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Regarding: corruption in BC; information laundering as well as money laundering

Dear Gary Mason,

Thank you for your article [Is British Columbia the corruption capital of Canada?](https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-is-british-columbia-the-corruption-capital-of-canada/) (The Globe and Mail, June 29, 2018, <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-is-british-columbia-the-corruption-capital-of-canada/>), addressing how money laundered through casinos:

“was allowed to circulate throughout the broader economy and used to begin a horrible escalation in real estate prices and ignite an opioid crisis.”

and for pointing out

“Meanwhile, the corruption that was evident in the casinos was allowed to spread into other sectors of the BC economy, having a direct, deleterious impact on the lives of thousands and thousands of innocent people. Unbelievable.

What happened in BC is a scandal for the ages and has likely helped make the province the corruption capital of the country. What a well-deserved honour.”

You may not be aware that the corruption in British Columbia (BC) reached into the Provincial Government of British Columbia’s official statistical agency, BC Statistics, as well.

While I do not attempt to draw a line between money laundering through casinos to the non-statistical and substandard practices within BC Statistics, the culture of deception was (is?) shared by both the casinos and BC Statistics.

Indeed, of national interest, BC Statistics officials falsified reports to Statistics and Finance Canada regarding a 2005 study into methods and data to refine Canada’s Equalization Payments Programme (evidence found in federal and provincial government documents as well as my experience having served the public as an Analyst for BC Statistics, 2002 to 2006).

Having been deceived, Statistics Canada endorsed BC Statistics’ ‘findings’ (albeit falsified findings) to be of “better quality” than Statistics Canada’s findings. Years after being fired for insubordination, I discovered this report and asked Statistics Canada if they had verified BC Statistics work. They had not. What is of particular concern is how this falsification impacted many other federal and provincial government products. As well, this was not the only falsification disseminated by BC Statistics officials.

Similar to money laundering (“the process used to disguise the source of money or assets derived from criminal activity.”), information laundering is the process used to disguise the source of information derived from deception such as forgery, or fraud.

There is, I agree with former Premier C. Clark, a "sick culture" (May 2012) in BC's Capital city. This culture not only allowed money laundering but also information laundering, both of which should not be over looked. I contend this "sick culture" (deception, covered by retaliation, preferred to truth to power) has spread and infected at least parts of the federal government as well.

I have described how BC Statistics is very much involved in "information laundering" in many letters including one to Canada’s Prime Minister, J. Trudeau written shortly after his "town hall" meeting in Nanaimo BC, February 2018,

titled Statistics Canada Used for Information Laundering posted online at:
<http://wminfomatics.com/WP/Articles/2018/2018-02-01/PMTrudeau1u.pdf>

May I suggest, your statement could read, “the corruption that was evident in the casinos had already spread into other sectors of the BC economy and government, including the province’s official statistical agency, having a direct, deleterious impact on the lives of thousands and thousands of innocent people.”

Perhaps, discussion of 'information laundering' should also take place? Your comments?

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