



10 Potential Game-Changers in B.C.'s NDP-Green Agreement

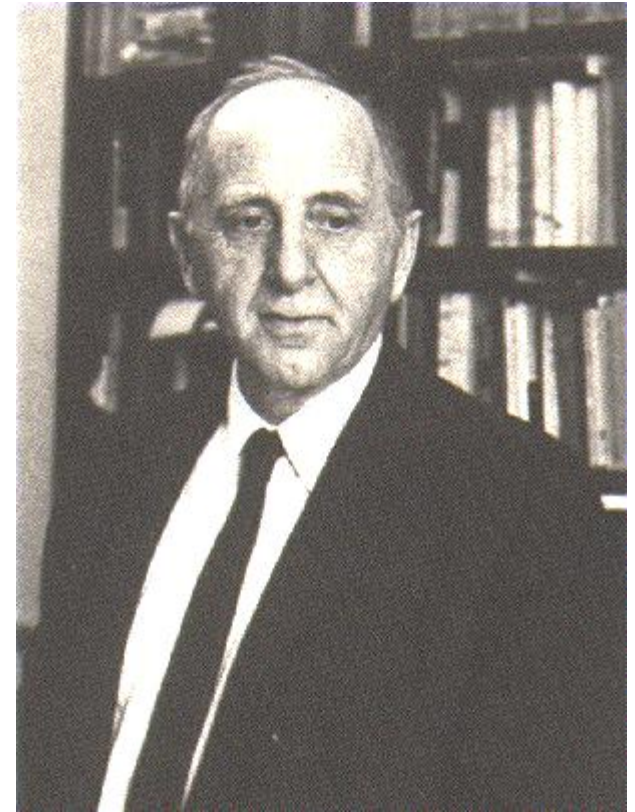
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7) Goodbye GDP, Meet GPI

The agreement also commits to developing a genuine progress indicator, or GPI. This . . . represents a fundamental shift to a different way of measuring progress. . .

**Gross Domestic
Product (GDP)
has been used
since Simon
Kuznets
presented it to
the US Congress
in 1934**



**“The welfare
of a nation can
scarcely be
inferred from
a measure of
national
income.”**



Simon Kuznets

**GROWTH FOR THE
SAKE OF GROWTH IS
THE IDEOLOGY OF
THE CANCER CELL**

EDWARD ABBEY



David Suzuki: Measuring progress with GDP is a gross mistake



“If GDP growth is our highest aspiration, we should be praying for more weather catastrophes and oil spills”

Georgia Straight February 25th, 2014

Prosperity

PLEASE FIND
ALTERNATIVE
ROUTE

without
growth?

The transition to a
sustainable economy

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

PERSONAL CONSUMPTION
EXPENDITURES

INCOME INEQUALITY

ADJUSTED PERSONAL
CONSUMPTION

SERVICES OF CONSUMER
DURABLES

COST OF CONSUMER
DURABLES

COST OF
UNDEREMPLOYMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS

COST OF WATER POLLUTION

COST OF AIR POLLUTION

COST OF NOISE POLLUTION

COST OF NET WETLANDS
CHANGE

COST OF NET FARMLAND
CHANGE

COST OF NET FOREST
COVER CHANGE

COST OF CLIMATE CHANGE

COST OF OZONE DEPLETION

COST OF NON-RENEWABLE
ENERGY RESOURCE DEPLETION

SOCIAL INDICATORS

VALUE OF HOUSEWORK

COST OF FAMILY CHANGES

COST OF CRIME

COST OF PERSONAL
POLLUTION ABATEMENT

VALUE OF VOLUNTEER WORK

COST OF LOST LEISURE TIME

VALUE OF HIGHER EDUCATION


SERVICES OF HIGHWAYS AND
STREETS

COST OF COMMUTING

COST OF MOTOR VEHICLE
CRASHES

[http://www.demos.org/
blog/2/5/14/implementing-
gpi-vermont-maryland-and-
oregon](http://www.demos.org/blog/2/5/14/implementing-gpi-vermont-maryland-and-oregon)

What to subtract?



