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Position Papers are only useful if you know how to write them

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British Columbia describes their stance accurately and clearly, Alberta is very factual and passionate on their positions, Saskatchewan seems to think they are the Federal

Government, Manitoba greatly disagrees with one of the topics but has no opinion otherwise, and Ontario knows what is important to them and communicated it effectively.

With regards to Quebec, it is unfortunate that they feel the need to spite the other delegates' lack of the french language by deciding to write their paper in French. New Brunswick has creative and effective ideas to contribute to problem solving effectively. Prince Edward Island is well informed and has done effective research! Nova Scotia has not been heard from yet. Newfoundland and Labrador has a relevant and well written stance.

The Assembly of First Nations have written a position paper regarding very important issues that are necessary to address. Yukon could have expressed more of a position in their position paper but is factually based. The Northwest Territories prove their position using statistics although they may be loosely based. Nunavut has many ideas yet in not a great position to back them. Finally, the Federal Government demonstrate limited knowledge and understanding with regards to the Federal Provincial Government Conference, setting up an interesting encounter later next week.

Unfathomable incompetence in Newfoundland's health ministry

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The primitives that reside within the province of Newfoundland and Labrador are physically incapable of sharing a google doc so that the rest of the Health Ministry can know their position on the major issues concerning the Health department. The concept of word processors have been around since 1979 with the release of WordPerfect. Since 2006 - the year Google Docs was released - the standard file format. If Newfoundland's health ministry could learn to use basic word processing it would be greatly appreciated by all parties. If the delegation from Newfoundland could charge their position paper in a format we can actually read then they would meet the bare minimum of expectations for this conference. Newfoundland and Labrador's health delegation is a disappointment to us all.



What Canada thinks about the environment

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Leading up to Fed-Prov, it's important to know about our leaders' positions on controversial issues that affect our lives. We as a nation entrust the people we elect to stand for our rights and beliefs, and to be a representation of our own priorities. Unfortunately, not everyone can live up to our hopes. From the passionately optimistic to Debbie downers to the wildly unprepared, here is who to look out for at Fed-Prov 2018.

The Promising

Nunavut easily has the most promising position on the environment. They confidently know where they stand on all subjects, they know who their policies are affecting, and are prepared to walk into this meeting with realistic goals, and effective ways to achieve them.

New Brunswick is professional and plans to support both their environment and their economy.

The Pessimists

Manitoba holds no priorities for the environment. They oppose the Paris Accords, and carbon taxes, and are perhaps the only province not to

openly support the Canada Green Investment Bonds.

Quebec is verging on francophone nihilism. They have lost all faith in the rest of Canada, but it is them who fall short of expectations. Quebec has pledged to lower their GHG emissions by 20%, when the national goal is 30%. On top of this, there are the failures in their specific plans. Quebec plans to set aside \$60 million to Canada Green Investment Bonds, which seems like enough until looking to provinces like BC, who plans to set aside \$240 million. Like their view on other provinces, the facts seem to be irrelevant to Quebec. They stated that their provincial public infrastructure budget is \$100 billion over 10 years. In reality their budget is \$88.7 billion; a 11.3 billion dollar difference. Imagine the debt!

The Unprepared

Yukon has no idea what they are doing. In an attempt to increase the readability of their position paper they have decided to scrap conventional grammar, and not write in complete sentences. On top of this, their official documents contain no facts, giving off a delicate air of an unedited mess. Luckily there is still hope to prove their literacy at Fed-Prov.

Newfoundland and Labrador's credibility is

questionable at best. Heavily relying on the ignorance of the general public, they set unachievable goals with no feasible way of approaching them. For example, their plan to reduce their GHG emissions by 50% solely through a carbon tax of 4.42 cents.

Honorable Mentions

Although they did not fit the list, **PEI** is important to mention since they attempted to pass off how eco-friendly they were, when the truth is a direct contradiction. They state that "Prince Edward Island is one of the nations lowest emitters of greenhouse gases, producing around only 0.3% of the nation's emissions." The population of PEI is 150,201, Canadas is 36.71 million. If you were to look at proportions, PEI should have 0.004% of the nation's emissions. They have 7.5 times that benchmark, and hence have hidden the truth of their impact on the environment. Eco-friendly? Try eco-fiend.

