

*By dropping this financial hammer, the government hopes to force cash-strapped protesters to leave the city because they won't be able to pay hotel and fuel bills and many other expenses they've incurred during this weeks-long occupation."*⁶

This is arguably the moment that the Canadian government, on the world stage, showed eight billion people in the world why it might be important to have financial privacy. A person might want to donate to a cause without the fear of their government tyrannically freezing their bank account with the intention of ruining them financially. It goes further because there was an effort to raise bitcoin for the truckers, and that was the only money that actually got into the truckers' hands. Executed by an ordinary citizen known as NobodyCaribou, it was bitcoin that got into the hands of the truckers.⁷ For his effort, Caribou had his home raided by the Canadian feds and had his hardware seized, leading to the theft of about 0.6 bitcoin, which represented the undistributed pool of donations.

"Most of the roughly \$1 million in known donations raised in digital currency for the "Freedom Convoy" appears to have evaded seizure by authorities more than a month after the federal government invoked

⁶John Paul Tasker, "Banks have started to freeze accounts linked to the protests, Freeland says," CBC News, Feb. 17, 2022.

⁷<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/freedom-convoy-cryptocurrency-asset-seizure-1.6389601>