<http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/mitch-wolfe/kathleen-wynne-gas-plant-cancellation_b_4071405.html>

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# Media Account

Several media outlets hold the position that since the provincial government, which was led by Dalton McGuinty at the time, cancelled the power plants in order to gain favour with residents in the nearby community. The timing of the cancellation was crucial since the provincial election was very near; many are suspicious that the cancellation served as a political maneuver aimed at securing votes.

Shortly after, Dalton McGuinty resigned as Premier of Ontario and Kathleen Wynne became the leader of the Liberal party, and hence, the Premier of Ontario. The rationale for the closure, provided by Kathleen Wynne, was that the province was simply listening to concerns of residents over the plants. This explanation is generally regarded as insincere since the concerns had been present, even before the construction of the plant had begun under McGuinty’s leadership.

An Ontario Auditor General’s report put the cost of the cancellation at 1.1 billion dollars. However, Wynne, who had voted in favour of the cancellation, did not initially take responsibility for the cost when confronted with it. She instead placed the blame on the ‘process’ in place. Although it can easily be surmised, that everyone who casts a vote in favour of an action is directly responsible when that action happens.

I will be using the bystander effect to explain Wynne’s hesitance in accepting responsibility for the high cancellation costs incurred by her party.

# Social Psychological Analysis

The news event I am going to be examining is Kathleen Wynne’s long delay and disingenuous admission of responsibility for the costly cancellation of the two power plants. The relevant article I will be using in my social psychological analysis is how Wynne’s actions could be explained by the bystander effect. This paper will strive to refrain from using political views in its psychological analysis in order to remain objective.