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## Harper Exposed: The Leaders Debate – A Failed System and More Promises

William O'Casey

Stephen Harper's corporate agenda was exposed for all to see during the leader's debate. Dion, Duceppe, Layton and May all got shots in. While the self congratulatory back slapping can still be heard in the halls of the CBC the real questions of the day were sidelined through a series of stock rhetorical and scripted answers. All of the party leaders vied with one another to convince Canadians that they would be best suited to manage corporate tax cuts and transfers. Seventeen million Canadian workers were left with nothing but a grab bag of "investment" assurances. Not one leader articulated a vision for the nation. They all defended capitalism brilliantly.

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## Fear Grips Party Leaders as System Heads for Depression

William O'Casey

The Canadian leaders' debate was an expression of the fear gripping the ruling class that the capitalist system is under duress and in jeopardy of collapse. Resolving the capitalist economic crisis and systemic failure of the neo-liberal policies though layers of neo-con jingoism is the growing chorus of pleadings to workers to come to the aid of the system in its time of need. The chorus begins with threats of job, pension and home loss to bring workers into line.

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## Bamboozled Part III: Liberal Thinkers and the Crisis on the Left

William O'Casey

The events and effects of the rapidly developing US financial crisis roil, perplex and confuse the "left" who have played all their "revolutionary" chips on the environmental question. Murray Dobbin one of the left's leading thinkers apologizes and subordinates class struggle to class reconciliation not willing to give up the intellectual's leadership of the question to the working class.

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*Most Canadians say federal government has a responsibility to support economic development according to new poll*

## Safeguard jobs and incomes for Canadians in response to the deepening economic crisis

The Central Executive of the Communist Party of Canada released the following statement this morning in response to the deepening economic crisis:

Stephen Harper's claim that the Canadian economy is on "a solid footing" looks utterly foolish after the staggering fall in stock prices on Monday, Sept. 29. In reality, Canada is on the brink of a "Dirty Thirties" depression, thanks largely to the neo-conservative policies pushed by Harper, Bush, and other advocates of 'unfettered capitalism.'

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## What Was Said...

44 years ago Tim Buck wrote the following: "Patriotic Canadians are opposed to US domination. The people of English Canada and French Canada each cherish their national identities. There is rising demand for government action to re-assert Canadian sovereignty.

As we have already said, some Canadian capitalists, including monopoly interests, are beginning to exert pressure on the government for policies which they might hope to regain control of the economy. They want for themselves a greater slice of the pie.

This trend finds expression in the capitalist political parties and even within the monopoly-capitalist state." - **Put Monopoly Under Control - This Land is Our Land**

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