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Canadians look at Canada with confidence and pride. We are proud of our unique achievements of the past and we look forward with confidence to the challenges of the future to provide a **fair deal for our families and a fair start for our future generations.**

Ordinary Canadians and their families whether in urban centres or small rural towns need and deserve a government that is committed to providing a fair deal through:

- new job opportunities in all regions of Canada
- a fair tax system
- greater equality for women
- greater support for our children
- a more secure future for our seniors
- a more open and honest approach to government

Ordinary Canadians also need and deserve a government that is committed to a fair start for our future generations through:

- a commitment to our youth
- the protection of our environment #286
- the protection and promotion of our cultural heritage
- a commitment to peace and security #41-42-43

**Brian Mulroney let ordinary Canadians down  
just like the Liberals did**

In 1984, Brian Mulroney promised a change from the old Liberal ways. He promised ordinary Canadians he would listen to their concerns. He promised a government that would be more fair, honest and open than the Liberals were.

Four years later, it's clear that Brian Mulroney and the Conservatives have let ordinary Canadians down; just like the Liberals did:



- their greatest betrayal was the Mulroney trade deal. Mulroney spoke out against such a deal in 1983 and yet went ahead and signed one that threatens Canadian jobs, Canadian farmers and small businesses and the very future of our country. This was the final straw in a long list of broken promises.
- Mulroney has recently promised to make the environment a priority. But the record of the past 4 years shows something different. In 1984 he cut \$46 million from the environment budget, thereby eliminating many valuable research projects. There continues to be no success in getting an acid rain agreement with the U.S. The Environmental Protection Act continues to rely on regulation.
- Mulroney promised a more open and honest approach to government. But he perfected the old Liberal patronage practices and tightened the secrecy around government.
- Mulroney promised fairness for average taxpayers. But since his election, the average family has seen its taxes go up by about \$1,000 a year while the richest 1% are the only ones to see their taxes lowered. At the same time, over 60,000 profitable corporations are still getting away without paying a cent in tax.
- Mulroney promised fairness for rural Canada. But he has eliminated rural postal routes and closed down post offices.
- Mulroney promised fairness for our seniors. But one of his very first acts was to cut back their pensions. He later pushed through a bill that will mean higher drug prices.

Instead of listening to the concerns of ordinary Canadians, Brian Mulroney has listened to the voices of power and privilege and has let down ordinary Canadians and their families.

### **This time, Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats**

Now, in 1988, ordinary Canadians will again be asking themselves who will listen to their concerns and to the concerns of future generations. Who will work for a government that is more fair, open and honest.

When they look at John Turner's Liberals, they see a party now opposing the very same policies they supported when they were the government. They see a party that has tried to make ordinary Canadians forget they cut pensions for seniors, raised taxes and cut services for ordinary families. The Liberals were the first to introduce measures to allow over 8,000 rich Canadians and over 100,000 profitable corporations to get away without paying a cent in tax. And they see in John Turner a leader who on major issues of national importance has shown that he doesn't know who he represents and what he wants to do.

Now more than ever, ordinary Canadians are saying "This time, it's Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats" for our families and for our future.



# FAIRNESS FOR FAMILIES

Canadians have always believed that when families need a helping hand they can look to their neighbours, their community and to their government. They know that it's an investment in the future when we work together to keep families afloat, care for our children and the elderly or find jobs for young people in their own communities.

**Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats** share this vision. We want families to face the future with confidence and we're proud of Canada's tradition of sharing.

## **The Conservatives, like the Liberals, have hurt ordinary families instead of helping them**

Brian Mulroney promised more fairness for average families. Instead, his government has made things harder for them: harder for parents to find quality, affordable child care; harder for middle-income adults to care for jobless older children on a shrinking paycheque; harder for the working family or a single mom trying to meet rising dental care costs or buy eyeglasses on the family allowance.

The Mulroney child care scheme is a good example of misplaced Conservative priorities. Instead of creating badly needed child care spaces, almost half the money allocated will be spent through regressive tax measures. If these funds had been committed to services, another 170,000 spaces could have been created. As it is, the government admits that after its seven year program is in place, two million Canadian children will still be waiting for adequate, affordable child care.

Brian Mulroney has also eroded support for families by cutting family allowance and child tax benefits. Cuts to child tax benefits alone will amount to \$1.5 billion by 1991. These cuts come at a time when six out of every ten children in single-parent families are living below the poverty line.

But that's not all. With the gap between the richest and poorest Canadians already growing, Mulroney's "tax reform" means the incomes of average families will be further eaten away by taxes, while the wealthiest taxpayers get tax cuts. A couple with combined income of \$45,000 and two children actually pay more taxes than a couple with the same income and no children!

Mulroney's government has raised sales and excise taxes and has found new items to tax. In fact, the average family pays over \$1,000 more now in taxes than when Mulroney became Prime Minister.



Families would fare no better with John Turner and the Liberal Party. It was the Liberals who first froze the child tax exemption and cut back on family allowances.

