

Harper's Conservatives have made attacks on Justin Trudeau's "judgment" a campaign theme

Let's have a look at examples of Stephen Harper's "judgment"...



Dr. Arthur Porter, Harper's choice to Chair SIRC - the CSIS oversight panel, fled the country & arrested for fraud. Suspected of arms dealing.

Porter died awaiting extradition in a Panamanian jail. He remained a Privy Councillor until his death.



Bruce Carson, hired by Harper as PMO chief policy analyst and "troubleshooter" was disbarred as a lawyer and convicted of five counts of fraud before he was hired by Harper.

Currently awaiting trial on one new count of influence peddling.



Nathan Jacobson, pled guilty in the US in 2008 to fraud, \$46-million in money laundering after selling \$126 million in prescription drugs online. 6 years later he was astoundingly allowed to withdraw his guilty plea and had the charges dismissed.

He worked in the 2008 election for CPC and names John Baird and Jason Kenney as friends.

He loaned \$140,000 to Harper MP Mark Adler's business, who later claimed it was an outright gift when Jacobson asked for it back.

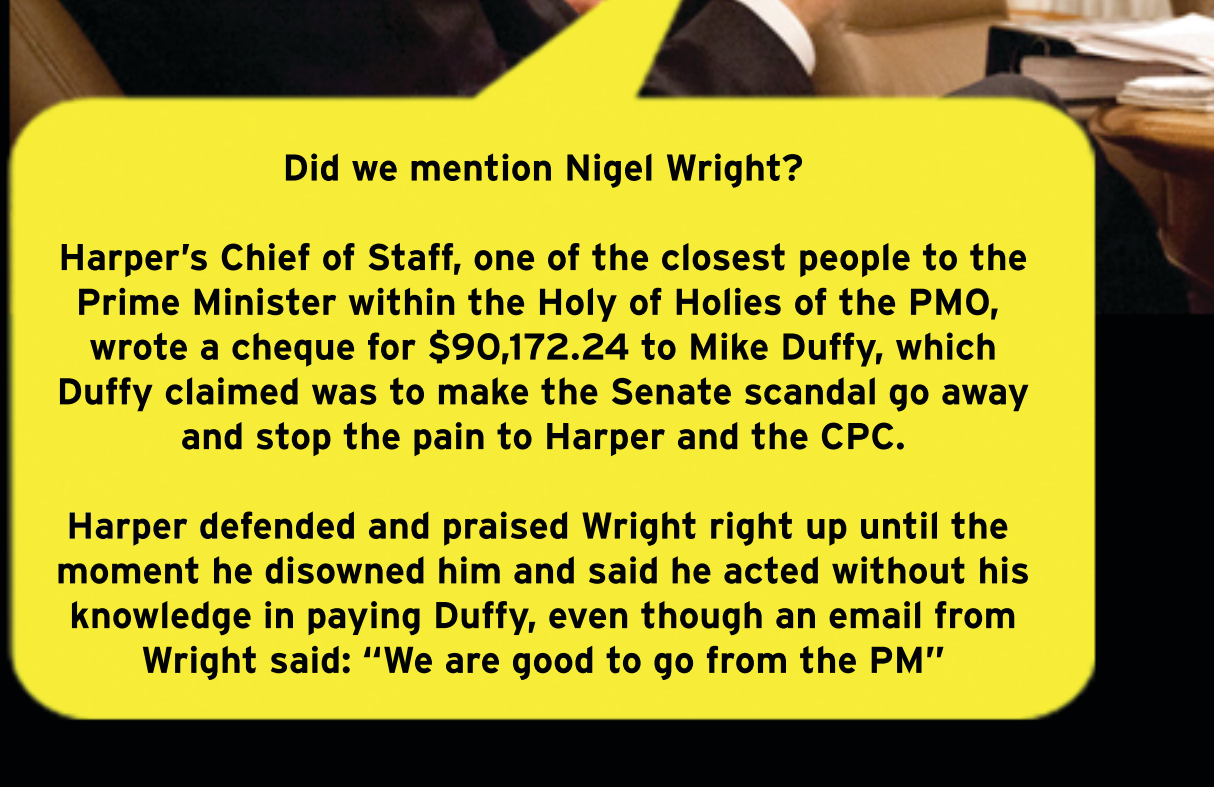


The Senator Mike Duffy scandal is far too big and well-known for a simple text balloon.

