



# Worldly Influences

Trust Not in Man

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Understanding Human Nature

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Jer 17:9-10 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? 10 I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

Gen 11:3-4 And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them throughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. 4 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

1Jn 2:16-17 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.



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Where do We put our Trust?



# Hypocrisy in Government

## Impact of the War on Terror (2001-2021)



**939,000** people dead due to direct war violence



**38 million** people displaced



US counter-terrorism activities conducted in **85 countries**



**USD 8 trillion** spent by the US (not including interest on financing)

\*due to discrepancies in reporting, these figures are approximations

Then-Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, shortly after 9/11, did once write a memo to then-President Bush declaring that, “If the war [on terror] does not significantly change the world’s political map, the U.S. will not achieve its aim.”

Other hypocrisies abound overseas. President Obama recently broached the possibility of negotiating with the Taliban, in the same spirit as the Bush administration bought off the Sunni guerillas in Iraq. Yet the United States has implied that Pakistani government officials were wimps for doing the same thing. U.S. government officials and politicians frowned on Pakistan acquiescing to Islamic law in the former ski resort country of the Swat Valley, not too far from Pakistan’s capital city, in exchange for a truce with Islamic militants.

[<https://www.independent.org/news/article.asp?id=2458>]

# Hypocrisy in Government



And speaking of Palestine, how can the U.S. fund and support both sides in the same war? With billions per year in military and economic aid, the United States funded and supported Israel's costly destruction of Gaza in the recent war, only to offer Gazans \$900 million to clean up the mess.

Hypocrisy in government is nothing new and is certainly not more prevalent in one party or the other. There just seems to be a lot of it around lately.

[<https://www.independent.org/news/article.asp?id=2458>]



# The illiberal hypocrisy of Western nations

While many Westerners are rightly proud of their liberal democratic values, those values are quickly forgotten when expedient

Western nations' economic and military supremacy has empowered them to dominate the world politically. This has led Western governments to perceive liberalism as a notion that is administered top-down toward the rest of the world, not noticing their hypocritical illiberal behavior.

Furthermore, Western nations have welcomed Russian oligarchs' investments for years, while knowing that these funds might be illegally or immorally sourced. Yet when a political need arose, Western nations decided to freeze the oligarchs' money, regardless of respective regulations that previously secured their money.

[[https://asiatimes.com/2022/10/\\_\\_trashed-33/](https://asiatimes.com/2022/10/__trashed-33/)]





# The illiberal hypocrisy of Western nations



The utmost illiberal hypocrisy of Western nations lies in their relationship with Arab autocrats who are offered a blind eye when economic ties result in Western favor while their falloff results in casting a light on the autocracy's human-rights violations.

When Egyptians were fighting for their freedom early in the course of their uprising in 2011, then-US vice-president Joe Biden described the late president Hosni Mubarak as a democratic ruler. Then, when the uprising intensified, president Barack Obama switched gears and called on Mubarak to leave the presidential office immediately.

[[https://asiatimes.com/2022/10/\\_\\_trashed-33/](https://asiatimes.com/2022/10/__trashed-33/)]

## There is always hypocrisy in politics – but it can be good for the nation

You don't need to observe politics for too long before realising that hypocrisy is the natural scent of the politics.

But here's the thing – we actually want them to be hypocrites, it is better for the nation if they are – so long as it is this brand of hypocrisy.

Will the government attempt to sell such a move with hypocritical statements? For sure. But that is better than the alternative.

Yes it would be best if they were to admit their errors, and apologise for the past decade of waste that has cost us all so greatly.

[<https://www.theguardian.com/business/grogonomics/2020/feb/16/there-is-always-hypocrisy-in-politics-but-it-can-be-good-for-the-nation>]



# Johnson & Johnson

Johnson & Johnson knew for decades that asbestos lurked in its Baby Powder

A Reuters examination of many of those documents, as well as deposition and trial testimony, shows that from at least 1971 to the early 2000s, the company's raw talc and finished powders sometimes tested positive for small amounts of asbestos, and that company executives, mine managers, scientists, doctors and lawyers fretted over the problem and how to address it while failing to disclose it to regulators or the public.

The documents also depict successful efforts to influence U.S. regulators' plans to limit asbestos in cosmetic talc products and scientific research on the health effects of talc.

[<https://www.reuters.com/investigates/special-report/johnsonandjohnson-cancer/>]





# The baby killer

## Every Parent Should Know The Scandalous History Of Infant Formula

Outrage started in the 1970s, when Nestle was accused of getting third world mothers hooked on formula, which is less healthy and more expensive than breast milk.

