Millions of people peacefully demonstrated their enthusiasm and support by showing up to cheer from overpasses and the side of the road as it rolled by.

The convoy's concerns to stop the mandates were ignored by the government. Remaining hopeful for and awaiting a parley with public officials, they stayed in front of

Parliament Hill, Ottawa, for three weeks before being discourteously escorted away in an unnecessary show of force on the part of police officers and the RCMP.

Since then, one thing has been undeniable: Canadians and Indigenous Peoples want change and have hope that justice and peace will be restored to their society.

This was the green light Nicole Lebrasseur, C.E.O. of The Canadian Peoples' Union NFP, needed. The popular support of the trucker convoy helped her project, The Power**Shift** to Freedom, make its way to the United Kingdom.



PHASE ONE: CORRECTING THE PAST (CONT'D)

An official request for a constitutional correction - not an amendment, but rather a legal and lawful correction - was served to Elizabeth Truss, Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, on March 3, 2022. The 13-page document clearly outlines the many problems that have been left unattended in Canada for almost a century. Unfortunately, the violence that ended the trucker convoy in Ottawa and the invocation of the *Emergencies Act* by the Trudeau Government, on February 14, 2022, were blatant signs that Canada's democracy has been suffering for a long time.

*For more information, visit the [Forum](#) on the website

This Constitutional correction can remedy reconciliation, and finalize decolonization by legally including the Indigenous Peoples of Canada as equal partners, shareholders, co-owners and final decision-makers with Canadians on each side of the TWO ROW WAMPUM TREATY*. On July 30, 2022 on Parliament Hill in Ottawa, citizens and Indigenous Peoples initiated their collective rights to self-determination and self-governance.



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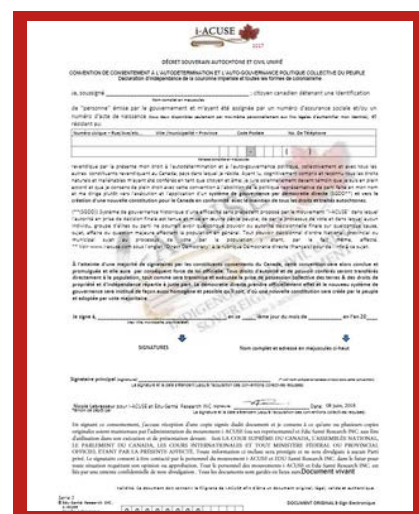


PHASE TWO: POWERSHIFTING!

Following the United Kingdom's collaboration, "The Power**Shift**" of executive power from the political elite to the collective people, as the final decision-makers, would bring our democracy into the 21st century. Communities could implement an appropriate form of democracy where solutions to problems would be addressed and then implemented by the government*. Having control over our policies, our economy, our natural resources and our infrastructures would greatly empower citizens and Indigenous Peoples, embodying the real positive change so many of us desire. The citizens, along with the Indigenous Peoples, as the Collective Head of State would lawfully rule Canada together.

*See page 17 for other examples of democracies

For that reason, in 2014, Nicole Lebrasseur had drafted the Convention of Consent, a confidential, legally binding contract between Canadian Citizens and Indigenous Peoples, showing that we wanted our rights recognized and rightfully entrenched in our Constitution.



Electronic signatures are legal in Canada. See [here](#).



PHASE THREE: THE QUIET DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTION IN CANADA

