

All Hail King Sloat

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Many of us feel that most politicians look down their noses at average people. They talk sometimes as if we, the People, don't understand the complexities of issues. It is rare however, to find a politician who is so in-your-face about his superior mental abilities. Most politicians have learned to control their arrogant views of the general public.

Buck Sloat is not one of these politicians who has learned to control himself. On Tuesday this week, Mr. Sloat confronted a resident of Caledonia and it becomes clear from the audio tape that Mr. Sloat is one of the most arrogant politicians I have ever heard.

Merlyn Kinrade says to Mr. Sloat, 'I am talking about my democratic right to express and voice my concerns about an issue that'

Mr. Sloat immediately cuts him off by saying, "You don't know what your concern is, to be quite honest with you"

Merlyn says, "Don't stand there Mr. Sloat and tell me I don't know what my concern is."

Most politicians will allow you to express your concerns – after all it is a democracy – then the politicians will tell you that you are misinformed or misunderstand or that you don't have the complete facts. But Mr. Sloat is the first politician I have ever heard tell someone that they don't know what their own concern is.

Why not just tell people they have no right to an opinion? Why not just tell people that you will inform them of what to think?

Hello Mr. Sloat, we do live in the 21st century.

Throughout History leaders have believed that only they are able to understand and address the issues of society – from kings down to present day politicians.

Kings, with their noble blood, believed the common folk were a bunch of uneducated farmers who couldn't decide the greater matters of life.

Politicians have been forced to control their arrogant attitudes towards average citizens who today can be far more educated and/or informed on a topic than the politicians.

King Sloat has failed to put his crown away and understand that in a democratic society people have rights. Haldimand County is NOT the kingdom of Sloatville and he IS accountable to the voters and not the voters to him.

His job is to represent voters and not to verbally belittle them or assault people who attempt to be heard.

If he feels people are misinformed then he should take the time to provide the information needed so people can make an informed decision, but of course that would mean he would have to believe in democracy and believe that average people have the right to be heard.

King Sloat voted against allowing Residents to Speak