



Recently, the Fraser Institute released *Troubled Waters*, a series on current public policy issues plaguing Canadians. Here are two key issues chosen for this edition of Hot Topics:

THE COST OF GOVERNMENT DEBT IN CANADA, 2016

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The *Cost of Government Debt in Canada, 2016* examines how interest payments governments' owe on the debt they have accumulated over the years has started to consume government revenue. As a result, this leaves less money to spend on important programs pertaining to health care and education. To put into

context, Canadian governments spent \$60.8 billion on debt interest payments in 2014/15 while Canada's total primary and secondary education spending equaled \$62.2 billion in 2012/13, highlighting the increasing burden that government debt has on young people.

Read the study here [»](#)