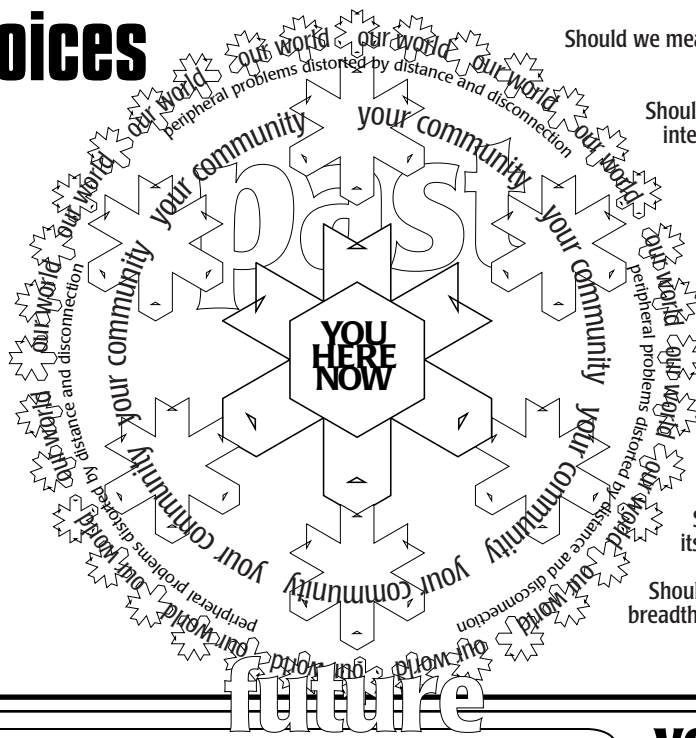


Change Choices

Is this diagram an accurate picture of you and your surroundings? How would you change it?



Should we measure the value of nature by its diversity?

Should we measure the value of a society by its interconnection?

Should we measure the value of a government by its responsiveness?

Should we measure the value of an economy by its how many can participate?

Should we measure the value of a technology by its usefulness?

Should we measure the value of a belief by its meaning?

Should we measure the value of an ethic by the breadth of its sense of community?

You

want an enjoyable job with good pay doing meaningful and safe work. You need safe water, enough food, health care and at least a basic education. Will your job enable you to buy all of the above on your own? How much of your pay is this worth? to sustain a government that will help you meet your needs? The average Canadian pays a total of 30% of their income towards taxes federally and provincially. A third of this money goes towards covering these services.

Choice

your community

needs: • good jobs adding value to resources you mine, grow and make. • a voice in all decisions affecting it. • fair treatment for all under one law. • locally grown food, exporting only surplus food. • money to invest or loan at low interest to build local business. • well-built roads and buildings • public monitoring of government and business practices. How much of your pay is this worth? Half of the taxes we pay are for these services.

Big Choice

your region

needs: • to research and develop sustainable and efficient power sources, products and practices. • capable and unbiased conflict resolution. • better communication and transportation. • to encourage innovation. • to enable farmers to withdraw marginal land. • to reclaim disaster-prone marginal land. • to support competition • to protect your economy from "drive-by" speculators. How much of your pay is this worth? One sixth of our taxes go towards these costs.

Bigger Choice

our world

needs: natural wealth to be assessed and accounted for in the market system. • to realistically price costs to the earth caused by practices and products that are unsustainable, lethal, wasteful and unessential. • monitor, investigate, evaluate and prevent activities dangerous to people, air, water and land. • capable and unbiased conflict resolution. • to invest in safe water, enough food, health care and at least a basic education for all so that more can work for a peaceful and prosperous future. How much of your pay is this worth?

Biggest Choice

Grouping is the way we increase our power as a culture, a rock band, a union, a corporation, a family or a government. Enlarge and post these choices around the room. Put up only "You", then "You" and "your community" together. In another spot put "You" and "your community" and "your region" together and finally all four CHOICES posted somewhere else. Walk around the room and study them. Stand where you agree the most and are willing to pay that amount to achieve these goals. Record the numbers and discuss why they are worth each price. Try it again.