Duffy was hand-picked by Harper for the Senate to represent PEI, a province he had scant connection to. His Senate job was to raise funds and campaign for the CPC. Harper's Chief of Staff Nigel Wright wrote a cheque for \$90,172.24 for Duffy to "pay back" improper housing expense claims.

Duffy claims the PMO assured him that it & the Senate leadership would protect him and stop an audit into his expenses. The PMO pays Duffy's legal fees of \$13,560.

Suspended as a Senator, currently on trial on 31 charges of fraud, breach of trust and bribery.

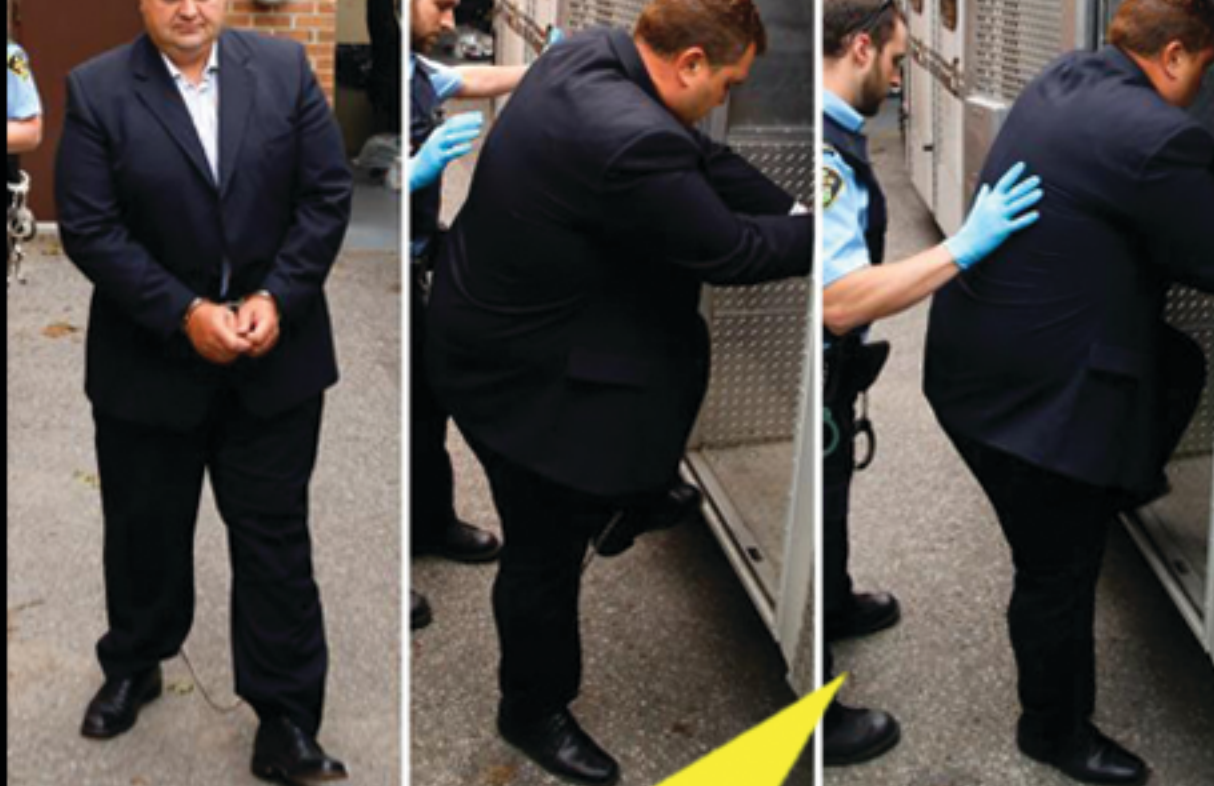


Which naturally leads us to Senator Patrick Brazeau, Harper's very own silver medal boxer.

Also accused of cheating on his Senate housing expenses, claiming his father's residence as his own. On his appointment by Harper to the Senate there was a series of public allegations of prior workplace sexual harassment and child support payments in arrears.

The RCMP have now charged Brazeau with fraud and breach of trust. He also currently faces separate criminal charges of assault and sexual assault.

