

# Democracy in Crisis

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Dear Constituent

Canada is at a pivotal moment. Parliament and its authority—the cornerstone of our democracy—has **faced relentless assaults and contempt** from the Trudeau Liberals in Ottawa.

Former Liberal Cabinet Minister Jody Wilson-Raybould sums up the crisis of democracy in Parliament in a letter explaining why she wasn’t running again, writing:

*“The power of the prime minister and the centralization of power in the hands of those who are unelected. The erosion of governing principles and conventions to the point where there are limited or no consequences for wrongful acts undertaken for political benefit.”*

Over the past two years the Liberals have:

- **Tried to use pandemic to give Cabinet** unprecedented control over taxes until 2022
- **Prorogued** Parliament to coverup the WE Charity report
- **Filibustered** at Committees to block investigations into corruption and sexual misconduct
- **Refused Multiple Orders** of the House of Commons to produce documents
- **Invoked the Emergencies Act** to freeze bank accounts of Canadians

In June 2021, the Speaker of the House of Commons found the Liberals **in contempt of Parliament for refusing a fourth order** of the House of Commons to produce the secret documents regarding the transfer of dangerous viruses from Canada to the Wuhan Institute of Virology.

Trudeau’s response? **The Prime Minister actually sued the Speaker of the House of Commons to coverup possible national security breach.**

We can’t let this attack on democracy continue. Join me in standing up for our democracy.

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**“When a government defies the Commons, it also defies Canadian citizens.”**  
- Lorne Gunter,  
Sun Columnist

## HAVE YOUR SAY

Will you help me restore Parliament as the voice of Canadians?

☐ YES

☐ NO

☐ UNSURE

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See reverse for Trudeau’s approach to democracy 

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Liberal Contempt for Canadians and Parliament




**March 24, 2020**  
Liberals introduce Covid response Bill that would give Cabinet unprecedented control over taxes until 2022. It is rejected by opposition parties.




**June 25, 2020**  
Trudeau announces WE Charity will run the Canadian Student Service Grant. Liberals declare WE is the "only possible option capable of undertaking the program" despite asking no other organizations.



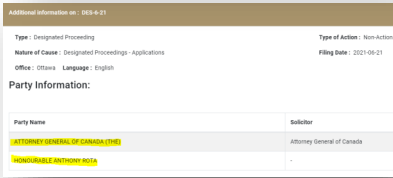
**Aug 18, 2020**  
Trudeau Prorogues Parliament in the midst of the WE Charity to end the Committee investigations into the benefits paid to his wife, brother and mother.




**May 10, 2021**  
PHAC refuses a second order for these documents from the Committee. Conservatives demand Trudeau release the secret documents.



**June 16, 2021**  
Speaker of the House of Commons finds the PHAC in contempt of Parliament. House of Commons adopts motion requiring head of PHAC to appear at bar with the documents.



**June 21, 2021**  
Justin Trudeau launches lawsuit against the Speaker of the House of Commons (a Liberal MP) to prevent the release of the secret documents.




**August 15, 2021**  
Justin Trudeau calls election ending the order of the House of Commons to produce documents.


2020

2021


**April-May, 2020**  
Multiple conversations held by Liberal cabinet ministers, department staff and Craig and Mark Kielburger about WE Charity's involvement in Covid programs and students.




**July 2020**  
Three Parliamentary committees launch investigations into cronyism after it is revealed the families of the Prime Minister and Finance Minister received hundreds of thousands of dollars.




**March 31, 2021**  
The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) ignores orders of a Parliamentary Committee to produce documents regarding the transfer of viruses from the Winnipeg lab to the Wuhan Institute of Virology and the firing of two Chinese nationals.




**June 2, 2021**  
House of Commons orders the PHAC & Liberals to produce the documents, which is refused for a third time.



**June 21, 2021**  
Iain Stewart appears before the bar of the Commons to be reprimanded by the Speaker. Liberals continue to refuse Parliament's request for the secret documents.



**June 25, 2021**  
Speaker fights Trudeau's lawsuit: "The Federal Court has no jurisdiction to restrict the House's power to request documents."



Why do Canadians send 338 of their fellow citizens to this chamber if their decisions are going to be ignored?

Why do we spend \$400 million a year on this chamber and the other one if our votes do not mean anything?

Why do we vote to adopt orders if they do not have effect?

Why are we spending billions of dollars on these buildings, some \$5 billion on Centre Block alone at last count, if the processes and procedures in this place do not mean anything?

**We cannot allow this open defiance of the House to go unchallenged. We must uphold parliamentary democracy, and we must ensure the government fulfills the order of the House.**

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June 22, 2021

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