



**Freedom 90 commits to raising its voice to demand an end to poverty and an end to the need for food banks and emergency meal programs in Ontario.**

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December 1, 2014

Put Food in the Budget - Simon Robinson

### **Who banks on food banks in Canada?**

A Discussion Paper from the Put Food in the Budget campaign seeks to stimulate a public discussion about why we still have food banks. We provide basic information about:

- the amount of food distributed to those who receive food from a food bank
- the dollar value of the food that is distributed
- how much money a person needs every month to buy nutritious food
- how much food is provided by 12 high-profile corporate campaign



[Click here to read the discussion paper and related materials](#)

November 27, 2014

Toronto Star - Joe Florito - Columnist

### **Dare to give me a break**

... these days, charity is institutionalized; if you think it isn't, then drop by your local food bank and ask when it started, and how many people it serves.

We have now reached a point, thanks to the Harper brand of Thatcherism, where tax is a dirty word; thus, we have left the care of the hungry and the homeless to organized charities, and also to the churches.



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November 17, 2014

openparliament.ca - Rathika Sitsabaiesan

### **Child Poverty - Private Members' Business**

Moved: That, in the opinion of the House, the government should work in collaboration with the provinces, territories and First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities to eradicate child poverty in Canada by developing a national poverty reduction plan that includes: (a) making housing more affordable for lower income Canadians; (b) ensuring accessible and affordable child care; (c) addressing childhood nutrition; (d) improving economic security of families; (e) measures that specifically address the unique needs of First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities; and (f) measurable targets and timelines.

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November 17, 2014

Toronto Star - Urban Issues - Christopher Hume

### **Toronto children need more prosperity, not more charity**

Toronto, the richest city in Canada, is also one of the poorest. Newly compiled figures tell us that fully 29 per cent of children in this city live in poverty.

The Hidden Epidemic: A Report on Child and Family Poverty in Toronto, released last week by the Alliance for a Poverty-Free Toronto, calls the figures "shameful."

Even worse, after dropping from 32 per cent a decade ago to 27 per cent in 2010, the numbers are rising again.

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November 12, 2014

Reddit - toronto: news from T.O.

### **How the hell do the poor survive in this city?**

[Some readers may find the *language* used in this post somewhat offensive. It is to be hoped that every reader will find the *circumstances* depicted in this post even more offensive! Ed.]

My friend finally got evicted from his old apartment (\$1050 / mo) after 3 months of nonpayment. He has some serious emotional and health issues at current that are making it very hard for him to work.



We're looking to find him an apartment in the GTA, preferably near the subway as he's currently going DT for counselling nearly every day, but Ontario Works only pays \$376 a month for shelter. I've helped him apply to Toronto Community Housing but we were told to expect a *three to five years* wait.

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November 12, 2014

Huffington Post - Canada - The Blog - Glen Pearson

### **Food Banks Were Meant to be Temporary. So Why Are They Growing?**

The recent Hunger Count by Food Banks Canada is now a week old, but with the way things are digressing it might very well be next year's news, and that of the year after, and the year after.



This is one of the reasons why The Economist reversed its judgment of a decade ago and now labels us as, "Uncool Canada (The Moose Loses Its Shades)." Any nation, or its people, that continues to tolerate the proliferation of food banks in a world of financial abundance has clearly lost its appeal to the better angels of our nature.

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October 25, 2014

Very Bad Apple - Marta Liddiard

### **The Vicious Cycle of Poverty**

Earlier this year the local newspaper has decided to shine a light on poverty in the Niagara Region. In somewhat regular intervals, various individuals and their struggles are showcased in the paper. Single parents, seniors, widows, divorcees, people struggling with debilitating health issues and entire families are just some of the people living in poverty. According to a statistic obtained by the newspaper, 78% of people living in poverty, work full time. Poverty in the Niagara region is a reality, it is noticeable, it is rampant.



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