The Liberals and Conservatives have failed equally to make any progress on pay equity. Mulroney correctly attacked the Liberal record on shrinking the gap between the pay men and women get for work of equal value. But in government he failed to legislate pay equity, preferring to rely on "voluntary" action by corporations. With women earning on average less than 66 percent of what men earn, this is not good enough.

This wide gap between women's and men's wages ensures that families headed by women remain poor. Single-parent families headed six out of ten by women live below the poverty line.

**This time, Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats...  
for a fair deal for our families # 445**

New Democrats would reorder the federal government's agenda, making fairness to families a priority. This will mean measures that would ensure families can care properly for children and the elderly; it means affordable, quality child care, and it means jobs in the community for our young people and it means making affordable housing a right.

**A COMMITMENT TO CANADIAN FAMILIES**

A New Democratic government is committed to:

- ensuring ordinary families get a fairer tax break #484 + 00 - #383
- providing an affordable, quality child care program that puts the emphasis on new child care spaces
- restoring full family benefits by re-indexing family allowance and increasing the child tax credit #562 - #565 - #383 - #557
- implementing pay equity to make equal pay for work of equal value the reality
- providing decent pensions and quality care for our parents and grandparents #440 + 00 - #557 #563
- new job opportunities for our youth
- introducing a housing program that would expand co-operative and affordable housing and which would provide some relief from rising housing prices #445 + 00 - #965
- improved maternity and parental leave benefits for parents #445



# **FAIRNESS FOR ALL CANADIANS A COMMITMENT TO EMPLOYMENT FOR ALL**

What Canadians want most is a nation where employment opportunities exist for all Canadian men and women who want to work. They know we have a country with the resources, ability and potential to create the wealth and the job opportunities for all Canadians and especially for our youth.

But what Canadians also want is a federal government that is committed to a policy of full employment. A government that will make full employment the guiding principle for its policy decisions. They want a government that recognizes this must be the foremost goal because of the importance of work to the personal dignity of all Canadians.

**Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats** share this commitment to a policy of full employment. We believe there lies tremendous and untapped potential within Canadian men and women and in our regions to create new wealth and opportunity.

## **The Conservatives, like the Liberals, have refused to make a commitment to full employment**

Brian Mulroney and the Conservatives have ignored the need for a policy of full employment. Instead they have shifted the responsibility to the corporate sector and have pursued their misguided trade deal with the U.S.

Instead of establishing targets for reducing unemployment in all regions, they simply abandoned the regions. For example, instead of promoting economic development in all parts of the country, they have cut about \$3 billion from regional development programs between 1984-1987. As a result, Canadians living in Atlantic, Western or Northern Canada and in many parts of Quebec and Ontario are still trying to cope with unemployment rates as high or higher than those of the 1981-82 recession.

And the Conservatives have just been following the trend the Liberals had begun to shift responsibility for an employment policy to the corporate sector. The Liberals rejected a policy of full-employment and instead established targets for almost everything else. Under Trudeau the Liberals brought us the worst



# FAIRNESS FOR THE AVERAGE TAXPAYER

Canadians want a tax system that is fairer and simpler. They want to be sure that the tax burden is shared more fairly. The wealthy and profitable corporations shouldn't escape their responsibility to pay their share for our economic and social programs.

**Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats** have listened to Canadians' concerns. We share their desire to see a better balance between corporate and personal taxes, and between different income groups.

## **Brian Mulroney continued the unfairness of the Liberals**

Brian Mulroney promised "tax reform". But since 1984 his government has raised taxes for average families by more than \$1,000 a year while actually **lowering** taxes for the richest 1%. And they continue to let 60,000 profitable corporations avoid paying any tax. And all this after their much touted tax changes were introduced this year.

As well, we continue to have a tax system that is riddled with unfairness:

- in 1986, 5,220 individuals, earning over \$50,000 did not pay any income tax. In the same year, 40 individuals earning over \$250,000 did not pay any income tax. For every non-taxpaying individual, there were 10 others who paid only a token amount in the range of 1-10%.
- under the Liberals and the Conservatives, the share of corporate taxation to total federal revenues has steadily declined. In 1980, individuals were paying \$3 for every \$1 paid by corporations. By 1990, individuals will pay \$4 for every \$1 paid by corporations.
- small and medium-sized businesses with assets of between \$1 million and \$25 million bear double the tax burden borne by larger firms.
- Conservative "tax reform" gave \$1 in every \$5 of benefits to the households with incomes above \$100,000. Individuals with incomes of \$15,000 received a tax cut of \$2.69 a week while individuals with incomes of \$100,000 and above received \$80.09 a week.

The Liberals claim they want tax fairness, too. But Canadians cannot expect it from John Turner. When he was finance minister, he opened up the most



lucrative corporate tax breaks and allowed millions of tax dollars to remain uncollected. At least then it was easy to tell whose side he was on. Now nobody knows who John Turner really represents.

