

# A retired person's question period (01, 06, 13)

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A Retired Person's Question Period: Is our political system broken and outdated when we all have access to a phone or computer? Could we save billions by conducting electronic surveys and referendums? Could we eradicate a sizeable number of freeloaders who don't represent us anyway? Why so few like Peter Kormos who represented his riding at personal cost? Why allow the party whips to tell my rep how to vote? Why little if any transparency? Why eliminate the full census? To create less transparency, fact, and intelligence for pro corporate decision making? Why do ultra conservatives get so angry with left wing social democratic types when corporate welfare is so in vogue?



Why allow people and corporations (pseudo people) to hide/protect their money offshore seemingly at will? Why do senators not know where they live? Why masquerade as public servants when primarily bag men/women for their parties? Do we need this senate?

Why does one man enjoy Napoleonic power to determine the fate of our entire country when representing less than 40% of voters? How can a party earn a majority with approximately 36% of the vote? Why bother to vote? What would happen if we all refused as in a Galiano novel? Would that force change?

Why does capitalism not mesh with democracy? Why the growing gap between rich and poor? Why are corporations allowed to act like psychotics? How can anyone with half a working brain deny climate warming due to the aforementioned psychotics? What's the point of four-year terms when a party can set us back a hundred years? When will we deal with environmental degradation? Why do the middle aged and old care so little about children and their future? Why do universities allow themselves to be purchased by business? Why care so little about the world, world politics and world covenants and agreements? Would anyone want Canada on the Security Council?

Why get so easily diverted by the circus? Why slavishly watch millionaires play hockey for billionaires who have reduced our national game to a balance sheet, quick to lock out employees when they see financial advantage? Why care about athlete mercenaries who simply follow the highest bidder? Why is so much violence tolerated in our media? Why is sex taboo but not violence? Shouldn't love be more important than violence? How can one person micromanage virtually every public communication and yet get away with not knowing about scandals that directly affect his credibility? Why do politicians never apologize?

Why continue to waste our natural resources? Why readily force the third world into slave labour when slavery was supposedly abolished? Why allow the attack ad? Why so many channels but such little content on TV? Why allow media concentration in the hands of a few to be used for their political advancement? Why are not more people fed up and not willing to take it anymore?

What's the point of four levels of government in Niagara? How can Mike Duffy fudge expenses for more than I made in 1.5 working years?

Why after 40 years do I not have a doctor? Why no second new hospital in Niagara? Why pick up infectious diseases when we enter a hospital? Why are hospitals not cleaner and safer? Why allow politicians not to answer direct questions? Why do media not ask tough questions? What's the point of question period?

Why waste money on two duplicate systems of education? Why are Christian schools integrated into the public system? Should education be public with specific



religions taught and modeled in the home? Why was Dick Cheney not prosecuted as a war criminal? And Rumsfeld and the rest of that team? Do we feel any respite because the American system is more dysfunctional than ours? What's with Rob Ford? Is he the manifestation of all that is wrong with our world? Seriously, who can you trust?

Have you considered moving to a different planet? Do you daydream a lot? Do recreational drugs help? Have you considered therapy? Peanut butter? What about a pet dog? Just thought I'd ask.