Nestlé accomplished this in three ways, said New Internationalist:

- Creating a need where none existed.
- Convincing consumers the products were indispensable.
- Linking products with the most desirable and unattainable concepts—then giving a sample.

[<https://www.businessinsider.com/nestles-infant-formula-scandal-2012-6>]

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Tit 3:1 Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work,

1Ti 2:2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

1Pe 2:13-15 Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; 14 Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. 15 For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:

Rom 13:1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

Jer 10:23 O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.





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What it means to Live in Light

# New census figures showing aging population pose future problems for Canada, experts warn

More people are retiring than entering the workforce and the latest census figures show that gap will only grow in the coming years — a trend some experts warn will put a strain on services like health-care and housing and won't be entirely solved by immigration.

"The trouble is, is that when you get into birth rates that are as low as ours ... you really can't overcome that deficit through immigration."

"If you have a profound labour scarcity, you cannot fill the jobs that are needed ... You cannot effectively provide services," she told CBC News.

"It boggles my mind because we've known the data for a long time, we knew what was ahead of us, I just think we always decide to prioritize other populations and other needs earlier," Sinha said.

[<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/toronto-census-data-1.6432976>]





## Our aging population - a serious problem for Canada

Canadians are living longer than they ever have. Sixty years ago, life expectancy (at birth) was only 68.3 years for men and 74.2 years for women. By 2018, life expectancy had increased at least another 10 years for both genders. And long-term projections suggest this trend of increasing life expectancy will continue into the future. For children born in 2068, life expectancy could reach 87.0 years for males and 89.0 years for females.

At the same time, however, Canadians are having fewer children than they did decades ago, helping slow population growth in the country. All indications point towards this continuing for the foreseeable future, notwithstanding proposed increases in government immigration targets.

[<https://www.fraserinstitute.org/blogs/our-aging-population-a-serious-problem-for-Canada>]





## Be afraid: The brains behind Ontario's energy disaster are now advising PM

Phasing out coal, a feverish pursuit of green energy, new tax regimes — where have we heard all this before?

Butts has graduated to the halls of Parliament Hill as Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's own principal secretary, leaving behind a province still paying the price, literally, for his tenure. His promise to eliminate coal, for example — a worthy gambit, if done fiscally responsibly — cost Ontario consumers an extra \$37 billion between 2006 and 2014, according to an auditor general, and is expected to cost another \$133 billion from 2015 to 2032.

The architects of Ontario's energy fiasco are now stationed in the PMO. The whole country should be wary of the financial disaster of that province being replicated nationwide.

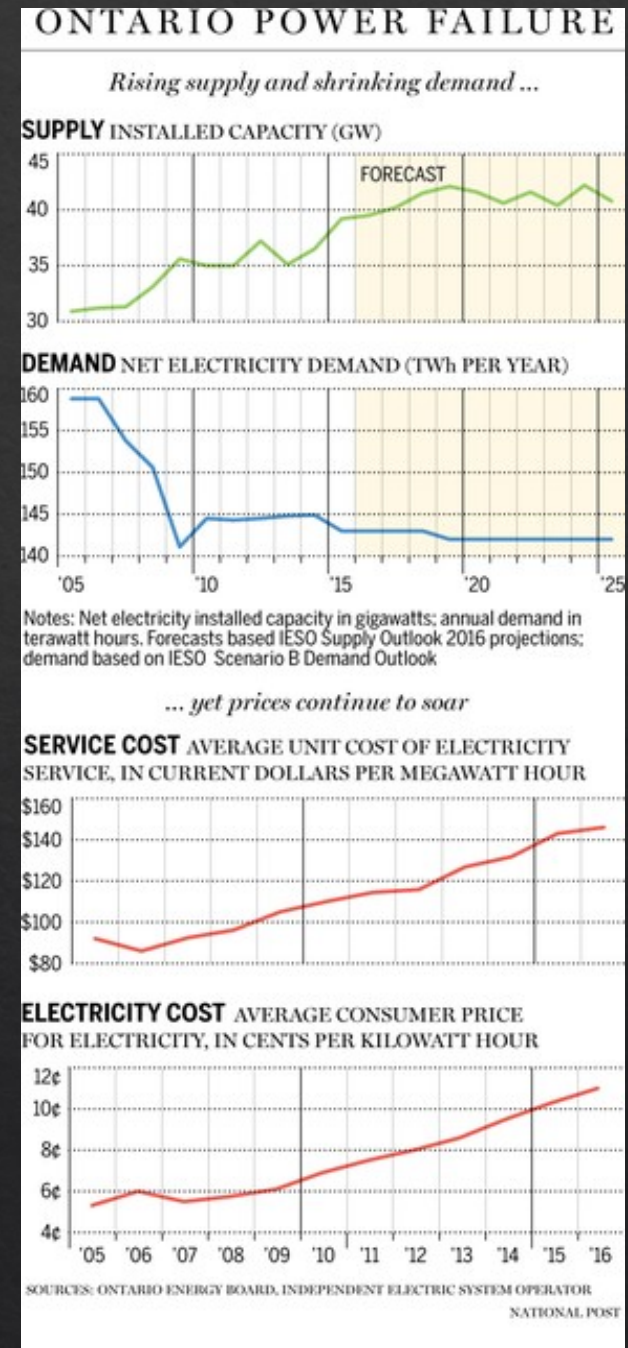
[<https://www.cbc.ca/news/opinion/ontario-disaster-architects-1.3884108>]