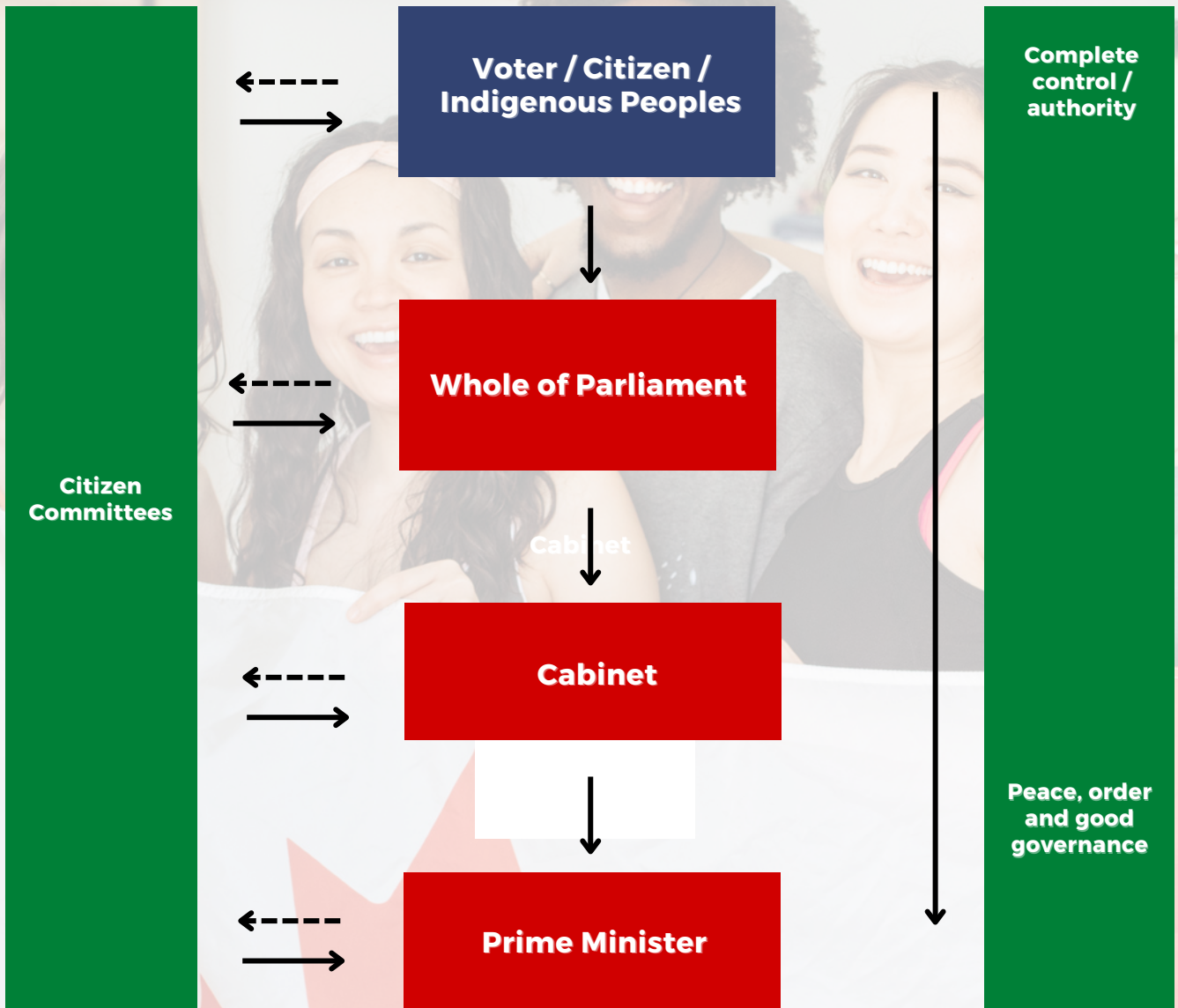
Once collective political and civil rights would be restored to their rightful owners – the collective people - Prof. Lyon's policy democracy (participative community democracy affecting policies) based on citizen committees would be an example of a type of democracy beneficial for the people. This model, as well as other types of democracies, entails that our elected officials would directly represent us. The collective people would choose the type that would most suit their needs, allowing the citizens and Indigenous Peoples to free themselves from:

- Party control and domination
- Informal representation and corruption
- Ridiculous financing problems and useless reforms
- Feelings of powerlessness in the face of our government
- Lobby Groups, Interest Groups, and Foreign Influence Groups
- Propaganda of any kind through media
- Government controlled surveys and polls

OPEN GOVERNMENT IS A SYSTEM DESIGNED TO MAKE GOVERNMENT MORE ACCESSIBLE SO EVERYONE CAN PARTICIPATE. HOWEVER, IN THE WRONG HANDS, IT CAN BE DETRIMENTAL TO OUR SOCIETY.