“GPI counts liabilities like crime, pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, sickness and accidents as costs, rather than gains, to the economy”

GPI Atlantic 2003 <http://www.elements.nb.ca/theme/ecologicalfootprint/anne/gpi.htm>



The Spirit Level

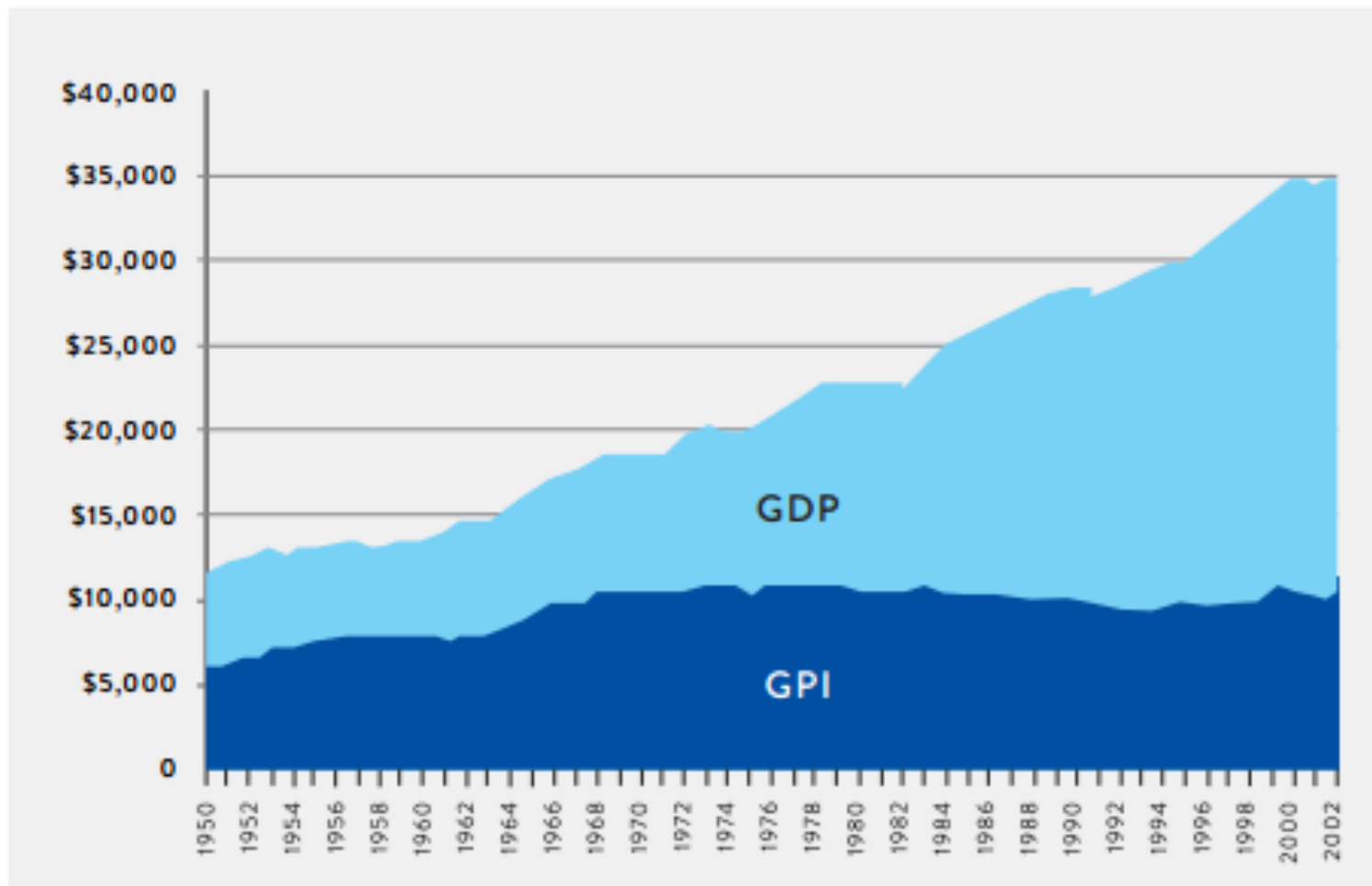
Why Equality is Better for Everyone

Richard Wilkinson and Kate Pickett

'A big idea, big enough to change political thinking'
Sunday Times

'A sweeping theory of everything' *Guardian*





“States that have implemented GPI have discovered that much of their economic growth came at the expense of the other components of GPI”

<http://www.demos.org/blog/2/5/14/implementing-gpi-vermont-maryland-and-oregon>

Sometimes, even if I
stand in the middle
of the room, no one
acknowledges me.

