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Why did Ontario pay teachers' unions to negotiate?

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So what was this money really for? You can buy the government's justification if you choose. But it's worth remembering that Ontario teachers' unions have, in fact, had some extraordinary political expenses of late.

The OSSTF spent \$385,000 during the 2014 provincial election as part of a union campaign against the Progressive Conservatives. The OECTA spent \$2.1-million. Both unions backed Working Families, a Liberal-supporting union coalition that through several electoral cycles has run attack ads against the provincial Tories. This was not the first election where the unions spent big to back a side. It probably won't be the last.

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Yes, the fact that the Liberals are giving uncoded, unjustified lump sum payouts to their chief political contributors, campaigners and get-out-the-vote activists is the crux of the matter. Is this not breach of trust? Is it not outright corruption? Imagine the howls of indignation and all the lawsuits that would have resulted if a federal party had paid millions in taxpayer fund to an activist group that had campaigned (and campaigned with extremely harsh and even false claims) for their party...

The Liberals have admitted that this has been going on years. Will we get a final accounting of how long this has been on and exactly how much public money was given to the unions?

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TedBarr 3 days ago

It all seems very simple to me. In law the teachers have a labour monopoly, and it's evident in their compensation, pension, benefits and entitlement attitude.

I say allow the unions to go on strike and hire non-union teachers in their place.

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Cathy Bows 3 days ago

I want to know why this was kept quiet until after the federal election? Not that it matters, the list of scandals is already long, yet some Ontarians still thought it was a good idea to vote in Justin Wynne. What were you thinking?

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ArchieFromQueens 3 days ago

And Ontario went Federally Liberal. Expect the same outcome with Trudeau and public sector unions. Thanks, Ontario.

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Lamont Cranston 3 days ago

I guess all things are relative, aren't they?

I meant, it is not as bad as paying an Ad agency \$42 million for ads that do not exist..

On the other hand, to keep it provincial, how about \$1,000,000,000 to cancel a power plant?

All brought to you by the Liberal Party. Aren't you glad mean old Mr. Harper is gone?

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Wynnee the pooh was funneling money to the unions for anti-Harper ads

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three things come immediately to mind. 1. Why are the liberals paying off the teachers unions? 2. Is the timing suspect only to me, how better to keep this out of the press when the Premier is off supporting Trudeau? 3. How brazen is this act, especially in this economic climate when young people can't find work (including young teachers because the old retired teachers come back and take all the supply jobs - why they are paid to do this is beyond me). Teachers should be careful... People are growing tired of their righteous grandstanding while holding our kids education hostage.

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Greggore 3 days ago

the fact that both the Liberals and the Unions think this is business as usual and doesn't see the conflict of interests is really scary.

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tcentrik 3 days ago

This payoff / Danegeld is another perfect example of why our political system needs some mechanism to recall or dismiss a politician.

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glenbaillie 4 days ago

Who should be more upset; the teachers who pay dues to their self serving union leadership or the students who had their remedial programs defunded?

Taxes paid for no good result.

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