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More surprising is #124taxpayers' tolerance

Your May 8 edition publishes a comment entitled "PM's popularity hard to understand", signed by Frederick Von Hayek, apparently from Vancouver, Canada.

The home of the writer should rather be Heaven or Paradise (or Hell), since the real Frederick August von Hayek died twenty years ago on March 23, 1992 in Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany. He was known as a virulent anti-keynesianist.

Whoever wrote the paper published in your issue under the name of FV Hayek is likely to be a courageous anonymous member of the Frederick Von Hayek Institute of Canada in Vancouver, founded in May 2010 for the promotion of liberalism and to fight government interventions in the economy, and social welfare.

As mentioned in their website: "The FA Hayek Institute of Canada is modelled predominantly after the **Cato Institute**, Fraser Institute, and the Ludwig von Mises Institute".

As far as the reference to the **Cato Institute** is concerned, we can read on the website of this organisation that it promotes "individual liberty, limited government and free markets".

What is indeed hard to understand is not the PM's popularity, but rather, the indecent persistence of ultra-liberals to promote such ideas as the pre-eminence of markets after the 2007-2008 collapse of financial markets, and the need for taxpayers' money "both in Europe and the US" to save the banking system from bankruptcy and subsequent return of nations to the stone age.

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