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Ford's friends, foes paint a different picture; Would-be premier either 'not likable' or 'hard-worker' with 'best intentions'

Peterborough Examiner - Wed Jun 6 2018

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theobserver

Wynne reflects on long run coming up short; Ontario's premier, a fierce campaigner, is candid about mistakes and Liberal prospects as the party's 15-year run in power ends. Hank Daniszewski reports

Samia Observer - Wed Jun 6 2018

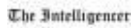
Tone: **Neutral**

Byline: Hank Daniszewski

Ad Value: \$1,019

Reach: 12173 Page: A5

Making **London** one of her last campaign stops before Thursday's vote, Premier Kathleen Wynne told The Free Press she would have considered handing off to a new Liberal leader a year ago, if she believed then she would lose the election she ...



Math doesn't add up

The Belleville Intelligencer - Wed Jun 6 2018

Tone: **Neutral**

Byline: Bill Bowen

Ad Value: \$160

Reach: 9723 Page: B2

Ontario Hydro was dismembered years ago by the Conservative government, which split it into **Ontario Power Generation** and **Hydro One**. It is only the latter company - a ...



No sympathy from me

Waterloo Region Record - Wed Jun 6 2018

Tone: **Negative**

Ad Value: \$409

Reach: 63465 Page: A7

Election: It's about expenses - June 4 I have read and heard some inane things but feeling sorry for Jahangir Bhatti because he won't be able to eat out three or four times a week tops it all. And then to have the gall to blame it on the increased ...



A nice likeable person is not what we need in government

Waterloo Region Record - Wed Jun 6 2018

Tone: **Neutral**

Ad Value: \$940

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Forget the other parties, NDP is a real solid choice - June 2 Letter writer Dave Brown lauded Andrea Horwath and her party as a real solid choice in the upcoming provincial election. I suspect that Brown has never worked in industry or commerce ...



Your letters: Stigma of socialism and communism hurt NDP

thestar.com - Wed Jun 6 2018

Tone: **Neutral** Reach: 999000

Ford stands by 'great candidate.' June 5 Election campaigns are now fought over competing lies, deception, half-truths and misappropriation in a social media landscape where who the candidates are, what they represent and how they will govern are ...



Reducing emissions to cost oilpatch \$25B over 10 years: report

Windsor Star - Wed Jun 6 2018

Tone: **Neutral**

Byline: Geoffrey Morgan

Ad Value: \$2,798

Reach: 54680 Page: B9

The **Canadian** oil-and-gas industry estimates it will pay \$25 billion over the next 10 years to comply with federal and provincial **climate-change** policies and is pushing federal and provincial governments for a series ...



Is Doug Ford truly his brother's keeper?

Toronto Star - Wed Jun 6 2018

Tone: Negative

Byline: Martin Regg Cohn

Ad Value: \$16,154

Reach: 361323 **Page:** A6

Progressive Conservative Leader Doug Ford aspires to be our premier on the strength of his **public** persona: Brother of former mayor Rob Ford. Heir to Ford Nation. Man of the people. Businessman. Family man. But does the real person fit ...



Regardless of who wins, we'll survive the election

Toronto Star - Wed Jun 6 2018

Tone: Negative

Byline: Thomas Walkom Toronto Star

Ad Value: \$23,217

Reach: 361323 **Page:** A11

Ontarians are faced with a starkly simple choice Thursday. Do they want Tory leader Doug Ford to be their premier? Or do they want New Democrat Andrea Horwath? Those are the only options on offer. The province can survive either. By conceding that ...



Five things you should know before starting your workday on June 6

nationalpost.com - Wed Jun 6 2018

Tone: Negative

Byline: Shari Kulha

Reach: 607500

Well, we meet again. So good morning! Shari Kulha (@skulha([>"\)\) here, waving a wee flag for the SEC's 84th anniversary. The Securities and Exchange Commission began life on June 6, 1934, to maintain order in the markets, ...](http://twitter.com/)



The Ontario PC Party Platform Debrief | TVO.org

tvo.org - Wed Jun 6 2018

Tone: Neutral

Permalink

The Agenda discusses what is on offer to voters by Doug Ford and the Progressive Conservatives, with guests: John Duffy of Strategycorp; Gord Miller, Green Party policy advisor; Peggy Nash, former NDP MPP; Ginny Movat, senior consultant with ...



CTV's Election 2018: Meet the Panellists | Full 2018 Ontario Election Coverage

toronto.ctvnews.ca - Wed Jun 6 2018

Tone: Neutral

Permalink

The leader headquarters are being set up, the watch parties are booked, and CTV's Election 2018 special is on the horizon. On June 7th, Ontarians will elect a new premier, capping what has already been a fierce election campaign.



Why investors are holding their noses over Ontario's Fair Hydro bonds | National Post

nationalpost.com - Tue Jun 5 2018

Tone: **Neutral**

[Permalink](#)

Sometimes even a juicy yield offered by a government-backed issuer at a time of near-record low interest rates isn't enough to entice bond fund managers.



Billions in promises

Waterloo Region Record - Wed Jun 6 2018

Tone: **Neutral**

Ad Value: \$1,125

Reach: 63465 Page: A7

Ford defends lack of full platform, says it will come before election day - May 30
The media and individual citizens have been asking Doug Ford to reveal a budget for his campaign promises. There are indications in different parts of the PC ...



Fear and loathing: The 2018 election; An objective look at the facts shows that the sheer hatred being directed at Kathleen Wynne is not based on anything logical

The Hamilton Spectator - Wed Jun 6 2018

Tone: **Negative**

Byline: Herman Turkstra

Ad Value: \$4,161

Reach: 103267 Page: A9

There is something happening in this election that I have not seen in over 50 years of participating in elections in the Hamilton area. In the last month, I have had conversations with more than a dozen white males, over 50. I learned that I can ...



Liberals' number's up; ... and none too soon

Toronto Sun - Wed Jun 6 2018

Tone: **Neutral**

Byline: Lorriegoldstein

Ad Value: \$5,423

Reach: 171076 Page: A9

When it comes to Premier Kathleen Wynne and the Liberals, one thing we know, unless every pollster is wrong, is that after 15 years in **power**, their number's up in Thursday's **Ontario** election. Therefore, as an appropriate ...



View from the Hill

CTV NEWS CHANNEL - POWER PLAY WITH DON MARTIN - Thu May 31 2018, 5:00pm ET

Tone: **Negative**

Byline: DON MARTIN

DON MARTIN: Welcome back. The Thursday MPs have gathered for their weekly chorus of agreement. Let's call in the members. Ruby Sahota is a Liberal MP from Brampton, Shannon Stubbs is a Conservative MP from **north** central Alberta, Tracey ...