THE COLLECTIVE PEOPLE, AS FINAL DECISION-MAKERS, COULD USE THE STRUCTURE OF OPEN GOVERNMENT TO FACILITATE THE TRANSITION TOWARDS HEALTHIER TYPES OF DEMOCRACIES.

PROPOSED DEMOCRACY BASED ON CITIZEN COMMITTEES



Legend

-----> Influence

-----> Control / Authority

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THE NEED TO FOCUS OUR POLITICS ON MEANINGFUL ISSUES THAT ARE RELEVANT TO THE PEOPLE, AND NOT ON THE ISSUES POLITICIANS PUT FORTH, IS WHAT PROF. LYON'S MODEL WOULD OFFER, AND IT IS ECHOED IN OTHER TYPES OF DEMOCRACIES AS WELL.

THE ORGANIZATION COULD BE AS FOLLOWS, AND THE PEOPLE WOULD HAVE FINAL SAY OVER SPECIFIC DETAILS:

Citizen committees: 1 committee member for every 1,000 people in the riding, and up to a maximum of 100 committee members per committee in each riding (requiring a restructuring of certain ridings)

Citizens and Indigenous Peoples would, with the proper information, elaborate policies based on their needs and interests

The peoples' representatives at the municipal, provincial and federal levels, would bring the citizens' views to their respective city/town halls, legislatures and Parliament, including the House of Commons and Senate

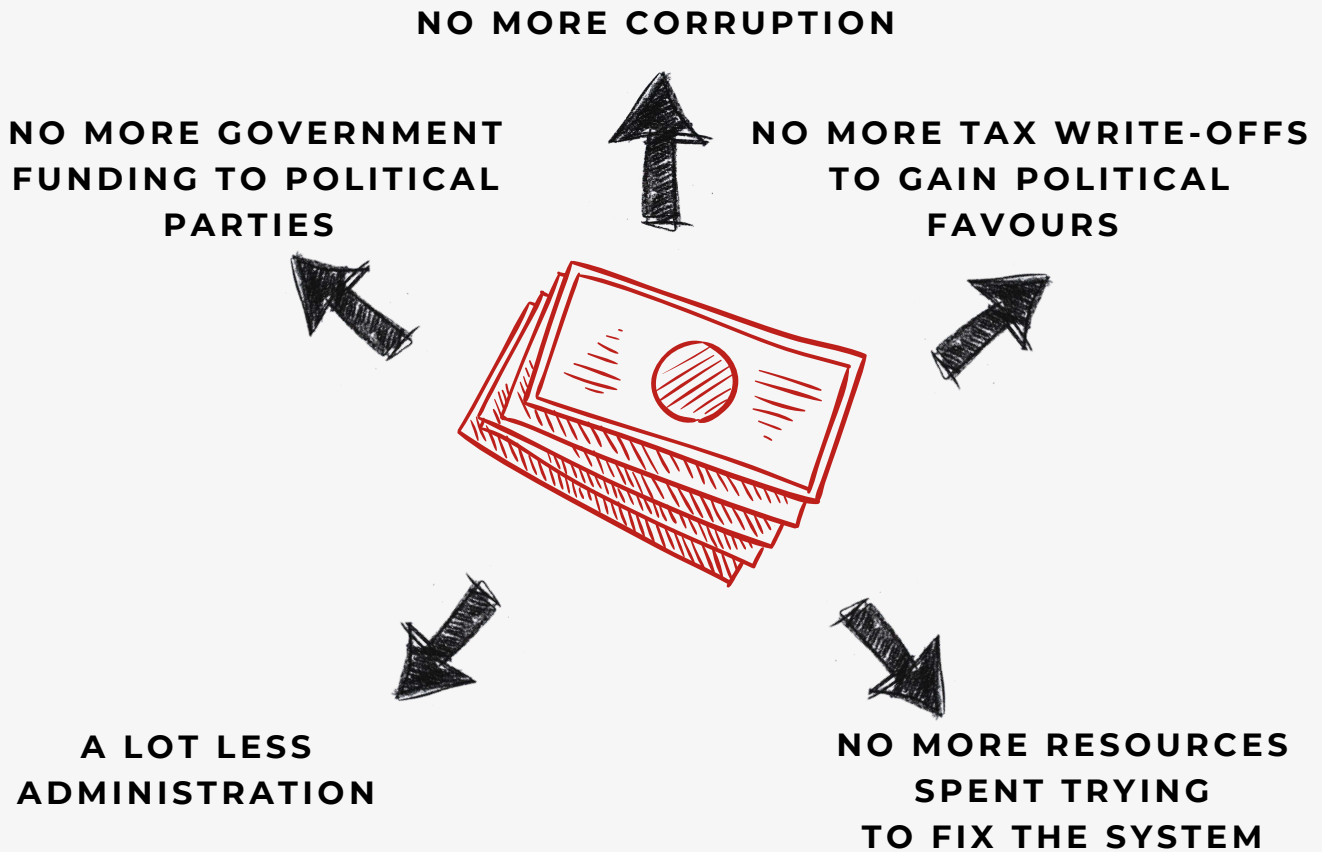
The people would empower the government with the democratic authority to respond to policies, from and for the community, free from competitive considerations