He later worked as a strip club manager in Ottawa.



Did we mention Nigel Wright?

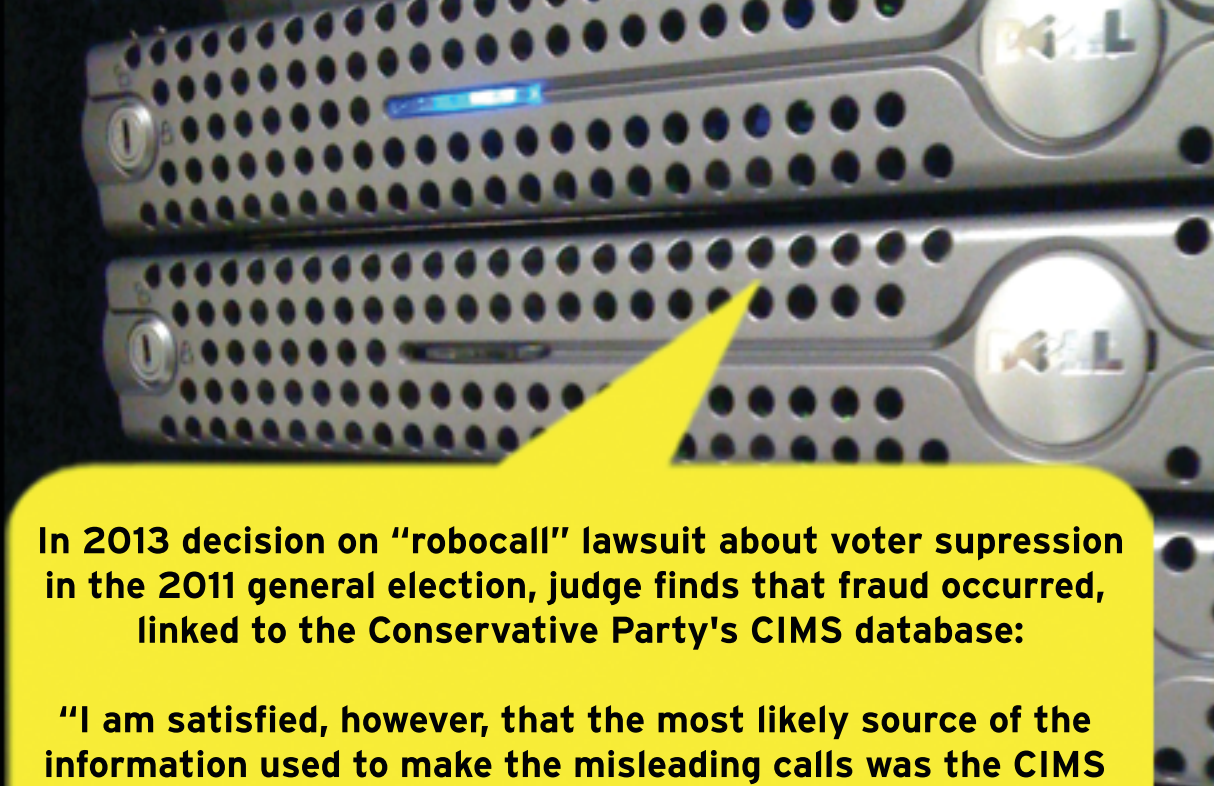
Harper's Chief of Staff, one of the closest people to the Prime Minister within the Holy of Holies of the PMO, wrote a cheque for \$90,172.24 to Mike Duffy, which Duffy claimed was to make the Senate scandal go away and stop the pain to Harper and the CPC.

Harper defended and praised Wright right up until the moment he disowned him and said he acted without his knowledge in paying Duffy, even though an email from Wright said: "We are good to go from the PM"