Blackmail and bailouts in the Kinder Morgan pipeline saga - Common Ground

commonground.ca - Wed Jun 6 2018

Tone: **Neutral**
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Paul Crawford noted on Wednesday, June 6, 2018
Energy East is mentioned.

You couldn't blame someone for checking, but it was a week late for April Fool's Day when Kinder Morgan put out an incredible press release announcing it was suspending all "non-essential spending" on its Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion ...



Alberta was more serious than some thought

www.estevanmercury.ca - Wed Jun 6 2018

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I had the honour on May 30 of being the banquet speaker at the Redvers Oil Showcase, speaking to over 400 people.



Owen Sound Natural Gas Petition News Centre News

www.bayshorebroadcasting.ca - Tue Jun 5 2018

Tone: **Neutral**
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Brockton is petitioning the province to expand natural gas access in rural Ontario.



A 'carbon bubble' is coming, and Canada's oilsands are doomed: study | Globalnews.ca

globalnews.ca - Tue Jun 5 2018

Tone: **Neutral**
Permalink

Canada's oilsands industry would be among the first to collapse in a possible global financial crisis within the next 15-20 years, which is when a new study predicts clean energy-technologies will all but kill demand for fossil fuels worldwide.



Opinion: Investor flight from energy sector is a national embarrassment | Edmonton Journal

edmontonjournal.com - Tue Jun 5 2018

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These are the essential ingredients that investors, existing enterprises and, frankly, the taxpayers or citizens who fund and benefit from these endeavours deserve and expect.

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The truth is that the economy is not working well for working people. Precarious jobs belie the low jobless stats. Sky-high rents and **service** fees make a decent life unaffordable. Corruption and authoritarianism creep along, undeterred.

Doug Ford's PCs play on popular dissatisfaction with the status quo. But they seek to step up the austerity measures that have frozen wages and eroded benefits for the past 30-plus years. The last-minute conversion of Wynne's Liberals to an increase in social spending has little credibility.

On the other hand, Andrea Horwath's New Democratic Party is championing demands for tax and **climate** justice, for housing, **hydro** and health **service** fixes, however modestly so.

To say that big business gravely fears the prospect of an NDP government is a gross exaggeration, typical of the bombastic Ford, and now the whining Wynne.

Most of the very rich would simply prefer to get richer, without any legal impediments.

They would have voters forget that bosses on leave are hardly missed, but without the working class there would be no economy.

Barry Weisleder, **Toronto**

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It should have been so easy. Thursday's election in **Ontario** should have been a cakewalk for the Progressive Conservative Party, and a chance for voters to put an end to the exhausted tenure of the Liberals and start fresh with a government geared toward sound fiscal management.

The outcome would have been inevitable and welcome. Instead, after three consecutive elections marked by last-minute collapses, the PC Party found a whole new way of sabotaging itself this time, with the result that it is now in a close race with the NDP. The Liberals, meanwhile, are nowhere, Kathleen

Wynne having already conceded the race in an irresponsible bid to salvage a few seats.

The choice is thus between a PC government led by Doug Ford and an NDP government led by Andrea Horwath. Neither is desirable, albeit for different reasons. With the PCs, the leader is a profound problem, while the state of the party itself is also a worry; with the NDP, it's the party's platform.

Ontario election guide: What you need to know before you vote
www.theglobeandmail.com

From the comments: Readers discuss tariffs, plastic straws and the **Ontario** election www.theglobeandmail.com

Mr. Ford is unfit to be premier. No one should be fooled by his performance in the election campaign - a tightly scripted production built around a series of populist slogans recited off a teleprompter, followed by curt Q&As with reporters kept at a safe distance.

We all know this populist chancer too well. Unleashed by the constraints of the campaign, Mr. Ford will return to the form we remember from **Toronto's** experience.

When Rob Ford was mayor and his brother Doug was de facto deputy mayor, there was political chaos, lies and evasions, attacks on the press, and content-free ranting virtually every day. And that was before the crack scandal that enveloped Rob Ford.

When Doug Ford ran for mayor in 2014, he made numerous false claims and misleading statements on the campaign trail.

It defies recent experience to believe that a person like that will be moderated by high office. Mr. Ford has furthermore failed to explain how he will pay for his many promised tax cuts. He is no fiscal conservative.

And then there is the fact a 2013 Globe and Mail investigation www.theglobeandmail.com revealed that Mr. Ford was a drug dealer as a young man, something he denies. The news this week of open warfare among the Ford family over his late brother's estate is more proof the man is a magnet for chaos.

Beyond his unfitness for the job of premier, Mr. Ford can't be relied upon to tend to the PC Party's ongoing structural problems and rampant infighting.

We rule Mr. Ford out. But our conundrum is that, after doing so, we see no other platform or leader we can endorse.

The Liberals have forfeited consideration, thanks to Ms. Wynne's early concession. Which is fine. Ms. Wynne oversaw a party that abandoned fiscal restraint, not to mention honest bookkeeping. She leaves a legacy of debt, ethical misrule and outrageously high **hydro** bills, and her cynicism in no small way has fed the appetite for Mr. Ford's populism.

The NDP is a problem of another kind. Ms. Horwath has campaigned on a platform that has the value of being true to her party's beliefs. It is filled with new spending on social programs, paid for by deficit spending combined with higher taxes on the wealthy and a higher corporate-tax **rate**.

It's the real NDP deal, but that is precisely the issue: Ms. Horwath has made it clear she will not sway from her party's ideology.

This is not the moment for **Ontario** to embrace immoderation of that kind. The United States under Donald Trump is disrupting traditional trade assumptions. The stress on businesses in Canada's largest province is immense. Without

confidence of economic stewardship, investment will fall. The last thing **Ontario** needs now is an ideologically rigid left-wing government that is unable to countenance concessions from unions, or cutbacks in government spending.

But we know that voters, like us, must make a choice, and that all but those who are partisan beyond recovery will have to compromise their values. So we offer this thought.

This election has been a forlorn hunt for the needed mixture of integrity and smart policy. The electorate cannot vote for leadership where it does not exist, or for platforms that are wrong for the times. So if you are lucky enough to have a local candidate who embodies integrity and principle, we encourage you to support him or her. The representatives you choose will need to be strong to hold the next premier to account. Who do you trust to do so?

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THE EXPOSITOR

Help stop Ford, Horwath says; NDP leader rallies supporters in third campaign stop in Brantford -Brant

Brantford Expositor - Wed Jun 6 2018

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Byline: Michael -Allan Marion

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NDP Leader Andrea Horwath used her third campaign visit to **Brantford**-Brant to rally supporters ahead of Thursday's provincial election.

Horwath told about 100 people on Tuesday afternoon that their hard work is needed to get local candidate Alex Felsky elected.

