

Another Handout?



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We Stand For:

Lower Taxes

Less Waste

More Accountability









The CTF believes a third subsidy for political parties is:

- Not supported by fact
- Not appropriate
- Not a priority



Subsidy Summary

	Political Party Candidates	Independent Candidates
<i>50% Refund of election expenses</i>		
<i>Income Tax Credit for donations</i>		
<i>Previous \$1.25 Per Vote Funding Scheme</i>		

3rd Subsidy Timeline

NDP Youth newsletter reveals Doer's call to ban corporate & union donations is based on belief move would hurt the Tories more than the NDP.

Corporate & union donations banned

Election

Per Vote Subsidy Passed

Election

Election

2000

2007

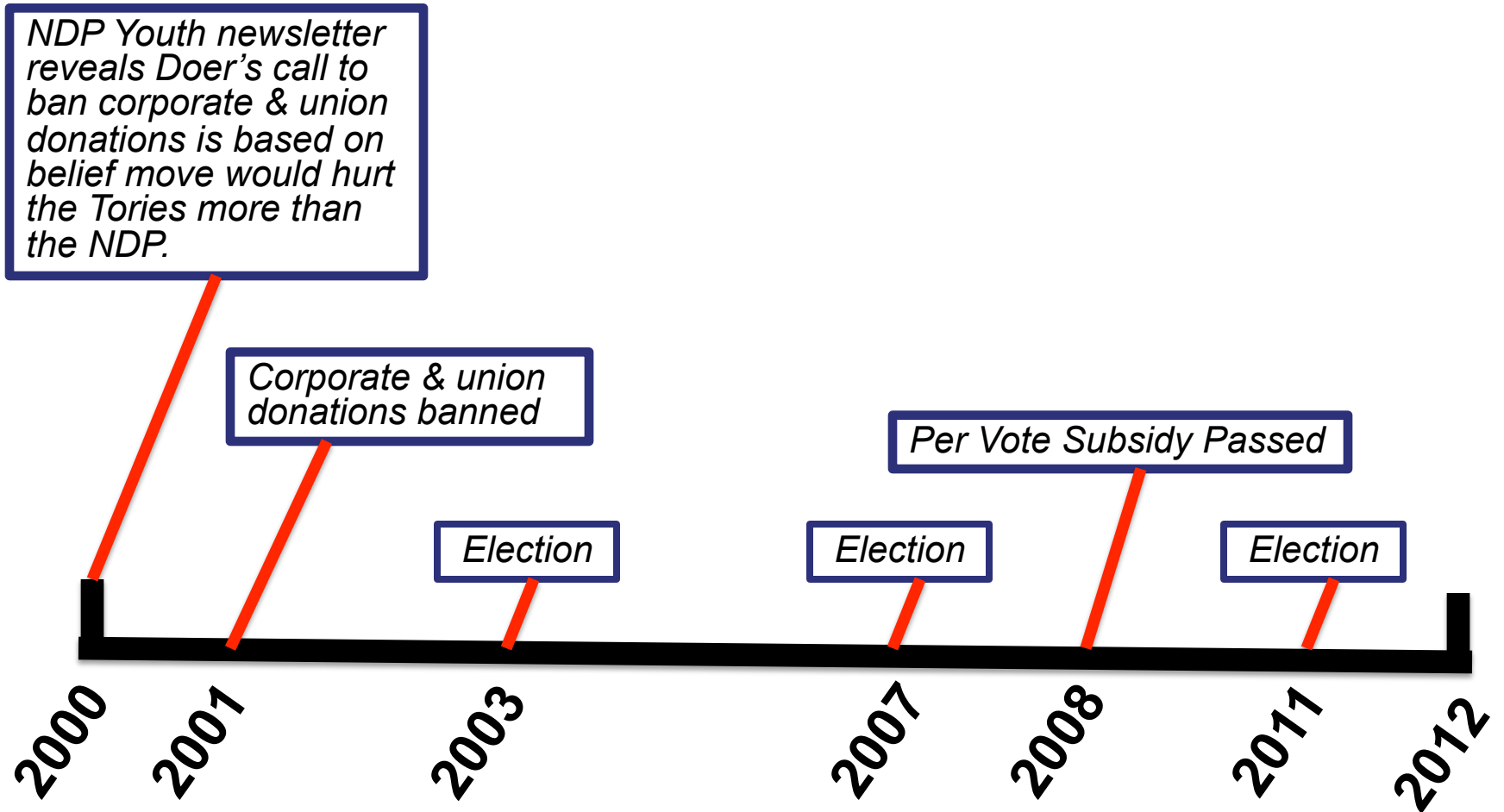
2003

2007

2008

2011

2012



Not Supported by Fact

If a new subsidy is “needed” due to the corporate & union donations ban, how did the party calling for the subsidy win in 2003, 2007 & 2011 without it?