### **This time Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats... for fairer taxes**

Instead of only hearing from the wealthy and the large corporations, New Democrats set out to find out what average Canadians wanted from their tax system. Only after listening to these concerns did the New Democrats produce their Tax Probe reports, reflecting Canadians' view that those who **can** pay should pay and that those with limited incomes should pay no more than their fair share.

We also believe that tax forms should be simpler. The average tax form today is twenty times as long as it was thirty years ago. Many Canadians, even those who can ill afford it, are forced to turn to professional tax consultants. According to a recent Revenue Canada study, 32 percent of Canadians pay someone to prepare their return.

#### **A COMMITMENT TO FAIRER TAXES**

A New Democratic Government is committed to making our corporate tax system fairer by:

- introducing a corporate minimum tax on profitable corporations
- limiting how much corporations can write-off in interest payments on money borrowed for corporate takeovers *annulment* *purchase*
- reducing the number of years that corporations can carry forward their tax breaks
- targetting specific tax breaks to small and medium sized firms and to performance levels in jobs, investment, research and development and to training

A New Democratic Government is committed to making our personal tax system fairer and simpler by:

- establishing a more progressive personal tax structure where wealthy Canadians pay their fair share
- ensuring specific tax breaks such as RRSPs benefit all income groups fairly
- reducing the burden of sales tax on middle and low income Canadians
- making tax forms and returns simpler



# FAIRNESS FOR WOMEN

Canadian women are equal partners in building Canada's future. They know that policies like pay equity, affirmative action, better funding for job training and affordable, quality child care would benefit all Canadians.

**Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats** share this desire for fairness. We know that Canadians need pay equity in the workplace. Women still only earn 66 percent of what the average man earns, but they don't get a 34 percent discount on housing, clothing and food for themselves and their children. Today 85 percent of single-parent families are headed by women and 56 percent of these families live in poverty. Women are still stuck in low-income job ghettos. Others are forced to work only part time. In fact, 72 percent of part time workers are women.

## **Mulroney and Turner have ignored the concerns of women**

Brian Mulroney promised prompt action toward women's equality. Instead his Conservative government has created greater unfairness.

In 1984 Mulroney promised specific action in both the public and private sectors. But he broke these promises, asking instead for voluntary measures by business and government.

The trade deal Brian Mulroney signed with Ronald Reagan will make mandatory pay equity more difficult, while at the same time threatening the service sector, where 85 percent of women in the labour force work.

Mulroney has also failed to deliver his promised national child care system. This means hardship for many single-parent families, denying many women opportunities in the workplace.

Instead of creating badly needed child care spaces, almost half the money allocated by Mulroney's scheme will be spent through unfair tax measures. Had these funds gone directly into services, another 170,000 spaces could have been provided. In fact, the Conservatives themselves admit that even after their seven year program is in place, two million Canadian children will still be waiting for adequate, affordable care.

Brian Mulroney promised action on violence against women. But for four years he did nothing, then brought in a very limited program that fails to meet the needs of the one million Canadian women who are battered each year.

While at least one Canadian woman in ten is beaten by the man she lives with, the Mulroney Conservatives' program would provide only \$10 of assistance for each of these victims of violence.

Women cannot expect much more from John Turner and the Liberal Party. In government, the Liberals failed to ensure new opportunities for women.



Turner himself opposes mandatory pay equity for women in the private sector. He prefers, like Brian Mulroney, to rely on the goodwill of corporations.

**This time, Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats...  
for equality for women**

New Democrats have consistently spoken out for greater equality for Canadian women. We believe they have waited long enough. The goodwill of governments and corporations has done little to bring equality to the workplace in the past. It is time for the government to act. A New Democratic Party government would act to ensure that women can participate fully in Canada's future.

**A COMMITMENT TO EQUALITY FOR WOMEN**

A New Democratic government is committed to:

- <sup>four</sup> providing flexible, accessible, affordable and quality child care and improved maternity and parental leave benefits for both parents
- re-indexing family allowances and increasing the child tax credit #562
- • providing women with a decent retirement income through:
  - increases in Old Age Security and the Guaranteed Income Supplement
  - legislation dividing pension credits earned within a marriage equally between spouses
- • introducing mandatory affirmative action programs covering all federally-regulated employees
- implementing pay equity to make equal pay for work of equal value the reality
- • remove any question about equality rights under the Charter
- assisting women to leave violent situations through increased funding for crisis centres and transition houses



# FAIRNESS FOR OUR PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS

Canadians want our senior citizens to live in comfort and dignity in their own communities. They know that support for seniors is a hallmark of a caring society.

**Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats** have fought for a better deal for pensioners. We know that more must be done to ensure that Canadians can look forward to independence, a secure income and quality health care once they retire.

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## **Brian Mulroney let our seniors down, just like the Liberals did**

Brian Mulroney promised a lot to seniors when he campaigned in 1984. When he broke his solemn promise to keep pension indexing, Canadians from coast to coast were shocked and outraged.