"Everywhere I've gone, I've met so many people who are ready for something completely different from their government," Horwath said in the parking lot of a plaza on Fairview Drive.

"A government that puts them at the heart of every decision - from lowering **hydro** bills to ending hallway medicine. Those are the people I'm running for."

A new poll suggests that the New Democrats are essentially tied with the Progreessive Conservatives under Doug Ford.

The Leger online poll, released Tuesday, indicates the Tories have the support of 39 per cent of decided voters, with the NDP just a single point behind.

There's a sense that a similar scenario is also being played out in **Brantford**-Brant with Felsky and PC candidate Will Bouma in a tight fight.

The riding, formerly known as Brant, was held by the Liberals for the past 19 years under Dave Levac, who did not seek re-election. The Liberal candidate this time is Ruby Toor.

The Liberals continue to trail badly with just 18 per cent support, according to the Leger survey.

Horwath criticized Liberal Premier Kathleen Wynne's weekend announcement, basically conceding defeat on Thursday.

Horwath said she will not give up fighting against cuts proposed by the Ford

campaign.

"It's not about reining in Doug Ford after election day. It's about stopping him on election day."

Horwath said the NDP platform has a costed **plan** that will end hallway medicine, fix seniors care, lower **hydro** bills by 30 per cent, create thousands of **student** co-op jobs and internships and providing pharmacare and dental coverage for everyone.

She said that the Fairview plaza was chosen for Tuesday's rally because it contains Strodes BBQ and Deli. Owner Brian Witteveen once jokingly admonished Horwath for never visiting his store in all the times she has come to **Brantford**.

She spent about 15 minutes touring the store, then took questions from the media.

Asked about support for Indigenous issues, Horwath said the party's platform speaks to addressing education, health care and clean drinking water on First Nations.

"There are 80 to 90 (First Nation) communities on boil water advisories in **Ontario** and we will address that," she said. "We also have Indigenous candidates running in this election."

Bouma's campaign released a statement Tuesday decrying the high cost of the NDP's election promises.

"What puts people and services at risk is reckless spending and runaway debt on the backs of **Ontario** families and future generations," Bouma said.

"**Ontario** is spending \$12 billion a year in interest payments alone, the fourth highest provincial expenditure after health, education and social services. That's money that should be going into the best possible services for Ontarians."

Bouma also said the PCs respect taxpayers' dollars and want to make government work better to ensure every dollar is spent well and wisely.

Other candidates in **Brantford-Brant** are Ken Burns for the Green Party, Libertarian Rob Ferguson, Nicholas Archer of the None of the Above Party, perennial candidate John Turmel of the Paupers Party, Dave Wrobel, an **independent** candidate with the **Ontario** Party, and Leslie Bory of the Canadians Choice Party. MMarion@postmedia.com @expMarion

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The **Ontario** election would be Doug Ford's to lose.

At least that's what polls and pundits suggested when the newly minted Progressive Conservative leader kicked off his campaign at a rally in Etobicoke, a suburb east of **Toronto** and the epicentre of Ford Nation.

The former **Toronto** city councillor - mostly known to the rest of Canada as the handler of his late brother, former **Toronto** mayor Rob Ford - was lauded by his staunch supporters as a political outsider sure to shake things up at Queen's Park.

Quickly positioning himself as a defender of the "little guy," Doug Ford's campaign message consisted of a simple, light-on-detail promise of putting money back in people's pockets by lowering taxes, cutting **hydro rates** and eliminating the province's **cap-and-trade** system.

But over the course of the campaign, the wealthy businessperson has been slammed for not releasing a fully-costed platform, prompting his political rivals to warn of massive cuts to **public** services under him. Ford has dismissed those warnings.

"Don't listen to the scare tactics," he told a cheering **crowd** at one rally in **Ottawa**, calling criticisms against him "dishonest."

"Change is coming to **Ontario**."

The lack of a Tory **plan**, however, combined with controversies involving several candidates appears to have taken a toll, with recent polls showing Ford in a close race with NDP Leader Andrea Horwath for premier.

"(Ford) is not particularly likable. He's not seen as particularly efficient. He's not a communicator," said Barry Kay, a political-science professor at Wilfrid Laurier University, noting Ford started the race with a significant lead.

"They've blown it in the space of a month."

But for all the criticism Ford has received, and the slide in support suggested by polls, he could still take his party to victory, said Kay. The question now, he said, is whether the Tories can still mobilize their core support and harness people's desire for change.

Ford has railed against so-called "elites," although he comes from a wealthy political family.

He's the second son of Diane and Doug Ford Sr., a provincial politician for one term in the late 1990s. He has spoken about his family on the campaign trail and launched his bid for the Tory leadership from his mother's basement in **west Toronto**.

He was thrust into the national spotlight because of his championing of his scandal-plagued brother, whose admission of using crack cocaine made international headlines. He stepped in as a **Toronto** mayoral candidate when cancer forced his brother to give up on running for a second term.

The Ford family was back in the headlines this week, after Rob Ford's widow launched a lawsuit alleging Doug Ford mishandled the estate of his late brother, causing financial harm to her and her children. Ford has denied the claims.

The Tory leader's relationship with the media has been tense over the course of the campaign. He has generally made himself available to reporters just once a day, limiting the number of questions journalists could ask, and opted not to have a media bus.

Ford, who declined requests for an interview, has insisted that he has been open.

"Every single day I see the media, I talk to the media," he said Tuesday. "I've had probably more media access than both the (other) candidates combined."

Observers say the reduced media access limits scrutiny of Ford's pledges. Questions about his promises to cut government waste by finding "efficiencies" of some \$6 billion dollars often go unanswered.

"Doug's a pretty casual guy. He throws numbers around," said Paula Fletcher, a left-leaning **Toronto** city councillor who often squared off with Ford in municipal government. "That deep, thorough knowledge of a subject - he didn't have to engage in that in the city. I think maybe he thinks that's what politics is like."

Fletcher is skeptical about Ford's oft-repeated claim that he and his brother saved **Toronto** taxpayers \$1.16 billion over the course of their term.

"Everyone has found efficiencies," she said. "They developed a deficit when they were there."

Fletcher also said the tightly regimented role of the premier, with a party system at the legislature, may not easily mesh with Ford's shoot-from-the-hip style.

"Don't get me wrong, I had a great relationship with Doug," she said of their four years serving together on council. "But the fact is, (being a city councillor) is a vigorous job, which I think he took kind of lightly."

Ford's longtime friend and former **Toronto** deputy mayor Doug Holyday, however, paints a different picture.

Holyday said he thinks Ford will have no trouble acclimatizing to Queen's Park and downplays criticisms that his friend is a "one-man-band" who doesn't work well with others.