NDP Donations



Not Appropriate

Every day people decide what charities and organizations receive their donations.

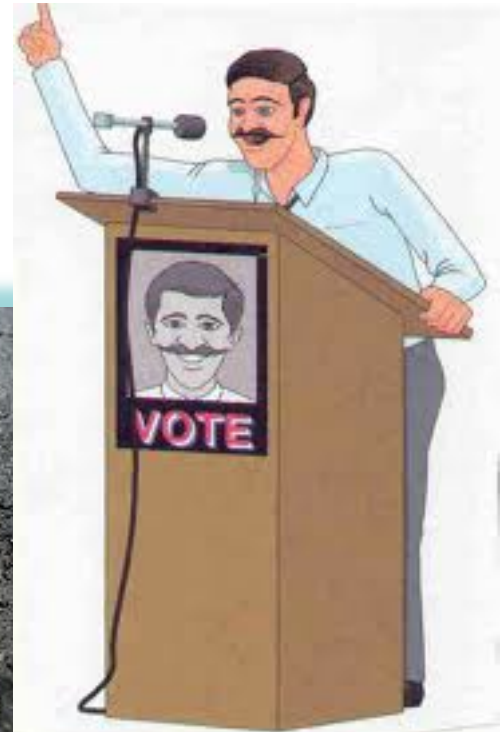
Are citizens incapable of deciding which parties to donate their money to? **NO!**



Priority?

One of these “priorities” isn’t like the other:

- Health care
- Potholed roads
- Helping abused women
- More money for political parties



Conclusion

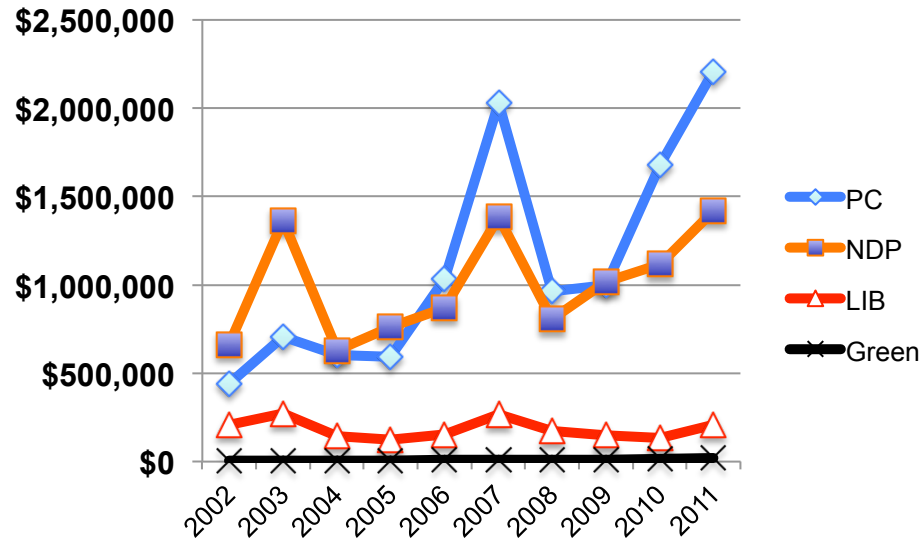
Taxpayers can decide for themselves if they want to give more money to political parties or not.

Clearly the numbers don't support the claim the new subsidy is "needed" and it certainly isn't a priority.

We encourage no new subsidy schemes. Or at the very least, one based on \$0.00000001/vote...we'll even pick up the tab.



Appendix: Party Donations



	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
PC	\$439,397	\$707,787	\$603,234	\$592,124	\$1,033,051	\$2,028,431	\$961,602	\$996,252	\$1,676,848	\$2,209,446
NDP	\$660,301	\$1,361,125	\$629,896	\$761,551	\$867,144	\$1,383,494	\$804,586	\$1,017,053	\$1,117,597	\$1,416,718
LIB	\$206,241	\$270,196	\$141,339	\$124,081	\$151,632	\$268,019	\$175,213	\$151,074	\$132,682	\$206,513
Green	\$3,959	\$5,429	\$4,717	\$4,550	\$10,266	\$10,956	\$9,374	\$12,698	\$13,762	\$19,194
TOTAL	\$1,309,898	\$2,344,537	\$1,379,186	\$1,482,306	\$2,062,093	\$3,690,900	\$1,950,775	\$2,177,077	\$2,940,889	\$3,851,871

Source: All figures represent "Total Income" disclosures from annual party returns filed with Elections Manitoba