THIS MODEL, AND OTHER TYPES OF DEMOCRACIES BENEFICIAL FOR THE PEOPLE, WOULD GENERATE MANY POSITIVE FACTORS WITH RAMIFICATIONS THROUGHOUT SOCIETY:

- More educated and concerned citizens and Indigenous Peoples would think about and deal with the problems directly, instead of giving away their rights and delegating the responsibilities to leaders, who do not protect their interests
- The adaptability of the system to changing situations, over time, and to the evolving needs of the people
- Better and more rewarding relationship with public servants due to their close collaboration with the people, and no more restrictions when dealing with bureaucracy, programs or institutions
- Citizen committees would become community-oriented with the means to support a much wider political participation and would give status, time, and information to its members to facilitate and encourage their involvement
- Elections would serve to choose only the representatives (and not include the policies), and a good representative's re-election would almost be automatic, eliminating the drama, the expenses, and the turnover in parliamentarians. Consequently, those not performing their duties adequately would promptly be removed before the next elections

THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF A DEMOCRACY BASED ON CITIZEN COMMITTEES WOULD BE QUITE IMPRESSIVE:



Opportunities to be involved in political affairs would be common, and anyone who is interested would have the chance to take part in a citizen committee influenced by the communities.

Citizens and Indigenous Peoples as "governors" could act on social and economic projects that have been only dreams for far too long: healthcare, education, environmental projects, etc. In fact, almost all aspects of life in Canada would be enriched by giving the people the means to deliberate with their representatives and ensure that the government would then follow the community's agenda. This system, or other types chosen by the people, would be important in this century and would even encourage the evolution of an engaged citizenry. From generation to generation, it would foster collaboration with the government, who could assist the communities in confronting new challenges as they would arise.

INTEGRITY OF OUR NATION

3 ADVANTAGEOUS FACTORS FOR CANADIANS AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

- A country rich in resources could support a high standard of living for *all* of its population
- Citizens and Indigenous Peoples could create deep and meaningful relationships within a combined governance following the Two Row Wampum and the Silver Chain Covenant Friendship Treaties
- Men and women of this country, irrespective of language or place of residence, would come together based on their common interests

CONCLUSION

No one should be forced to use a weak government when a viable and democratic option exists. This model, or any other just and fair type of democracy chosen by the collective people, would be unique to Canada - no longer a replica of the United States or United Kingdom - and would be the solution to the many problems created by "Partyocracy" over the past centuries. Replacing party policies by Citizen Committee policies would be a creative, courageous and significant achievement, and would place Canadians and Indigenous Peoples as world leaders in this necessary evolution towards peace, order, and good governance.