"I've never, ever seen any evidence of him being a bully," said Holyday. "He's not opinionated or rude or anything like that at all. He may have a point to make and he'll make it as forcefully as he can, as the rest of us did."

Holyday also said Ford and his brother did find efficiencies at city hall through the elimination of 1,500 redundant positions. Those savings were achieved through attrition, transfers, voluntary buyouts and early retirements, not layoffs, he said.

"Doug is a hard-worker," he said. "I think he has the best of intentions to make **Ontario** a better place for all."

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Will voters forgive a Liberal MPP for crossing party lines?; Glenn Thibeault left the NDP for the Liberals in a 2015 by-election. Now, many in Sudbury think the New Democrats are out for revenge

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Byline: ROY MACGREGOR

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Premiers and ministers and even prime ministers have done it successfully.

The **Canadian** list is extensive: Bob Rae, Rene Levesque, John Crosbie, Scott Brisson, Jean Charest, Belinda Stronach, Jack Horner, Lucien Bouchard, Ralph Klein, Elijah Harper, Jack Layton, Thomas Mulcair ... there are dozens upon dozens of politicians who left one party for another and failed to pay the price their critics and doubters had predicted.

Dozens of others, of course, tripped while crossing the floor and ended up out of

office completely.

Glenn Thibeault will know some time on Thursday evening whether he joins the list that includes the likes of Mr. Rae, the former NDP premier of **Ontario** who became a successful federal Liberal, or the list that includes the likes of David MacDonald, the Prince Edward Island politician who had a stellar career as a federal Progressive Conservative but later switched to the NDP, ran again and lost.

Mr. Thibeault, then with the New Democrats, was **Sudbury**'s member of Parliament from 2008 to 2015. When a February, 2015, by-election was called for the provincial seat in the riding, he abruptly quit **Ottawa** to return home and run for the Liberals.

He won handily, but it was not pretty.

There were accusations that Premier Kathleen Wynne's staff had acted unethically, perhaps even illegally. Mr. Thibeault had been the Premier's preferred candidate and it appeared that Andrew Olivier, the loyal party member who had stood for the previous election and believed he would stand again, might have been forcibly bumped aside.

Charges were eventually laid against a key Liberal operative at Queen's Park and a local businessman who had worked together, police alleged, to bribe Mr. Olivier with an appointment offer to step aside and had cemented Mr. Thibeault's **leap** to their side by offering paid jobs to two loyal staff members.

After more than two years of court hearings - including testimony from Ms. Wynne - the charges were thrown out last fall when the judge ruled there was not enough evidence to allow the case to continue.

Many in **Sudbury** believe that the NDP is determined to enact some measure of revenge. There is already ample anger aimed at Ms. Wynne from the right as well as the left, making the **Sudbury** riding perhaps the most difficult to call in the **north** of the province.

It has been more than three decades since a Progressive Conservative held this seat, but Tories have pinned their hopes on Troy Crowder, a 50-year-old businessman who returned home after a decade of professional hockey that included stints with the New Jersey Devils, Detroit Red Wings, Los Angeles Kings and Vancouver Canucks.

Mr. Crowder is best known in hockey circles for legendary battles with enforcer Bob Probert.

Renowned for his willingness to engage, Mr. Crowder declined to speak to The Globe and Mail, on advice (orders, if you prefer) from the party's **Toronto** headquarters.

It may have been a wise call, as Mr. Crowder is considered an "F.O.P." by party insiders, meaning he is a loyal friend of former leader Patrick Brown, who was ousted over the winter amid charges of sexual impropriety and replaced by Doug Ford.

Mr. Crowder has built his new reputation on various causes, from children's health to helping soldiers reintegrate into society, and the seriousness of his campaign is found in about 750 lawn signs and multiple electronic billboards around the city.

Jamie **West**, a 46-year-old health and safety expert who has worked in the **Sudbury** smelters and lectures on the subject at Laurentian University, is the NDP candidate.

He says the people he meets at the door don't like Ms. Wynne, don't trust Mr.

Ford and don't care much for what Mr. Thibeault did nearly four years ago.

"It's like hiring a guy to build a deck and halfway through he decides he'd rather mow the lawn," Mr. **West** says of Mr. Thibeault's defection.

Mr. **West** keeps a small campaign poster close at hand that he can hold up beside his head when someone answers his knock and they will see that he, in fact, is the candidate. His face has never been on a hockey card, nor has it appeared regularly in the local paper.

"I've had trouble getting my name out there," he says. "I just say to people, '**West** is Best.' " "It's a volatile time," says Mr. Thibeault, a 49-year-old former social worker. As **minister of energy** campaigning in a city where **hydro rates** are a big issue, he spends a lot of time explaining how **rates** got so high and what his new party has done to alleviate some of that strain. He also hears, of course, a lot about Ms. Wynne.

"I get people who say, 'Glenn, I like what you've done for our community, and if it was just you, it would be a very simple thing, but we don't like your leader.' I say, 'Okay, can you tell me why?' No one can pinpoint it.

I say, 'So, then you're for Doug Ford?' 'Absolutely not.' "Leaving one party for the other happened years ago, he believes, and should not be an issue today. He says he could no longer take the NDP's "rigid ideology" and found the Liberals more to his liking.

"I put it to the people," he says. "I said, 'I'm resigning. I'm leaving and I'm running provincially for the Liberals. If you don't like what I've done, you can vote against me.' I won with 42 per cent of the vote."

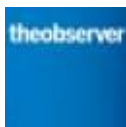
It cost him some supporters, but switching brought new supporters. "My friends are my friends," he says. "There are those who say, 'Glenn, we disagree on policy but we'll still be friends.' And then there's others who were **fair**-weather friends.

As soon as you turn they turn on you."

In a way, that is the 2018 **Ontario** election in a nutshell: everyone turning on Liberals, Conservatives turning on New Democrats, New Democrats turning on both - and in this particular riding, perhaps on one who was once one of their own.

That is why, on a rainy day, Mr. Thibeault runs from door to door, stuffing pamphlets, knocking hard, eager to tell whoever answers about the hundreds of millions the Liberals have committed to health care, the importance of daycare and long-term care ... "I believe in the common good," he says between raindrops. "I want to continue to serve them. I try to persuade them to give me another shot."

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Wynne reflects on long run coming up short; Ontario's premier, a fierce campaigner, is candid about mistakes and Liberal prospects as the party's 15-year run in power ends. Hank Daniszewski reports

Sarnia Observer - Wed Jun 6 2018

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Making **London** one of her last campaign stops before Thursday's vote, Premier

Kathleen Wynne told The Free Press she would have considered handing off to a new Liberal leader a year ago, if she believed then she would lose the election she now admits her party won't win.

