

'I'm stunned': NDP blasts Trudeau for nannies' low wages as Tories attack him for billing them to taxpayers

Summary:

Justin Trudeau is using taxpayer's money to pay two nannies that are taking care of his children. The interim leader of the Conservative party, Rona Ambrose, believes that "he should pay for it himself." Sheila Malcolmson, a member of the NDP says that nannies "should be paid more than \$11 an hour." The president of the Association of Caregiver and Nanny Agencies Canada has stated that the nannies are being paid the average amount, and believes that the bigger issue is that there is a shortage of Canadian nannies due to the Conservatives who "basically shut down the foreign nanny program." Trudeau was very opposed to the Conservative's proposed universal child care benefits during the election, which is causing some to view his actions as being extremely controversial.

Opinion:

I think it could be considered slightly hypocritical that Trudeau was attacking the Conservatives for creating a universal child care plan that would benefit wealthier people (like himself), and then turned around and used taxpayer's money to pay for nannies that he had before he was even Prime Minister. This probably wouldn't bother me as much except for the fact that he was so annoyed during the election that wealthier people might actually be receiving child care subsidies. It's interesting how people are still upset at the Conservatives for causing there to be less nannies when there's nothing the party can do about it anymore. This also makes me wish that Canadians were more informed about how exactly their tax dollars are being spent, even though most of the information is outlined in the budget. This could help a lot in keeping the government accountable for how they spend their money.

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