

HOT TOPICS

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"While I believe that our planet is in trouble, I don't think another tax is the solution, frankly we're taxed enough. If you want people to go green, reward them, in the form of tax breaks or cold hard cash. Big corporations are going to make buckets of money inflating the cost of 'green' products."
— Christina

"Shame on the government once again for suggesting another pathetic tax grab to help with going green. The eyes should be on the big corporations to start supplying better, cleaner, and more affordable options for consumers. Corporations need to clean up their own 'house' as well. How unfortunate that our politicians have become so weak-minded with their hands in Canadian pocketbooks."
— Sherry Rogers

"The price of fossil fuels are already artificially increased by the oil giants in the name of greater profits. Those billion-

dollar profits did not come from selling more fuel. Adding a carbon tax will destroy the economy as we are already past the limits of overtaxation!"
— Robert Cannons

"Sure, I'm chomping at the bit to pay a carbon tax on top of all the other government taxes on gasoline, and the ripoff prices charged by the oil companies. Sign me up; my net income is too high anyway."
— HJ Toby

"A 'carbon tax' is really a way to the ONLY thing that will stop pollution — raising the oil price. And yes it will hurt the poor most."
— Michael M.

"Typical affluent human response: 'We can buy ourselves out of any predicament and feel guilt-free.'"
— JC

"Another tax? We are overtaxed enough as it is!"
— Gary

Is a new, revenue-neutral tax the best way to fight climate change, or is artificially increasing the cost of fossil fuels a foolhardy attempt to solve the planet's ills? Are you in favour of a carbon tax?



HIV/AIDS ACTIVISM

Helping them understand

Shamin Mohamed Jr. says that when he was in high school, HIV/AIDS was not always talked about among his peers.

The 19-year-old president and founder of the Children's AIDS Health Program was among a group of five young Canadians on an outreach mission to India to help educate HIV/AIDS-infected youth who presented their findings at city hall yesterday.

"Growing up in the Jane-Dundas area and coming from such a high crime rate, nobody wanted to talk about HIV/AIDS," Mohamed recalled of his high school experience at Runnymede Collegiate Institute. "This year, we went to India because India has one of the highest under-reported incidents of HIV/AIDS."

The group spent 28 days, which began on June 15, in the Tamil Nadu state speaking with youth between the ages of three and 21 years old on the myths and realities of HIV/AIDS.

Young children in orphanages were asked to express their feelings on the issue through performance arts or by drawing pictures, while teens and university students were given demonstrations on how to use condoms properly.

Mohamed found that many of the young people he met knew more about the disease than any of his friends or peers back home.

— Astrid Poei, 24 hours



— 24 hours news services

President and founder of the Children's AIDS Health Program Shamin Mohamed Jr. (baby blue shirt) was part of a group that helped educate young people on the disease during an outreach mission to India last month. The group used games and arts and crafts to help youth express their views on the disease.

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