And, on the other side of the strategic voting argument?

An election campaign should let people choose from a broad spectrum of good ideas.

Instead, this time, a broad spectrum of good people are having to find a way to vote against bad actions and bad ideas of a party brought to power through an out-dated system of voting.

The wrongs committed by the Conservative Party are too many and too deep for a letter to the editor, but some recent books, written by scientists, economists and journalists, hint at the problems: The War on Science; The Arrogant Autocrat; Party of One; The Carbon Bubble; Unaccountable.

Steven Harper and his Party have fought continuously with scientists, judges and journalists - people who, by nature and training, seek truth.

The point here is that, even if you like your local Conservative candidate as a person, that is not a good enough reason to vote for her or him this time.

It is vital, for the health of Canada and the preservation of our values, that Harper's Reform-Conservatives be defeated. Then, true Conservatives should make every effort to take back their Party.

I hope that this is the last election where Canadians will have to vote strategically.

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