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So many problematic statements from Doug Ford today...

(Thread A of a few of them)

- 1) Ford thinks that he can just say "I can't be bought" and "I've been a politician for years" and that somehow is enough???
- 2) The whole "I've been in politics for years" thing has been used by the Fords before Rob Ford used that in his conflict of interest trial. The problem is: despite years in politics, the Fords clearly had no idea what the rules were, and admitted that they never read them! Image
- 3) Ford says that we should ignore this because the Stag and Doe tickets were only \$150... but "tens of thousands of people come through my backyard", which would add up to A LOT. Also, the reporting on this said that every PC staffer and lobbyist was pressured to buy tickets.
- 4) Ford adds that "the vast majority of people that were there were cops"... in what world would it be BETTER to know that dozens of police are involved in a scheme to collect money for the Premier's family???
- 5) Ford goes on and on about how this is the only time in history that someone's family is being attacked and that it should be off limits... as a reminder, every single expense for the Trudeaus and Morneaus related to WE Charity were reported on by every news outlet in Canada. Image
- 6) Back to the idea that this is a private/family matter that is complete nonsense. The conflict of interest rules for Ontario clearly say that you can't take gifts and your family (including spouses and children) cannot receive benefits directly or indirectly. ImageImage
- 7) If you focus on the wedding itself where the Cortelluccis were seated at Doug Ford's table how much money did the billionaire Cortellucci family give to Doug Ford's daughter as a wedding present??? ImageImageImage
- 8) And, let's say that Doug Ford is best buddies with Mario Cortellucci (laughable, but we'll run with this). Conflict of interest rules state that he should never have discussed or voted on: Highway 413, MZOs, Bill 23, or anything else related to his "close personal friend". Image
- 9) So, no matter what angle you look at this from, it is NOT just a "private matter", and it it NOT "1000% cleared for conflicts of interest". From what I can see: Doug Ford violated ethics and conflict of interest rules, and should resign.
- 10) To wrap this up Doug Ford may think that all of these cash gifts and favours are just "doing business", but the job of a politician is different. If Doug Ford can't keep himself from violating ethics and conflict of interest rules, he should not be in public office.

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