**Nothing in Law supersedes the will of
the People!**

BECOME AN INVOLVED POWERSHIFTER IN YOUR AREA!

Why get involved now?

- We are Post-Ottawa, where, on July 30th, as Canadians and Indigenous Peoples, we activated our collective rights to self-determination and self-governance.
- Now, lawyers in the United Kingdom are ready to work with us and put pressure on the UK government to demand final corrections to the *Canada Act 1982*.
- It is up to all of us to do our part and inspire motivation and participation from our fellow citizens! You can work closely with the **marketing team** who will assist you in your actions!
- Spreading the word about The Power**Shift** to Freedom is our priority, and creating contacts with other motivated people or groups in your area can ensure the success of this historical project!

Who do we need?

- We are looking for motivated people with leadership and organizational skills to create small groups in their area.
- You should be able to devote 1 to 2 hours a week for The Power**Shift** (weekdays, evenings, weekends... you decide!) to lead your own team on the field.
- You must be resourceful and prepared to create your projects with as little cost as possible, as we are all volunteers!

Objectives:

- Ensure regular visibility for the Power**Shift** through different actions.
- Have people sign their Convention of Consent.
- Encourage people to become members and/or make donations.
- Educate people about the Power**Shift** and the solutions it can bring.
- Be able to document your events with pictures or videos.
- Create Power**Shift** support groups (networks of people who can help each other when needed).



Richard & Geneviève
Marketing Team

How can you help?

Of course, you will be able to define what projects you want to focus on, and you will be able to contribute with your own ideas, depending on your interests, schedule and team, and the marketing team will be able to assist you.

- **PowerShift in the Park:** please check with your city to know whether you need a license or not
- **Door-to-door:** *"We are exercising our collective political and civil rights! We are allowed to inform our fellow citizens, who are also equal shareholders and co-owners of Canada!"*
- **PowerShift gatherings in parking lots**
- **Following politicians** on the campaign trails with your PowerShift flags or banners
- **Participating in marches**
- **Mini-convoys**
- **PowerShift Parties (Get-togethers)**
- **PowerShift Coffee Hour**
- Etc...

Tools:

- You will be provided with pdf's or templates of flyers to photocopy and hand out.
- You will be able to either purchase banners, flags or posters or make your own in order to be visible during your projects.
- If you choose to do presentations, you can use this document - The PowerShift to Freedom Crash Course - to clearly explain to people everything they need to know.
- Depending on your area, you can have access to members of The PowerShift team.



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How to get started?

Contact

richard@thepowershift.ca

Let us know who you are, where you are from, and what is appealing to you so far!
What do you think you can bring to this endeavour?

Who is spearheading this movement?

Nicole Lebrasseur is the CEO of the Canadian Peoples' Union. Since 2008, through her legal research, Nicole discovered how our elites robbed us of our rights.

What is the C.P.U.?

The Canadian Peoples' Union NFP (not for profit) is not a labour union nor political party. It is a union of Canadian Citizens and Indigenous Peoples who are exercising their political and civil rights.

As a reaction to the launch of the New World Order (Global Government) in 2017, the Canadian Peoples' Union NFP was founded and incorporated.

What is the Convention of Consent?

Prior to the creation of the C.P.U., in 2014, Nicole created the key to transitioning our parliamentary democracy into Prof. Vaughan Lyon's vision of a participatory democracy, or any other type that would be chosen by the people.

The Convention of Consent is the living contract between all Canadian citizens and Indigenous Peoples to officially become the Collective Head of State and legally govern our country, above the government, as it should have been since 1931 and especially after 1982.

Signing is to take responsibility for the governance of our country, collectively. It is not about overthrowing the government: public servants will still run the country on the daily aspects.

I-ACUSE stands for "Indigenous And Civil Unified Sovereign Enactment".

What is the PowerShift?