# Boondoggle: How Ontario's pursuit of renewable energy broke the province's electricity system

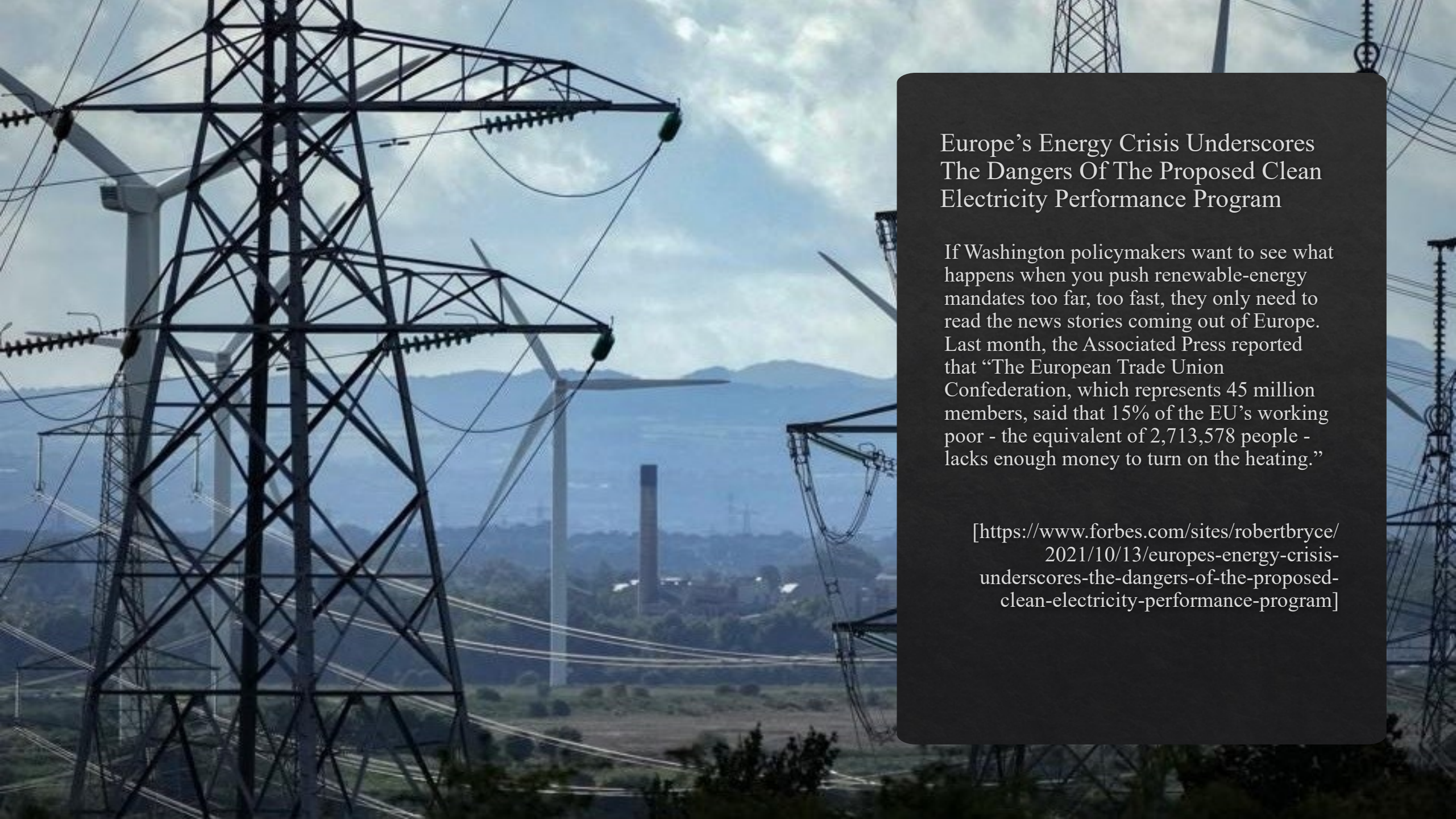
The Ontario green electricity regime is a monumental failure. The costs to consumers are prohibitive and damaging the economy