Wynne was in **London** Tuesday to support **London North Centre** candidate Kate Graham, who's trying to hang onto the Liberals' last outpost in the 10-riding **London** region - a seat they held for 15 years under Deb Matthews, Wynne's former deputy premier who's retiring from politics with this election.

Here are some highlights of Wynne's exclusive interview with The Free Press:

Q: Do you regret not stepping down as leader a year before the election to allow the party to choose a new leader? Was your competitive nature a factor? A: A year ago I talked with my caucus and we really believed that the **plan** we had was in the best interest of **Ontario** and we had a path to form a government. Yes, I am competitive, but I am also practical. If there had been indicators that we could not find a path to governing, I would have considered stepping down.

Q: What will it take to rebuild the Liberals in rural Southwestern **Ontario** where most of the party's candidates ran third even in the last election? A: My family on my dad's side comes from the Watford area, and in his mind, the Liberals are the party of rural **Ontario**. But that has flipped in some ways. We need to make sure our policies reflect even more the concerns of rural communities. There's something more that we need to do to resonate, so once this election is over we will continue to work to get that rural lens on our policies.

Q: Did the Liberals mishandle the way that **wind** farms were approved? A: I was not the premier when that was done... but the major lesson I take away from the way green **energy** changes were implemented was that we did not work with communities closely enough. When I became premier, we changed the process to give municipalities more of a say. It's true that policy alienated a lot of rural communities, but we learned from it.

Q: In hindsight, is there anything you would have done differently as premier? A: An issue I didn't get on soon enough was rising **electricity** prices. We knew all the building we did to make the **electricity** clean, shutting down the coal plants, was a good thing, But it all had a cost and we didn't act soon to reduce **electricity** prices.

Q: When you conceded that your government could not win this election, didn't that throw open the door for strategic voting, backing the NDP to stop (Progressive Conservative Leader) Doug Ford? A: A lot of voters are not comfortable with (the prospect of) an NDP majority. But they wanted change and didn't want a Liberal government led by me. Now, they can vote for their local Liberal candidate. We know it will be an (NDP Leader) Andrea Horwath or Doug Ford government, but it doesn't have to be a majority. The change is going to happen, but we need a check on giving a majority to either of those leaders.

Q: What do you think of the family lawsuit filed which alleges that Doug Ford mismanaged his family's business? A: It's a sad situation because kids are being dragged into this. But Doug Ford has held out the credential of being a businessman. If he doesn't have the credential of being a strong business person, he doesn't bring much to the table. hdaniszewski@postmedia.com
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Math doesn't add up

The Intelligencer

The Belleville Intelligencer - Wed Jun 6 2018

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Ontario Hydro was dismembered years ago by the Conservative government, which split it into **Ontario Power Generation** and **Hydro One**.

It is only the latter company - a regulated **transmission utility** - that the Wynne Liberals partially privatized "poles and **wires**", not the **power** generation assets.

Hydro price increases were not caused by the partial **power** and wire sell off by Wynne, it was caused by the Conservative Party dismembering **hydro** services. Prices are set by **Ontario Energy Board**, not the Liberal government.

Doug Ford claims he will keep the 25 per cent **hydro** reduction then magically reduce another seven per cent, details to come later? NDP's Horwath will magically come up with a 30 per cent cut in **hydro**, details later? Ford and Horwath cuts don't add up.

Bill Bowen,

Trenton

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No sympathy from me

Waterloo Region Record - Wed Jun 6 2018

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Election: It's about expenses - June 4

I have read and heard some inane things but feeling sorry for Jahangir Bhatti because he won't be able to eat out three or four times a week tops it all. And then to have the gall to blame it on the increased minimum wage is offensive.

Also, if he is spending \$250 a month for **hydro** he must be incredibly wasteful. My last **hydro** bill for my four bedroom home was \$69.14 and that is pretty well average each month.

Robert Rongits

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A nice likeable person is not what we need in government

Waterloo Region Record - Wed Jun 6 2018

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Forget the other parties, NDP is a real solid choice - June 2

Letter writer Dave Brown lauded Andrea Horwath and her party as a real solid choice in the upcoming provincial election. I suspect that Brown has never worked in industry or commerce because his comments are, to say the least, naïve.

He mentions so many social benefits the NDP are going to provide, but seems to believe that money grows on trees. How else are they going to pay for these benefits?

Nowhere has the NDP indicated how they intend to create the new jobs that will pay for their programs.

Horwath also has no fiscal savvy. How else does she justify closing the Pickering nuclear plant, as she has threatened? This alone will lead to 4,500 lost jobs. Is her idea then to bring in more expensive **wind turbine power**? The Wynne government has ably demonstrated how well that works.

At least Doug Ford is a businessperson and knows what it takes to develop business. I don't find him particularly likable but I am not so naïve as to think a nice, likable person is all we need.

Colin Jones

Kitchener

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Your letters: Stigma of socialism and communism hurt NDP

thestar.com - Wed Jun 6 2018
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Ford stands by 'great candidate.' June 5

Election campaigns are now fought over competing lies, deception, half-truths and misappropriation in a social media landscape where who the candidates are, what they represent and how they will govern are all well-disguised secrets. Corporate tax cuts are only one of a host of ideas that have never shown any evidence of being effective - just look at the last 25 years. In the case of Doug Ford his candidacy is a mixture of good-old boys' slogans with no platform. He was strategically kept out of the media as much as possible by his political handlers. He has a slate of extreme male right-wing candidates with antiquated views from a variety of ethnicities and cultures. Despite a party in total disarray, suspect candidates and family corruption he is prepared to sweep to a firm majority despite the NDP having a sensible platform and a balanced leader to replace the tired, old Liberals. The latter have prepared the fields with scandals like E-Health, **gas** plants and the sale of **Hydro**. One despite many admirable policies while in office. If rationality were the only criteria, NDP leader Andrea Horwath should be the one to win a massive majority but the old terrors and stigma of socialism and communism have still not been expunged.

Robert Bahlleda, **Newmarket**

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Reducing emissions to cost oilpatch \$25B over 10 years: report

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The **Canadian** oil-and-gas industry estimates it will pay \$25 billion over the next 10 years to comply with federal and provincial **climate**-change policies and is pushing federal and provincial governments for a series of breaks on regulations.

In a report released Tuesday, the **Canadian** Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) said the country's new emissions regulations are driving up costs for

domestic oil and **gas** producers, which is causing investment to leave the country while doing little to reduce emissions.

CAPP's report said the regulations are having "serious unintended consequences" for the industry and jobs.

A debate about the **Canadian energy** industry's competitiveness in the face of increasingly stringent environmental regulations has intensified in recent months, especially as governments move forward with placing limits on methane emissions, and as the price of carbon emissions is projected to rise.