The PowerShift is about shifting power from party elites to informed citizens and Indigenous Peoples collectively as final decision-makers with VETO power on all decisions affecting us at every level of governance.

This movement belongs to all of us in Canada, not just to the C.P.U. and its volunteers.

What is the UK letter?

The UK letter demands a correction to Section 9 of the *Canada Act 1982* (Declaration of Executive Power in the Queen) and puts the Canadian citizens and Indigenous Peoples permanently as Collective Head of State above the Canadian Crown (Paper Crown). See letter [here](#).



What would happen after we win?

The collective people would oversee the governance of their country 365 days a year. Canada could finally use democratic types benefitting its people such as: **policy democracy, community democracy, direct democracy, participatory democracy...** rather than the current parliamentary democracy, which is a democracy for parliamentarians only. Canadians and Indigenous Peoples would need to take individual responsibility to move from apathetic voters to becoming informed and involved.

The politicians of today, holding all the power without responsibility, would **shift** to working for the people in their respective constituency. Party priorities, as Prof. Lyon puts it, would be replaced by priorities that citizens and their representatives would develop together.

Politicians would not be the sole decision makers as in "Partyocracy": the decisions would be in the hands of communities making their needs known, and from there, policy would be determined.

From a federal point of view, every province and every community, as well as their needs, are different.

- Federal decisions → federal referendums
- Provincial decisions → provincial referendums
- Municipal decisions → municipal referendums

OUR COLLECTIVE POLITICAL AND CIVIL RIGHTS
+
THE STRUCTURE OF OPEN GOVERNMENT AND PROPER
REFERENDUMS WITH THE PEOPLE MONITORING THE
RESULTS
=
A TRUE DEMOCRACY WHERE THE PEOPLE WOULD
HAVE A VOICE AND BE THE FINAL DECISION-MAKERS!

Finally, true transparency of decisions and subsequent actions would be a historical moment for Canada and its citizens, reflecting a nation that is informed and involved in its decision-making process.

Why the urgency?

If Canada would be invaded by another country whose primary objective was to put in place a society where the population would be controlled physically, financially, emotionally and intellectually by strict rules and coercion, wouldn't you rise up against this oppression?

Guess what? It has been happening over time by our own ruling classes! Laws have been changed to permanently remove many of our rights, and provide more power and authority to the ruling class to invoke extreme measures without justification or public debate.

With the exception of the Indigenous Peoples, at one point in history, everyone who emigrated here came for a better life for themselves and their descendants.

What's in it for me?

- Put an immediate stop to globalization by officially correcting the *Canada Act 1982* that is still in the United Kingdom.
- Restructure our society as the legal shareholders and co-owners of Canada.
- Legally take our place as Collective Head of State, above our government, which would be a creative, courageous and important innovation.
- Become world leaders in this evolution towards peace, order and good governance along with every Canadian citizen and Indigenous Peoples.
- In short, improve all aspects of life in Canada!

Our way of life is disappearing as our freedoms are being stripped away unless we ALL say:

- **NO MORE** political corruption and self interest
- **NO MORE** unaccountability of politicians, civil servants and corporations
- **NO MORE** protection against liability for malfeasance
- **NO MORE** lies perpetrated by our governments and reinforced by main stream media
- **NO MORE** trampling on our political and civil rights
- **NO MORE** mandates or decrees without true unbiased evidence and open, honest debates
- **NO MORE** corporate agendas dictating government policies
- **NO MORE** threats to the health and well-being of our elderly and our children

How do we get out of this?

- 1) Go to thepowershift.ca
- 2) Sign your Convention of Consent
- 3) Become a member of the Canadian Peoples' Union and donate today

WE ARE RICHER THAN WE KNOW!



WHO BENEFITS FROM THE POWERSHIFT?

- SMALL AND MEDIUM BUSINESSES
- THE ELDERLY
- CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS
- INDIGENOUS PEOPLES
- AND EVERY CANADIAN CITIZEN!

IMPORTANT LINKS

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