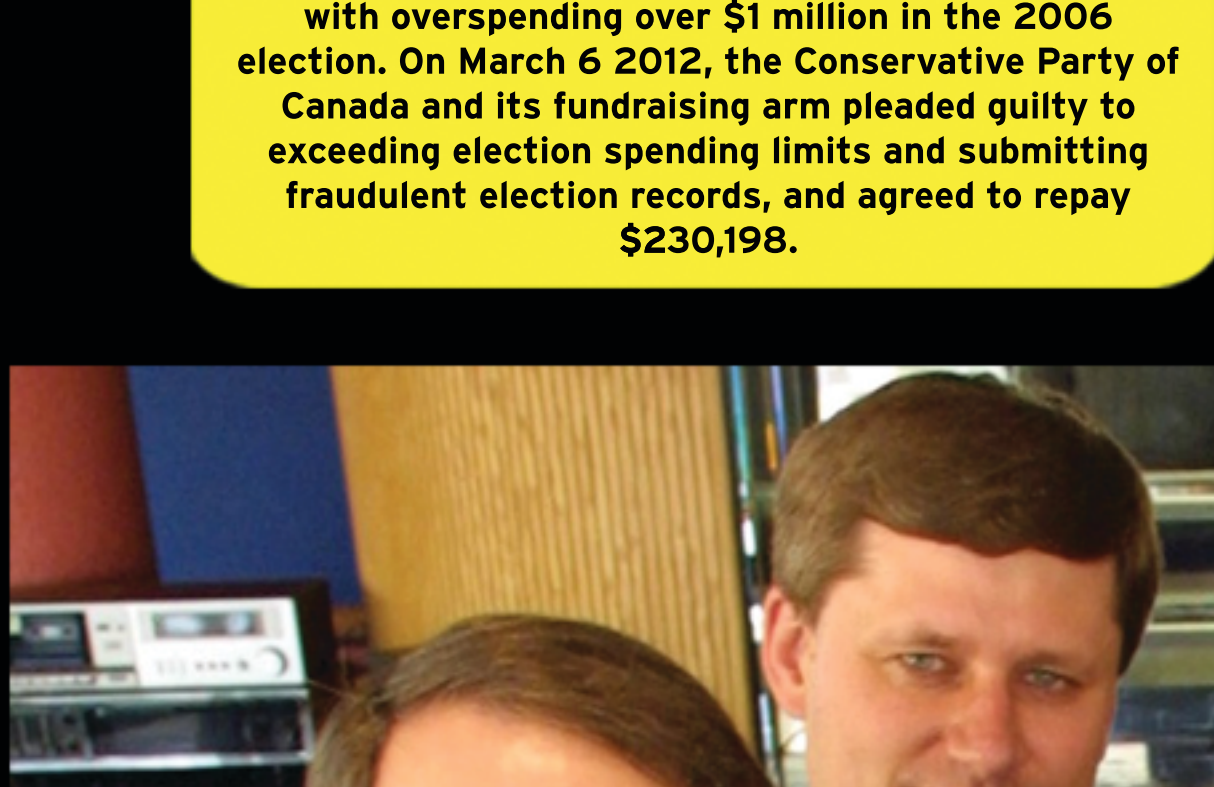
Harper's Aboriginal Affairs Minister John Duncan resigns in 2013 after improperly lobbying a federal tax court judge by writing a letter to influence a pending case.

This came on the heels of Jim Flaherty being rebuked by the federal ethics watchdog earlier in 2013 for improperly writing to the CRTC on behalf of a company in his riding seeking a radio licence.