As a result, CAPP's report - the third in a series of seven - contains a series of requests for governments, ranging from big asks, like the immediate deductibility of expenses, to more specific requests about targeted regulations, including that only new naturalgas facilities should be subject to methane-reduction targets.

"Investment in Canada's **energy** industry - and jobs for Canadians - will continue to leave for other jurisdictions unless there are changes to regulatory policies that enable growth," CAPP president and CEO Tim McMillan said in a release.

He said domestic oil and **gas** companies support meeting environmental goals, but governments need to take into account the extra burden of added costs or activity will just move to places with lower standards, in a phenomenon CAPP called "carbon leakage."

On methane emissions, the country's largest oil-and-**gas** industry group says reducing methane is "a critical step for meaningful action on **climate** change" but local oil and **gas** players are subjected to tighter regulations than direct competitors in the United States.

In Canada, new methane regulations will target both new and existing **natural-gas** facilities. In the U.S., only new facilities will be subjected to methane-reduction targets, and old facilities will be grandfathered.

Methane is a more potent greenhouse **gas** than carbon dioxide, but is also less abundant in the atmosphere, according to NASA.

"Canada is being a leader and is the first jurisdiction to implement methane regulations for both new and existing facilities, and this should be applauded," Pembina Institute interim federal policy director Isabelle Turcotte said.

She said that methane regulations are still being developed in Alberta, and so it's too early to tell how stringent these new regulations will be for the oil-and-**gas** industry.

She also said that methane can be a valuable commodity, and so there could be an economic benefit for capturing and using it.

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Is Doug Ford truly his brother's keeper?

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Progressive Conservative Leader Doug Ford aspires to be our premier on the

strength of his **public** persona:

Brother of former mayor Rob Ford. Heir to Ford Nation.

Man of the people. Businessman. Family man.

But does the real person fit the persona?

Is Doug Ford his brother's keeper? What about the rest of us?

Is he the keeper of his late brother's widow and their two surviving children?

Not according to the stunning allegations in a \$16.5 million lawsuit filed by Renata Ford last week (on behalf of her children and herself) against Doug Ford and his surviving brother Randy Ford, co-owners of Deco, their late father's label printing business.

She accuses him of siphoning about \$5 million from her late husband's estate through a combination of manipulation and deprivation of what she claims should go to her and the children. The claims - not least that she hasn't yet received the proceeds of Rob Ford's \$220,000 life insurance policy, which remain under Doug Ford's control - remain unproven.

All the allegations are strongly denied by Doug Ford and dismissed by his mother Diane, who in a written statement denounced her daughter-in-law as a drug addict (an accusation she never made publicly about her late son Rob while he ran an entire city and smoked crack cocaine).

Now, on the eve of Thursday's election, a matter that may one day be contested in a court of law is being assessed in the court of **public** opinion by voters who have every reason - and right - to wonder what is going on.

But we are at a distinct disadvantage. While Doug Ford would have to answer questions under oath during the legal process of discovery, and testify on the witness stand, he feels no obligation to answer specific questions on the campaign stump.

Doug Ford, who cheerfully mocks the (admittedly) overpaid CEO of **Hydro**. One as the "Six Million Dollar Man," is now accused of overpaying himself with "extravagant compensation" while short-changing his late brother's widow and children. Not true, Ford insists, but there's a difference between merely denying and disproving an allegation.

In a brief encounter with reporters Tuesday, Ford ignored repeated questions as to whether he would release audited financial statements so as to show voters that Deco is still the successful business he has long claimed it to be - and which the lawsuit asserts it has long ceased to be.

Nor did he respond to questions from reporters about his remuneration over the years as CEO at Deco if, as the lawsuit claims, it was a money-losing operation on his watch. Conjuring up the refusals of Donald Trump to release his tax returns when running for the presidency, Ford declined to answer.

That's unfortunate. Releasing Deco's financial statements, and disclosing his compensation package - "paid regardless of the financial performance of those businesses," according to the lawsuit - is surely not asking too much given that he is asking us, as voters, to repose our trust in him for the next four years running a \$150-billion concern at Queen's Park (Canada's second-biggest government).

There are legitimate questions of **public** interest - quite apart from a private family dispute - that arise from this legal matter now that it's in the **public** domain.

Unless the matter is one day settled out of court, a judge will ultimately decide whether Doug Ford acted properly or deceptively in dealing with a widow and her children. Among the allegations that the judge may pronounce upon is whether Ford has the educational qualifications to run Deco, the business he inherited from his father - a question many voters are asking themselves in terms of his qualifications to be premier.

The lawsuit claims "neither Doug Ford nor Randy Ford have the education and business ability to justify their employment as senior officers of Deco."

Any judge's verdict is a long way off. But the people's verdict is barely a day away, and Ford has proven himself to be a persuasive salesman throughout his life.

He has personalized the Progressive Conservative campaign from the start, displacing the party's brand with his own trademark Ford Nation labelling.

A sign at his campaign podium declares "Doug Ford - for the people."

The fully-costed policy platform that he promised to deliver has never materialized, replaced by Ford's sales pitch that he is a man of the people, against the elites, and a prudent steward of his company's finances. By minimizing policy and maximizing personality, Ford has made his own character pre-eminent in this campaign.

Now, unanswered questions about his personal conduct may give pause to some voters who might otherwise have supported the Progressive Conservatives. Or perhaps people will explain away the latest allegations as a bitter court fight over money, as Ford has suggested.

Trust me, Ford says. Even if his late brother's widow apparently doesn't.

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Regardless of who wins, we'll survive the election

Toronto Star - Wed Jun 6 2018

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Byline: Thomas Walkom Toronto Star

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Ontarians are faced with a starkly simple choice Thursday. Do they want Tory leader Doug Ford to be their premier? Or do they want New Democrat Andrea Horwath?

Those are the only options on offer. The province can survive either.

By conceding that she can't win, current Premier Kathleen Wynne has put herself out of the running. Her pitch that voters should support her Liberals anyway will, I suspect, fall on deaf ears.

Nor are pleas to engage in strategic voting likely to work. Most voters don't know their own ridings well enough to vote strategically. In this election, changes in riding boundaries have made that task even more difficult.

Party platforms are of limited use when deciding whom to vote for. The NDP's platform is comprehensive. But it is also overly ambitious, promising denticare, pharmacare and universal child care - as well as lower **electricity rates**, the re-nationalization of **Hydro** One and an end to hospital overcrowding.

In this, it is more aspirational than practical, the platform of a party that wanted to avoid the trap of 2014 when it was outflanked on the left by Wynne's Liberals but that - until recently - didn't expect to win.

The sketchy Tory platform by contrast is the **plan** of a party that expects to win and hopes not to leave too many hostages to fortune.

It says a Ford government would cut taxes and increase spending in some areas. But it is silent on how all of this would be financed.