The New Democrats stood by seniors, their children and grandchildren when they organized against the Mulroney Conservatives' scheme — and we won! Mulroney backed down on his plan to deindex 2.7 million seniors' pensions.

But Mulroney broke other promises to seniors. He promised more fairness for older women, many of whom must now live out their later years in abject poverty. In office, the Conservatives forgot the urgency of this need. Changes to provide adequate pensions for all women, whether they work inside or outside the home, have stayed on the back burner.

Brian Mulroney's Conservatives also raised the price of pharmaceutical drugs. Seniors on fixed income will be hurt.

Many of them will pay hundreds of dollars every few months to renew their prescriptions because Brian Mulroney stood up for multinational drug companies, not Canadian seniors.

Already a study by two Toronto-area pharmacists showed in March that drug prices have risen by as much as 50 percent since Mulroney's drug-price bill was passed, while Statistics Canada information made public in May shows drug prices increasing by 2.5 times the inflation rate.

Brian Mulroney's cuts to postal services will hurt senior citizens, too. The closure of post offices, elimination of many rural postal routes and cuts in door-to-door delivery will adversely affect many older Canadians who rely on the mail to get their cheques and keep in touch with their families. Forcing them to pick up their mail at so-called "supermailboxes" or travel many extra miles in winter conditions exposes them to unnecessary danger and inconvenience.



# FAIRNESS FOR CANADIAN CONSUMERS

Canadians have always resisted pressures toward wide-open, unregulated markets. They realize that government must often act to ensure a fair deal for consumers.

**Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats** agree. We believe that government must act firmly but fairly to ensure that powerful corporations do not take unfair advantage of their power in the marketplace.

## **The Conservatives have let consumers down, just like the Liberals**

Brian Mulroney promised fairness to consumers. But in government, Mulroney's Conservatives have let them down.

Mulroney let consumers down by failing to regulate bank service charges. While service charges have increased 19 percent — five times the inflation rate — each year over the past five years, Mulroney sided with the big chartered banks by failing to step in and stop their nickel-and-diming practices.

Mulroney let consumers down by changing drug patent laws so that the big drug companies could increase prices. Whereas the existing laws saved Canadian families \$211 million in 1983, Mulroney's changes have allowed drug prices to increase by more than nine percent in the first six months of 1988, while inflation was only 2.4 percent.

Mulroney let consumers down by going ahead with plans to shut down thousands of rural post offices and abandon rural delivery routes and replace them with the inconvenient so-called "super-mailboxes". The Conservatives ignored hundreds of thousands of Canadians who lobbied and petitioned for retention of community post offices.

Finally, Mulroney let consumers down by signing a trade deal with Ronald Reagan. The deal threatens Canadian jobs, Canada's social programs and Canadian control over our own economy, in return for "very small" benefits for consumers according to the Consumer Association of Canada.

As the Consumer Association notes, many products are already imported from the United States; as CAC economic policy chairman Robert Kerton has noted, "we as a national consumers' association aren't naive enough to think that if the big retail chains get it 10 percent cheaper they will pass all of that saving on to consumers."

Meanwhile, nobody really knows where John Turner and the Liberals stand on issues important to consumers. While in government, the Liberals changed the Bank Act to allow many of the service charges that now annoy Canadians.



John Turner and the Liberals, meanwhile, say they oppose many of the Conservative measures that hurt seniors. But in government, they also deindexed pensions and kept benefits to seniors at unacceptably low levels. Is it any wonder that no one really knows what John Turner really stands for?

**This time, Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats...  
for more fairness for our parents and grandparents**

Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats have always stood up for seniors. Stanley Knowles championed their cause for decades and we have kept up the pressure. We believe in a public pension that provides adequate retirement income for all Canadians and we think that the resources should be provided to allow seniors to live independently in their own communities.

**A COMMITMENT TO CANADA'S SENIORS**

A New Democratic government is committed to:

- providing Canadian men and women with a decent retirement income through
  - increases in Old Age Security and the Guaranteed Income Supplement
  - legislation dividing pension credits within a marriage equally between spouses to ensure fair pensions for all women including full-time homemakers
- increasing the stock of available and affordable housing for our seniors
- repealing drug patent legislation to ensure reasonable drug prices
- restoring postal service to rural communities and providing mail delivery to new communities

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The Liberals caused many problems that continue to plague the Post Office. Liberals supported Mulroney's drug patent law changes and in government the Liberals favoured free trade. Now they criticize many of the same policies. No wonder Canadians don't really know what John Turner and his party really stand for.

Both the Liberals and Conservatives continue to receive huge contributions from the banks and other large corporations. Powerful chartered banks gave donations of over \$40,000 each to the Liberal and Conservative parties in 1987.

**This time, Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats...  
for a fair deal for consumers**

New Democrats believe it is time for fair regulation of these powerful firms. Unregulated markets cannot on their own provide fairness for Canadian families.

