

Mansbridge interview with the Fords

- 1) Question: So what happened out there in those council chambers? You guys called it a coups d'etat? Is that what it was?
- 2) Response: That's exactly what it was. The people elected me, the largest mandate in Canada's history. And they just stripped my powers.....
- 3) Question:.... Was it all because of personal problems?
- 4) Response:... not one person brought up how much money I've saved the taxpayers....having the lowest tax increase of any major city in North America... that was never mentioned.
- 5) Question: what was mentioned, though... by many of the councillors... was that he was worried about your health..... your ill. You don't buy that?
- 6) Response: I don't buy it. It's not true.....
- 7) Question: Why would they say that?
- 8) Response: There were a few isolated incidents. I've come forward. I said I had drank in excess a few times. I've admitted to drug use. But I'm not a drug addict. I'm not an alcoholic. I've shown up to work every day for the last 13 years. Straight as an arrow. I returned everyone's call. And have I had some fun times on the weekends? Yes, I have.....to have a few drinks
- 9) Question: A few too many drinks....right?
- 10) Response: Well, depending on what you consider drinking.... This was all personal.... This is not a democracy. This is a dictatorship.
- 11) Question: (To Doug Ford) Do you worry about your brother's health?

- 12) Response: Just his weight....
- 13) Question: Just his weight....
- 14) Response: yeah....
- 15) Question: Where you aware of the drinking and the drugs?
- 16) Response: I was aware that he drank once in a while.... Rob does his thing at night....he has two kids....when I saw the video. Yeah, that was one too many. Rob is changing his life. He's working out every single day. He's on a strict diet....
- 17) Question: When you heard your fellow councillors say 'he's ill. He's got sickness problems.'
- 18) Response: They don't know Rob. They aren't around Rob. They don't hang out with Rob.... It was the pot calling the kettle black down there.
- 19) Question:.... Were you drunk when you were driving?
- 20) Response: What I've said, and all of us have done this.... You have a glass of wine, do your drive?
- 21) Question:.... So you haven't been drunk?
- 22) Response: Never. I've never ever.... Been drunk and driven
- 23) Question: Marijuana while you've been mayor?
- 24) Response: Yes.
- 25) Question: Crack while you've been mayor?
- 26) Response: Yes.
- 27) Question: More than once?
- 28) Response: No. This is an isolated incident.
- 29) Question: Once on crack. Ever on cocaine?
- 30) Response: Yes.
- 31) Response: Once or more than once?
- 32) Response: I've just said that. I answered your question.

- 33) Question: On cocaine, more than once.
- 34) Response: Yes.... While I was younger...
- 35) Question: I mean while you've been mayor.
- 36) Response: No.
- 37) Question: Never cocaine while you've been mayor?
- 38) Response: No.
- 39) Question: Ever on drugs in this office.
- 40) Response: Never.
- 41) Question: and you purchased drugs yourself....
- 42) Response: Yes.
- 43) Question: Is that an illegal act?
- 44) Response: It's an illegal act.
- 45) Question:.... What should people think of that....
- 46) Response: There's a lot of people that have done what I've done right on that council chamber floor that have purchased marijuana.
- 47) Response: Okay, I don't know that to be a fact, but.... Let's let that aside.... You're the mayor of Toronto.
- 48) Response: You know what, I'm a human being.... And nobody has helped more people in this city than Rob Ford. Nobody. Am I perfect? No, I'm not perfect. But when it comes to running the city, I've run this city better than mayor ever has. I've save more taxpayers' money than ever has (sic). I've changed the culture down here. You don't hear about the scandals anymore.
- 49) Question: Well, the whole world is hearing what they think is a scandal right now with you.
- 50) Response: I mean a money scandal. Compare us to the provincial government. A billion dollar scandal. That's criminal.

The Senate up in Ottawa, that's criminal. In my personal opinion, that's criminal. There's not one time, Peter, you'll ever find me stealing a dime of taxpayer's money.

- 51) Question: Okay. You've mentioned and your brother's mentioned how you are seeking help.... You've got professional health care. What does that mean.
- 52) Response: that means I'm dealing with professionals...
- 53) Question: Is it your weight? Is it drugs? Is it alcohol? What is it?
- 54) Response: I'm dealing with my health issues....
- 55) Question: All three of those health issues?
- 56) Response: I would say my excessive drinking at times. I don't do drugs. And my health. My weight. I'm training every day. I haven't touched a drop of alcohol in three weeks. And I don't do drugs.
- 57) Question: The last time you did drugs was....
- 58) Response: A year ago sometime.
- 59) Question: Would it have been this incident with the crack....
- 60) Response: Probably, yes.
- 61) Question: do you remember anything about that night?
- 62) Response: I haven't seen the video. I don't know. I was probably very inebriated..... you heard about the St. Patrick's Day, two years ago.... There are these blackout periods that... we all have gone through.... And now I'm getting punished for telling the truth.
- 63) (9:58) Doug Ford.... We want to get our message out..... we picked Peter Mansbridge from the CBC.