In an interview Tuesday on CBC Radio's Metro Morning, **Newmarket**-Aurora PC candidate and former Ford leadership rival Christine Elliott gave some hint as to what spending cuts a Tory government might envision.

Saying that international studies show **Ontario** is not getting best value for the billions it spends annually on health care, she promised a comprehensive **review**.

"We need to take a look at everything, line by line," she said.

This doesn't necessarily mean that a Ford government would do anything unusual. Bob Rae's NDP government laid off nurses in the early 1990s in an effort to slow the growth of health-care spending. Mike Harris's PC government closed hospitals in the late '90s to achieve the same end.

The Liberals under Dalton McGuinty and Wynne continued to squeeze health spending in general and hospitals in particular. I expect a Horwath NDP government would find itself under fiscal pressure to follow suit.

None of this means that Horwath and Ford are the same. They are not.

Horwath is a more flexible politician who has navigated her party from **centre**-left to **centre**-right and back to **centre**-left again.

In many ways, she is a conservative, who uses hot-button, populist language but resists straying too far from what is politically possible.

Ford is a disrupter and a radical. He is attracted to bold moves - such as his pledge to fire the CEO of **Hydro** One - even when they are pointless and probably impossible.

Like Mike Harris, he has firm views - particularly on the virtue of tax cuts - that he is loath to give up.

In this campaign, the partisans of each leader treat the other as some kind of Satan. Ford aficionados paint Horwath as a Stalinist ideologue in the thrall of Big Labour. Horwath supporters dismiss Ford as a **Canadian** version of Donald Trump.

Each side says that the other, if elected, would cause incalculable damage to **Ontario**. In fact, **Ontario** will probably survive Thursday's election.

It survived Rae and Harris. It survived McGuinty and Wynne. We do face a stark choice Thursday. But things will probably work out - regardless of who wins.

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Five things you should know before starting your workday on June 6

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Byline: Shari Kulha

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Well, we meet again. So good morning! Shari Kulha (@skulha [twitter.com](https://twitter.com/skulha) here, waving a wee flag for the SEC's 84th anniversary. The Securities and Exchange Commission began life on June 6, 1934, to maintain order in the markets, protect investors and, needless to say, facilitate money-making. Its first chairman was Joe Kennedy Sr., appointed by his friend and then-president, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, as the man who knew Wall Street well enough from the inside to clean it up of the many fraudsters, the insider trading and to create uniform guidelines for registering securities. How'd he do?

IT'S JUST THREE COUNTRIES ...

President Trump has said he wants separate, bilateral trade pacts with Canada and Mexico business.financialpost.com , as the chances of a NAFTA deal wither on the vine. Trump doesn't **plan** to withdraw from NAFTA, but wants to try a different approach. He apparently doesn't like multilateral treaties, because, as the head of the U.S. National Economic Council, Larry Kudlow, said, "oftentimes, when you have to compromise with a whole bunch of countries, you get the worst of the deals."

THE NEW MATH

Kathleen Wynne once promised to lower car insurance **rates** business.financialpost.com . Instead, we've had about a 2.5% premium increase. Auto insurance companies in **Ontario** made about \$1.5 billion in pre-tax profits in 2016, up 57% since 2012. In the past five years, overpayments might have totalled \$5 billion. So why the hikes? They pay for body-shop fraud, rehabilitation fraud, all kinds of fraud, insurers say. But the author of this article says, "as a personal injury lawyer, I can tell you there is nowhere near the amount of fraud the insurance industry wants you to believe."

THE BAD MATH

The **Ontario Fair Hydro** bonds program, "a complicated piece of bond-market engineering" designed to finance cuts to **Ontario's** soaring **hydro** bills business.financialpost.com , has been scolded by the province's accounting watchdog as just a craven attempt to disguise bumbling mismanagement of the **energy** sector. Asset managers are leery, too, saying it is "bad policy and buying it would encourage governments to do similar deals in the future." Just check out the numbers.

'WEIRD SITUATION'

Analysts are stumped as the **Canadian** oil price rose US\$12 per barrel business.financialpost.com after Enbridge said it would not implement a new procedure to stop shippers from claiming more space than they could use on a key pipeline. As David Dias(ddias@postmedia.com) writes, the **plan** had outraged shippers, creating a US\$10 drop in the WCS benchmark - until Enbridge backed off, and WCS rocketed back up. One analyst said there's no good reason Enbridge's policy would influence the price of **Canadian** oil, and suggested there may be some hidden variable at play.

A GRAY **BAY** DAY

HBC said it will close some Lord & Taylor stores and sell Gilt.com after posting worse-than-expected quarterly results business.financialpost.com . New CEO Helena Foulkes didn't go easy, Hollie Shaw twitter.com reports, when speaking of how HBC had conducted business under its erstwhile management

team. "We tend to make decisions without involving one of our key stakeholders: the **customer**." Now, she said, "everything's on the table in terms of focusing on driving improved profitability for the business."

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The Ontario PC Party Platform Debrief | TVO.org

tvo.org - Wed Jun 6 2018

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The Agenda discusses what is on offer to voters by Doug Ford and the Progressive Conservatives, with guests: John Duffy of Strategycorp; Gord Miller, Green Party policy advisor; Peggy Nash, former NDP MPP; Ginny Movat, senior consultant with Crestview Strategy, and Marike Walsh of iPolitics.

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CTV's Election 2018: Meet the Panellists | Full 2018 Ontario Election Coverage

toronto.ctvnews.ca - Wed Jun 6 2018

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The leader headquarters are being set up, the watch parties are booked, and CTV's Election 2018 special is on the horizon. On June 7th, Ontarians will elect a new premier, capping what has already been a fierce election campaign.

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Why investors are holding their noses over Ontario's Fair Hydro bonds | National Post

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Sometimes even a juicy yield offered by a government-backed issuer at a time of near-record low interest rates isn't enough to entice bond fund managers.

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Billions in promises

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Ford defends lack of full platform, says it will come before election day - May 30

The media and individual citizens have been asking Doug Ford to reveal a budget for his campaign promises.

There are indications in different parts of the PC website that give some details but no final summary.

As the PC website emphasizes that education in **Ontario** must return to emphasizing basic number facts, I offer my skills as a former math teacher to summarize Mr. Ford's promises using numbers taken from the PC party website.

For year one, new costs would include: minimum wage increase, \$558 million; child care, \$389 million; new hospital beds, \$186 million; **Toronto** subway,

\$1.25 billion; mental health, \$380 million; addiction, \$190 million; autism, \$25 million; and environment, \$125 million. The total for these new costs will be \$3.1 billion.