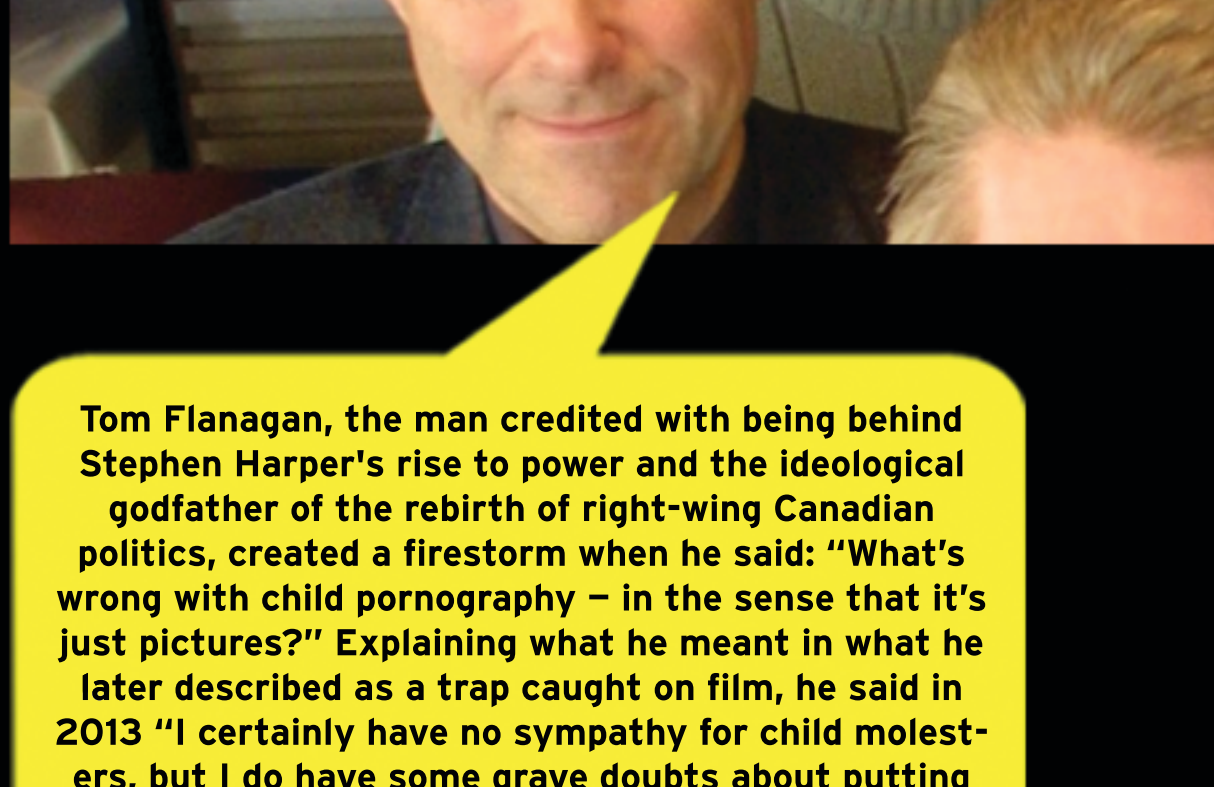


Harper's own parliamentary secretary, and Ethics Committee appointee, Dean Del Mastro, was convicted in 2015 of exceeding the limit a candidate can contribute to his own campaign, exceeding the election expenses limit and knowingly submitting a falsified document.

Barred from running for 5 years, fined \$10,000 and sentenced to one month in jail, plus four months of house arrest, plus 18 months of probation.



At the 2011 "Ford Fest" barbeque Harper thanked Rob Ford's mother for "giving us this great Conservative political dynasty. What's wrong with child pornography - in the sense that it's just pictures?" Explaining what he meant in what he later described as a trap caught on film, he said in 2013 "I certainly have no sympathy for child molesters, but I do have some grave doubts about putting people in jail because of their taste in pictures."



Harper's drummer in his vanity garage band "Herringbone" was charged in early 2014 with five counts of sexual assault, five counts of sexual interference and five counts of sexual exploitation involving minors. The alleged incidents were known to police in November 2013. On Dec. 1st Harper, whose security detail screens people who have even casual contact with the Prime Minister, took the stage with him for the gala Jewish National Fund's Negev dinner in Toronto.



In 2013 decision on "robocall" lawsuit about voter suppression in the 2011 general election, judge finds that fraud occurred, linked to the Conservative Party's CIMS database:

"I am satisfied, however, that the most likely source of the information used to make the misleading calls was the CIMS database maintained and controlled by the CPC."

Harper says "Anyone responsible for the robocalls must be held accountable." No one held accountable. In fact, judge notes CPC actively obstructed progress of the case. CIMS is bigger than ever now.



On February 24, 2011, four senior Conservative Party members were charged in the "In and Out" Scandal with overspending over \$1 million in the 2006 election. On March 6 2012, the Conservative Party of Canada and its fundraising arm pleaded guilty to exceeding election spending limits and submitting fraudulent election records, and agreed to repay \$230,198.

Tom Flanagan, the man credited with being behind Stephen Harper's rise to power and the ideological godfather of the rebirth of right-wing Canadian politics, created a firestorm when he said: "What's wrong with child pornography - in the sense that it's just pictures?" Explaining what he meant in what he later described as a trap caught on film, he said in 2013 "I certainly have no sympathy for child molesters, but I do have some grave doubts about putting people in jail because of their taste in pictures."

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