

The 1%, Their Cottages, and the Occupy Movement

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You aren't middle class if you own a cottage. Remember that.

If I need to single-handedly reboot the Occupy Movement for this one, I'll do it, I tell ya [emphasis is mine]:

A month ago, I had a conversation with Deb Hutton, wife of PC leader Tim Hudak, who said the chances of the Conservatives picking up any of the five seats up for grabs on byelection night were pretty remote.

*“They’re all Liberal seats,” she said. “It’s summer time when our **most loyal supporters are away at the cottage**. We’re obviously going to give it our best, but....” Her voice trailed off and expectations were set appropriately low.*

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It's really quite simple!

The most loyal Ontario Conservative Party members generally are at their cottages. They have cottages. So do lots of the middle class? But really, not so much. If you own a cottage, you own a vacation property. That's not so middle class.

Let's not forget that the 1% and perhaps some in the top 5% or so who can afford cottages make up the loyal Conservative Party supporters. I expect that tracks well for other provinces and federally.

When people who can't afford cottages are speaking well of Conservatives, remind them that they, as the 1% [or nearby's or wannabe's] do not speak for you or the vast majority who rent, rent precariously, rent

inadequate housing, or own something precariously.