**A COMMITMENT TO CANADIAN CONSUMERS**

A New Democratic government is committed to:

- implement a one-year's freeze on all bank service charges to compensate consumers for past over-charging by the banks, a move that would save Canadian families \$100 million
- establish an independent Financial Services Ombudsman with the power to act as a consumers' advocate and make recommendations to Parliament
- give Canada Post a clear mandate to provide the best possible service to Canadian families including the end to privatization of all rural post offices by 1993 #244
- end franchising of post offices, a policy shown by a recently-leaked "secret" document from Canada Post to be less cost-effective and less efficient than the majority of public postal stations #244
- eliminate the 700,000 existing or projected "super-mailboxes" #244
- pass legislation allowing generic equivalents of brand name drugs sooner than current legislation permits, a policy that would save consumers hundreds of dollars without "discernible negative impact" on drug company profits, according to the Eastman Report into drug pricing in Canada #380
- instructing Petro-Canada to play a consumer leadership role #318 #319
- separate the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs to ensure consumer interests are represented



# FAIRNESS FOR WORKING CANADIANS

Working Canadians believe they should be able to count on their government to stand up for them. They want a strong voice to help in the fight for safer workplaces, fair employment benefits and standards and decent pensions.

**Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats** have stood up for working women and men in Canada. We have fought against Liberal and Conservatives plans to privatize and deregulate key Canadian industries. We have pushed for a mandatory affirmative action program that would end years of unfairness. And we have called for better health and safety standards and a better federal minimum wage.

Most importantly, New Democrats have consistently worked against the Mulroney-Reagan trade deal: it threatens Canadians' control over our own economic future, threatens Canadian jobs and threatens social programs like Medicare and unemployment insurance.

## **Brian Mulroney and John Turner - who do they speak for?**

Brian Mulroney made big promises to working people in 1984. He said his Conservative government would set up a \$285 million employment training program to help young Canadians get skills and employment experience. He didn't deliver.

Mulroney promised federal public employees he would end years of injustice by giving them the same rights enjoyed by other Canadians. He didn't deliver.

Mulroney promised to implement pay equity so that federally regulated industries and the public service would have to end the discrimination that allows women to earn on average 66 percent of what men are paid. He didn't deliver.

Mulroney promised fairness in the workplace for women, the disabled, visible minorities and native Canadians. Instead he introduced his so-called employment equity legislation that was rejected by all the people it was supposed to benefit.

Mulroney promised to improve pensions, then turned around and tried to lower pensions by taking away seniors' inflation protection.

At the same time, working men and women cannot really be sure what John Turner and the Liberal Party offer. While in government they imposed wage controls through the "six and five" program. It was the Liberals who refused to take effective action on pay equity and affirmative action for women, visible minorities, the disabled and native Canadians. The Liberals deindexed pensions, a policy they also criticized when Mulroney's Conservatives tried it. No wonder Canadian workers cannot quite figure out where John Turner is coming from.



**This time, Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats...  
for a fair deal for working Canadians and their families**

Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats believe it is time working people got a fair deal. We have continued to speak out for policies that recognize the contribution working families make right across Canada.

New Democrats would rigorously enforce health and safety regulations, which have been undermined by Conservative and Liberal neglect and by deregulation. We would implement pay equity legislation and we would not allow the privatization of well-run federal Crown corporations like Air Canada, Petro Canada and the CBC.

New Democrats oppose the Mulroney-Reagan trade deal because:

- We support Canada's social programs. The trade deal would put pressure on Canada to bring our programs into line with those in the U.S. But in Canada, 85 percent of laid off workers qualify for unemployment insurance, while only a quarter of laid off Americans do; in Canada, everyone is eligible for medicare, whereas 36 million Americans have no medical insurance at all.
- We believe it threatens Canadian jobs. Mulroney has made vague promises of jobs under the trade deal, but his ministers agree that "massive" job retraining programs would be needed for Canadians put out of work. In the service sector, where over 80 percent of working women are employed, an estimated 500,000 jobs could be wiped out.
- We believe it undermines Canadian sovereignty. Under the deal Canada would give up its right to use government economic policy to benefit Canadian workers, generate jobs in the regions, assist communities, benefit Canadian consumers or develop our own resources. The deal even permits large scale exports of Canada's water.

**A COMMITMENT TO WORKING PEOPLE**

A New Democratic government is committed to:

- improving workplace health and safety
- assisting working families through a higher federal minimum wage
- implementing pay equity to make equal pay for work of equal value the reality
- providing better pensions
- introducing measures to ensure that part-time workers receive benefits on a pro-rated basis
- introducing mandatory affirmative action for women, the disabled, visible minorities and native Canadians



# FAIRNESS FOR YOUNG CANADIANS

Canadians want to see our young people have every opportunity possible to build a successful, secure future for themselves. They are concerned about the future of Canada's youth. And they know that we have the resources, the ability and the potential to give our young people a fairer start.

**Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats** believe that young Canadians hold the key to the future. We know that the key to meeting the challenges of the future is the unbridled optimism, energy and dreams of our young men and women. And it must be put to work.

## **Brian Mulroney, like the Liberals, has let our young people down**

Brian Mulroney made big promises to young Canadians. But his Conservative government has given them little with which to build their dreams.

Since Brian Mulroney became Prime Minister, unemployment has continued to undermine the potential of our young Canadians. Their hopes of contributing to the best of their ability have been dashed by Conservative cuts to the few programs that gave them a chance. An entire generation is being deprived of educational and training opportunities because Mulroney has thrown up more and more barriers. This not only robs young people of hope, but it deprives Canada of a future.

In spite of Mulroney's promises, the unemployment rate for young Canadians is still over 12%, double the unemployment rate for those 25 and over.

Even though the government's own studies say that community based projects and non-profit organizations are three times more effective at creating jobs for young Canadians, the Mulroney Conservatives shifted the onus to the corporate sector. Young women are particularly hurt. Like all women in the labour force, their wages are, on average, 66% of what men make.

The youth of Canada are paying a high price for the Mulroney government's preoccupation with cutting the deficit at any cost. But young people would not have more job opportunities under John Turner and the Liberals. When John Turner talks about jobs for our children he still talks about giving tax breaks to corporations in the "hope" they'll create jobs for young Canadians. That's what Brian Mulroney tried and he has government reports to prove it just doesn't work.



## **This time, Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats... for a fair start for our youth**

A New Democratic task force on youth travelled right across the country listening to young Canadians tell us what they needed. Their experiences are the basis for New Democrat initiatives that would help young people gain job skills and would help eliminate barriers to post-secondary education.

Young Canadians told us what they needed was support to help them get started — then stand back and watch them run. Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats believe nurturing that kind of optimism is a sound investment in our future.

### **A COMMITMENT TO CANADA'S YOUNG PEOPLE**

A New Democratic government is committed to:

- introducing programs to increase job, training and education opportunities for our youth
- ensure federal job-creation strategies that emphasize job opportunities not only in industrial and commerce sectors, but in the arts, culture, social and voluntary sectors
- working towards re-establishing a 50/50 basis in Federal-Provincial cost sharing of Post Secondary Education
- providing a one-time infusion of capital to the provinces through the Established Programs Financing in order to partly offset the effects of cutbacks in recent years
- increased funding for university research and development
- effective pay equity and affirmative action programs to ensure young women get an equal start with young men



# FAIRNESS FOR RURAL CANADIANS

All Canadians have a stake in healthy rural communities. Whether they live in Melville or in Toronto, Canadians want our rural communities to thrive and prosper. They know that sound rural economies provide the raw materials and food that keep Canada growing.

**Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats** share the belief that our rural communities must thrive and prosper. But we believe rural Canadians deserve more fairness from the federal government.

## **The Mulroney Conservatives like the Liberals have ignored rural Canada**

Brian Mulroney promised rural Canadians a better deal. But his Conservative government is systematically eroding support to rural communities and hurting the Canadians who live there.

Brian Mulroney cut rural postal routes and wants to shut down every community post office. Canadians will have to travel even farther to get their mail if Mulroney gets his way. Communities will lose an important daily focal point.

Brian Mulroney has cut Canada's vital system of rail transportation, abandoning many of the branch lines that link small towns with cities and regional centres. Some lines have been rehabilitated, but only to suit short-term Conservative political aims, not to serve the needs of communities.

Meanwhile, farm families have been squeezed off the land in growing numbers under a Conservative government. Between May 1987 and May 1988, 24,000 farm sector jobs disappeared in Western Canada alone. Agriculture Canada reports that one farmer in 12 is now on the verge of bankruptcy because they are caught between depressed prices and accelerating debt.

Nobody really knows what John Turner and the Liberals would do to help rural Canadians. In opposition the Liberals have opposed many of the same policies they supported while in government. But rural Canadians remember that when the Liberals were in government they let down farm communities, fishing villages, outports, northern communities and single-industry towns. The Liberals abolished the Crow Rate, let interest rates run wild, changed the Bank Act to allow more service charges and let Canada Post deteriorate. They reduced coastal search and rescue spending, endangering the lives of fishermen.



**This time, Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats...  
for a fair deal for our rural communities**

Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats stand up for rural Canadians. We are fighting for legislation restricting bank service charges. We are fighting Brian Mulroney's plans to reduce rural postal service. We believe that escalating costs and falling prices must be dealt with if family farms, Canada's fisheries and small businesses are to survive.

New Democrats have also fought for an integrated transportation system that would better serve rural communities and regional economies.