Smith was absolutely sure that Ontario's campaign to become the North American leader in renewable energy would not be a burden on consumers. He had the facts, the study, and the numbers. Renewable is doable. "We've done some modelling on this and we're talking a penny's increase to your average person's electricity bill," he said. "Ontarians won't even notice any impact on their electricity rates."

[<https://financialpost.com/opinion/boondoggle-how-ontarios-pursuit-of-renewable-energy-broke-the-provinces-electricity-system>]







## Europe's Energy Crisis Underscores The Dangers Of The Proposed Clean Electricity Performance Program

If Washington policymakers want to see what happens when you push renewable-energy mandates too far, too fast, they only need to read the news stories coming out of Europe. Last month, the Associated Press reported that “The European Trade Union Confederation, which represents 45 million members, said that 15% of the EU’s working poor - the equivalent of 2,713,578 people - lacks enough money to turn on the heating.”

[<https://www.forbes.com/sites/robertbryce/2021/10/13/europes-energy-crisis-underscores-the-dangers-of-the-proposed-clean-electricity-performance-program>]



# Essential Student Debt Statistics

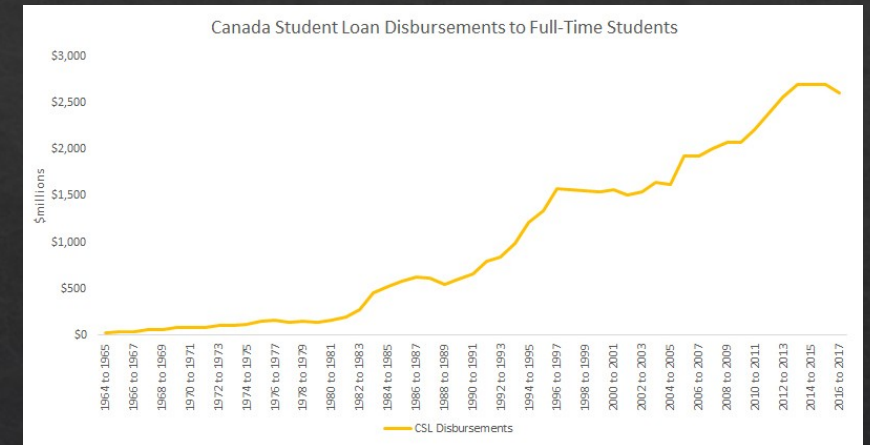
The number of students taking loans rose from practically zero in the 1960s to more than 1.7 million in 2017.

This rise has far-reaching consequences – for instance, student debt in ON is slowly getting out of hand. In 2018, one in six insolvencies in the whole of Ontario was signed by student debtors. Also, in 2018, extrapolations showed that more than 22,000 ex-students across Canada filed for insolvency.

Recent student debt in Canada statistics reveal that 51% of students doubt they will be able to pay next year's tuition.

The average time to pay off student loans in Canada is between 9 and 15 years.

[<https://reviewlution.ca/resources/student-debt-in-canada-statistics>]





## 'Fraud in shorts and T-shirts': the case against FTX founder Sam Bankman-Fried

“This is one of the biggest financial frauds in American history,” said Damian Williams, U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York, wearing the starched demeanour of a federal prosecutor.

“It’s really unprecedented, in terms of lack of documentation,” said Ray, who gained stature untangling the financial wreckage of Enron, the bankrupt energy trader. “Literally, there’s no record-keeping whatsoever.”

“This isn’t sophisticated whatsoever,” Ray concluded of the alleged fraud. “This is just plain old embezzlement. Old school.”

[<https://financialpost.com/fp-finance/cryptocurrency/ftx-founder-sam-bankman-fried-case>]

# TRUST NOT IN MAN

Psa 118:8-9 It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. 9 It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.

Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. [1Th 5:5 KJV]

We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: [2Pe 1:19 KJV]

