

## We elect the dictators

A couple of observations about the letter by reader Linda Groundsell, criticizing Justin Trudeau.

I might add at this point that in more than 50 years, I have never voted Liberal and not likely ever will.

But it is any party leader's prerogative to choose people he/she can work with. That is why the leader is signing off on any of their party's candidates running for election. It would most certainly be unwise to import a controversial subject into their caucus, such as abortion, that would split every party along religious lines have a caucus divided, rob Parliament of valuable time and accomplish nothing.

And Groundsell does not want a dictator as Prime Minister, and points to Pierre Elliott Trudeau as the stalwart of democracy.

That is the very man who once declared all the backbenchers to be "Nobodies," implying that they had no other function than to be "Yes" men, like trained seals, to whatever the party hierarchy demanded.

Democratic Government? Give me a break!

With this system, any Prime Minister or Premier leading a majority government is a dictator for four to five years, pushing through whatever's their pleasure. That's how we ended up with the financial scandals of the Provincial Liberals; Mulroney's GST and extending pharmaceutical companies patents on drugs for 13 years; Chretien's China trade that floods this country with shoddy merchandise, while Canada has lost the jobs and expertise how to produce consumer goods; and Harper's Northern Gateway pipeline which will be imposed on an unwilling people.

Almost half the eligible voters in Ontario did not cast their ballot.

No doubt a great number of them realized that if they are not on the side of the winner their vote is totally lost - no representation.

And of the other half, less than 40 per cent voted Liberal, so that roughly speaking less than a quarter of the eligible voters elected this Ontario government. Or let's put it this way: about 75 per cent of the electorate did not vote for the provincial government we got.

Democracy???

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