In addition to new expenditures Mr Ford is promising tax reductions. For year one these reductions would include a 20 per cent tax reduction for people in the second tax bracket (cost, \$2.2 billion); termination of the **cap and trade** tax (\$1.9 billion); and reduction of the **gas** tax (\$1.19 billion). The first-year loss of revenue would be \$5.29 billion.

When the loss of revenue is combined with the increase in spending the net result is a potential deficit of \$8.39 billion.

In addition, the PC website offers further promises for years two, three and four that would increase new spending to \$3.13 billion and reduce revenue by \$6.65 billion for a net deficit of \$9.78 billion.

I suggest that it is time for Mr. Ford to explain how he plans to offset these deficits in order to balance the **Ontario** books.

Gordon Nicholls

Kitchener

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Fear and loathing: The 2018 election; An objective look at the facts shows that the sheer hatred being directed at Kathleen Wynne is not based on anything logical

The Hamilton Spectator - Wed Jun 6 2018

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Byline: Herman Turkstra

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There is something happening in this election that I have not seen in over 50 years of participating in elections in the Hamilton area.

In the last month, I have had conversations with more than a dozen white males, over 50. I learned that I can generate a consistent response with two words: "Kathleen Wynne." The responses often end up with a sentence that generally runs like "I hate that bitch" or "Why isn't she in jail?" or "What a liar!" These positions do not respond to a calm discussion of facts. It makes no difference that economists say regularly that the cost of replacement **hydro** generation should be spread out over the years of their usage, like all major corporations do with bonds and homeowners do with mortgages.

It makes no difference to try and explore whether or not we are now paying the real cost of nuclear generated **hydro** after years going back to one of my favourite premiers, Bill Davis, when we started discounting **hydro** to keep GM, and Ford and Dofasco in **Ontario**. The facts do not seem to count.

That our economy is running fully charged. That we have virtually no unemployment. The man with the sandwich board on John Street last week pleading for workers tells the story. The unending streams of trucks on Highway 403 and the QEW tell the same story. As the owner of the small downtown takeout place said to me, "How come when things are going so well, people want to fire the leader?"

Many past premiers of all parties have increased the debt or run deficits. They may be voted out of office or contested hotly, but I do not recall a campaign full of hate. Even when Mr. Davis made one of the most hated decisions of all time,

funding separate high schools, he remained a beloved premier to this day. Why the fear and loathing?

The temptation is to say that the answer is that Ms. Wynne is a woman, or a lesbian, or not very tall, or so she smiles too much and that a six-foot-two male would be disliked or disagreed with or voted out, but not hated. One thing is perfectly clear: what is going on today is clearly personal. Why?

Certainly, the unofficial, negative social media campaign waged outside the election process by conservative organizations such as **Ontario** Proud have made a difference.

Perhaps, because we are starting to see that the world is becoming a much more dangerous place, we expect more alpha-maleness in our leaders. Perhaps because we now focus on leaders instead of the candidates in our own community.

Whatever it is that is happening is certainly not good for democracy. And just maybe, perhaps, we will surmount the hatred, and vote with our reason and not our stomachs.

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Liberals' number's up; ... and none too soon

Toronto Sun - Wed Jun 6 2018

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When it comes to Premier Kathleen Wynne and the Liberals, one thing we know, unless every pollster is wrong, is that after 15 years in **power**, their number's up in Thursday's **Ontario** election.

Therefore, as an appropriate sendoff to their soonto-be-defunct government - first under Dalton McGuinty and now Wynne - let's look at 15 years of Liberal rule, by the numbers.

Warning: They're not pretty. n \$138.8 billion, \$325 billion: **Ontario**'s debt when the Liberals took **power** in 2003 versus **Ontario**'s debt today, a 134% increase. n \$642-million surplus, \$4-billion deficit: What the Liberals claim their 2017-18 budget surplus was, compared to what Auditor General Bonnie Lysyk says their 2017-18 deficit was. n \$19.8-billion deficit, \$36.4-billion deficit, \$36.9-billion deficit: What the Liberals predicted their combined annual deficits for the next three years would be, compared to what Lysyk predicted they would be, followed by what **Ontario**'s Financial Accountability Office predicted they would be. n \$73.9 billion, \$158.5 billion: Annual **Ontario** government spending when the Liberals came to **power** in 2003-04 and what they're spending today, an increase of 114%. n \$68.4 billion, \$152.5 billion: Annual **Ontario** government revenue when the Liberals came to **power** in 2003-04 and government revenue today, an increase of 123%. n \$9.6 billion, \$12.5 billion: Annual interest payments on **Ontario**'s debt when the Liberals came to **power** in '03 and what Ontarians are paying in 2018, a 30% increase. n 27.2%, 37.6%: **Ontario**'s net debt-to-GDP ratio (the lower the better) when the Liberals came to **power** in '03 and the net debt-to-GDP ratio today, a 38% increase. n \$9.2 billion: The amount **Ontario** ratepayers will overpay for green **energy** over 20 years, according to Lysyk in 2015, because the Liberals ignored the advice of their own **energy** experts on how, and how much, to pay private developers for **wind** and **solar power**, and other green **energy** projects. n \$8 billion: The estimated cost of Wynne's cap-and-trade scheme to **Ontario** households and businesses over its first four years of operation from 2017 to 2020, according to Lysyk in 2015, likely to achieve less than 20% of the greenhouse **gas** emission cuts in **Ontario**

required to meet the province's 2020 target. n \$466 million, \$2.2 billion: The estimated amount Lysyk said **Ontario** consumers and businesses will pay from 2017 to 2020 to buy carbon allowances from emitters in Quebec and California, that could rise to \$2.2 billion by 2030. n Two times as much, 3½ times as much: The amount the **Ontario public** was paying on average for **wind** and **solar power**, respectively, according to Lysyk in 2015, compared to what Americans were paying on average for **wind** and **solar power**, contributing to a 70% increase in the cost of **electricity** for **Ontario** homes and small businesses between '06 and 2014. n \$230 million, \$1.1 billion: What the Liberals estimated the 20-year cost of the cancelled **gas** plants in Mississauga and **Oakville** would be in 2012, compared to what Lysyk and then-auditor general Jim McCarter estimated it would be in 2013, a 278% increase. n \$1 billion, \$1.9 billion: What the Liberals said installing smart meters in 4.8 million **Ontario** homes and businesses would cost in '05, and what Lysyk determined it cost in 2014, a 90% increase. n \$19 million: What **Ontario** paid in 2016-17 to operate and maintain 812 vacant buildings, 600 of them unoccupied for an average of eight years, according to Lysyk's 2017 report. lgoldstein@postmedia.com @sunlorrie \$138.8 billion, \$325 billion: **Ontario's** debt when the Liberals took **power** in 2003 versus **Ontario's** debt today, a 134% increase.

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