

Politics, Re-Spun on Coop Radio, Labour Day 2010

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Imtiaz Popat and I celebrated Labour Day on “The Rational” last night. The video podcast is below.

We discussed:

- Labour Day
- my Labour Day article today: "[Labour Day, Dignity and Doubling the CPP](#)"
- volunteer labour
- dignity for seniors
- doubling the CPP because \$11,000/year is unacceptable
- BC's pathetic minimum wage
- a fall federal election could lead to a Liberal minority government and time to leverage them for economic dignity
- student poverty is a result of right wing ideological choices: post-secondary education is seen as an income boost and the government wants its cut
- the government is managing our CPP funds by investing in tar sands and privatized highways
- BC's Gateway Project and the North American transportation infrastructure vs. Peak Oil
- workers and unions need to engage in society by [working in coalition with community groups](#) and [climate justice](#)
- corporations and government employers are not taking the lead on greening our society, so workers need to
- extremism, xenophobia and scapegoating
- increased corporate profitability, how productivity gains aren't trickling down to workers: class war
- all majority governments are bad right now, especially considering how much of the social conservative agenda being introduced by Harper with just a minority government
- BC Conservative party's increasing viability, along with the BC Greens means more of a chance of a BC minority government in 2013
- what will it take for a BC political party to say they'll actually get rid of the HST?
- and we would have [talked about this](#) intensely if I had read it in time!

The video podcast of the conversation lives at Vista Video.

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