

Premier Ford's conservative Approach to “Governing” is not Difficult to Surmise

Ford's approach is to govern using Conservative values, which is rarely for the benefit “ordinary people”, accuse his predecessors of gross mismanagement, and mete out as much revenge to as many people and organizations who crossed him, as he can.

1. Accuse the previous government of mismanagement, incompetence and taking care of their own.
 - a. Order a thorough audit of all ministry budgets.
 - b. Make sure accounting rules used in the audit makes the previous government look as bad as possible.
2. Use accounting voodoo (i.e. fiscal irresponsibility) to doctor the books so that the new government starts with as clean a fiscal slate as possible.
 - a. Write off “losses”.
 - b. Tear up contracts (even if incurring heavy penalties) to save some money. Claim victory for “ordinary Ontarians”.
 - c. Cancel non-conservative initiatives. Claim victory for “ordinary Ontarians”.
 - i. Anything that will protect the environment
 - ii. Anything that will hurt his business friends, or his family business
 - iii. Anything that might help the poor (it’s their fault for being poor)
 - iv. Anything that would help ordinary workers
 - d. Fire or arrange to have fired personal targets, irrespective of logic, claim phantom savings for “ordinary Ontarians”.
3. Upon receiving the audit results (we already know the end result), accuse the previous government of perpetrating the greatest mismanagement of any government in the history of the universe (and 10,000% worse than the history of the universe).
4. Bargain hard with any group that relies or has a deep relationship with the government (teachers, public employees, doctors etc.) and claim to have saved a gazillion dollars for “ordinary Ontarians”. See another viewpoint from Dr. Shawn Whatley’s take on the on-off-on in his blog [Ford Fools Physicians on Arbitration?](#).
5. Pass legislation to reduce taxes that is marketed as being for “ordinary Ontarians” but in reality will enrich the wealthy (and his family). (*It will be interesting to see if the sagging fortunes of Ford’s family business will rebound anytime soon*).

6. Accuse the previous government of nepotism, appointment bias and pork barreling and then start filling his own pig trough by changing the rules so friends can get appointments.