**A COMMITMENT TO RURAL CANADA**

A New Democratic government is committed to:

- ensuring the preservation of the family farm
- providing greater support for families in rural communities
- restoring vital transportation links with urban centres
- restoring postal service to rural communities
- introducing a federal program to upgrade rural infrastructure
- introducing a single-industry town fund to help single industry communities diversify
- providing services to meet the needs of rural women for child care



# FAIRNESS FOR ABORIGINAL PEOPLES IN CANADA

Most Canadians understand that aboriginal peoples in Canada are still suffering the effects of historical injustices. They understand their demand for the right to self-government. They want an end to their years of waiting for the same educational opportunities, social conditions and economic security that other Canadians enjoy.

**Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats** share the goal of Canadian Indian, Inuit and Metis people for self-government. They strongly believe that only through self-government can aboriginal peoples begin their fight against poverty, injustice and discrimination.

## **The Conservatives, like the Liberals, have ignored the needs of aboriginal peoples**

Brian Mulroney promised government action on aboriginal concerns. But even though Mulroney says he agrees with the idea of aboriginal self-government, his Conservative government has done nothing to make it a reality.

Mulroney failed to follow up after the first ministers didn't agree on self-government. In the Meech Lake Accord he did not ensure self-government becomes a reality.

Brian Mulroney's Conservatives are ashamed of their record. When a United Nations human rights committee wanted to look into the conditions of aboriginal peoples everywhere in the world, the Conservatives fought against it.

A previous UN study showed that Canadian governments had discriminated against Indian women for nearly a century. But Mulroney's Conservatives acted reluctantly and made inadequate resources available to bands to deal with the changes that were required to right this historical wrong.

While the federal budget has tripled over the past 10 years, funding for aboriginal affairs has remained unchanged. Successive Liberal and Conservative governments have let spending stagnate, even though the needs of Indian, Inuit and Metis communities for better housing, improved education, economic development opportunities and health care continue to be unmet.



**This time, Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats...  
for a fair deal for aboriginal people**

Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats believe aboriginal peoples in Canada have waited long enough. The time for fairness is long overdue. The time for self-government is now.

We have fought for action on self-government by the first ministers. As well, New Democrats have worked to get land-claims settlements speeded up. Programs to assist aboriginal organizations to generate employment opportunities, provide training and education and stimulate economic activity have been a priority.

**A COMMITMENT TO CANADA'S ABORIGINAL PEOPLE**

A New Democratic government is committed to:

- calling a first minister's meeting on self-government
- recognizing decision-making powers for development programs belong to the bands and tribal councils themselves
- providing adequate funding for native education, housing and essential community infrastructure like water and sewage to the bands and appropriate native organizations
- restoring justice to Indian women and their children under Bill C-31
- settling <sup>in regard, demands</sup> outstanding land claims
- amending the constitution to eliminate the unanimity provision for territories to become new provinces
- implementing mandatory affirmative action



# FAIRNESS FOR ETHNOCULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND VISIBLE MINORITIES

Canadians are justly proud of their immigrant heritage. Ours is a nation founded and built by successive waves of immigrants, some of whom came to this country seeking a better life; others came as refugees, fleeing for their lives.

**Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats** strongly support Canada's tradition of humanitarianism and we're proud of the opportunities this country has provided. But we also know that for some minorities, the dream of a better life has been marred through conscious and unconscious discrimination.

**The Conservatives, like the Liberals, have ignored the needs of our ethnic and visible minorities**

Brian Mulroney and the Conservatives promised much to Canadian minorities. Yet his government has failed to budget adequately to meet the concerns of minority groups.

Brian Mulroney has heightened tensions by launching attacks on refugees and his government has rejected the requests of Japanese Canadians for compensation for the injustice done them during the Second World War.

Government policy has been to emphasize immigration of well-to-do "entrepreneurs" rather than help reunite average families here in Canada.

It's hard to say where John Turner and the Liberal Party stand on multicultural issues. In spite of many encouraging words from the Liberals, while they were in government, they also failed to compensate Japanese Canadians or to make family reunification a major priority of government. And when John Turner was asked to comment in August 1987 on the Sikh refugee claimants, he said we would have turned the boat back; only to change his position days later.



**This time, Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats...  
for more fairness for our ethnic and cultural minorities**

Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats have fought for the rights of ethnocultural communities and visible minorities.

As well, we are committed to affirmative action programs that make sure minorities, as well as women, native peoples and the disabled, are not barred from jobs or promotion because of discrimination. We have also worked to expand training programs in Canada's official languages.

New Democrats also believe that the Canadian constitution should recognize that our ethnocultural heritage is a fundamental feature of Canadian society. It should also offer stronger protection to visible minorities.

We would continue to stand up for fairness to all Canadians, regardless of origin, race or religion.

**A COMMITMENT TO CANADA'S ETHNIC AND VISIBLE MINORITIES**

A New Democratic government is committed to:

- mandatory affirmative action for minorities in the public service and all federally-regulated businesses #192 #194
- expanding the program for family reunification to include all close family members
- providing greater assistance to help new immigrants integrate themselves into the labour market #20 #21
- providing expanded language training services #87
- fair refugee determination policy and fair immigration legislation #19



# FAIRNESS FOR CANADA'S FARMERS

Canadians are proud of our country's rich heritage as an agricultural producer and exporter. But Canadians are also concerned about the future of Canada's farmers and our rural communities. They know that farm families are currently being squeezed by falling prices and rising input costs. They know, too, that these problems are compounded by severe drought in many parts of the country.

**Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats** share these concerns. We recognize the important contribution of farm families: they produce food to feed Canadians and many others the world over, earning crucial export dollars. The New Democrats are committed to fairness for farm men and women.

## **Brian Mulroney and John Turner: No friends of farm families**

Brian Mulroney made lots of promises to farmers in 1984. He said his Conservatives would help fight farm debt with an Agribond program. He didn't deliver.

Mulroney said he would put a moratorium on rail branch line abandonments.

But in government, the Conservatives have allowed Canadian National and Canadian Pacific to abandon more than 280 rail-line miles over and above the more than 750 miles the Liberals allowed between 1980 and 1984.

Mulroney promised measures to help farm families stay on the land. Instead, his government has overseen the loss of 24,000 agricultural sector jobs between May 1987 and May 1988 alone.

Finally, Mulroney signed a trade deal with Ronald Reagan. This deal spells disaster for Canadian agricultural producers. It allows the US to maintain its export subsidies on grain exports into Canada's traditional markets. It undermines the competitiveness of Canadian dairy and poultry products in the United States. It does irreparable harm to fruit and vegetable growers in Canada.

Mulroney promised to oppose free trade before he was elected. He broke his promise and made a deal with Ronald Reagan.

But farm families can expect little better from John Turner and the Liberals. It was the Liberals who started rail abandonments. It was the Liberals who allowed interest rates to skyrocket. It was the Liberals who first supported a trade deal with the US. It was John Turner who first advocated selling water to the Americans. In opposition, the Liberals opposed the policies they once advocated. No wonder farm families are not sure who John Turner really represents.



## **This time, Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats... for a fair deal for our farmers**

Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats believe it is time for a better deal for Canadian farmers and agricultural communities.

That's why we would introduce policies that really try to come to grips with the crisis facing Canadian agriculture. We would help farm families deal with their crushing debt load, which has reached \$24 billion.

We would help farmers deal with falling grain prices and help to counter the effects of heavy US and European Community subsidies to their farmers.

We would help bolster farm families' dwindling purchasing power, which in 1987 slipped to levels lower than it was during the Great Depression.

New Democrats are committed to long-term policies that favour the continued viability of Canadian agriculture and that offer hope to future generations of farmers.

### **A COMMITMENT TO CANADIAN FARMERS**

A New Democratic government would:

- <sup>mise en place</sup> implement price and production guarantees that would ensure farmers a fair return on their labour and investment, as well as guarantee farmers' basic production in the event of shortfall or disaster
- provide additional price and production stabilization
- review cost of production formulae and the Agricultural Stabilization Act with an eye to enhancing existing marketing boards and supply management systems
- restructure the Farm Credit Corporation to ease family farm debt and provide practical alternatives for intergenerational transfers of farm land as well as giving better support to young farmers
- introduce tax fairness to the family farm by:
  - restoring 5-year block averaging to farm families to deal with price instability and weather
  - preserving cash-basis accounting for the calculation of losses for tax purposes
  - reiterating our support for the lifetime \$500,000 lifetime capital gains exemption
- improve grain handling and transportation by improving port facilities and rail roadbeds
- introduce changes to legislation to allow substantial farm-input savings
- fund research and development to deal with changing climatic conditions



# FAIRNESS FOR SMALL BUSINESS IN CANADA

Canadians want their government to create a climate where small businesses will flourish. They recognize the important role of small business in creating jobs and in serving their communities. They know that small businesses have been the major source of new job creation in recent years.

**Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats** share the belief that a fairer deal for small business means more jobs for Canadians. We know that small business needs the support of better credit, marketing and advisory services.

## **Brian Mulroney, like the Liberals, is putting our small businesses at risk**

Brian Mulroney's trade deal with Ronald Reagan threatens small business. The deal opens the door to wide-open American competition and foreign investment, threatening thousands of takeovers by US firms. By giving away Canadians' right to screen takeover bids, Mulroney has sacrificed our ability to make sure we get a fair share of the jobs and production generated by our own market.

Small businesses are overwhelmingly Canadian-owned. These are businesses that reinvest their profits in their own communities. Losing them means losing jobs. A Statistics Canada study shows that for \$1 billion in profits, Canadian-owned companies created 5,700 new jobs. For the same \$1 billion, US-owned firms created a mere 17 jobs in Canada.

American firms seeking to compete in Canada need only slightly increase their production capacity. Often they already have established dealer networks. And the spill-over of American media in Canada means that frequently their products are already household names.

American businesses can adequately serve the small Canadian market from their larger and cheaper operations in the US Sun Belt where employees work for minimum wage and few benefits. In fact, there is virtually nothing to stop an American-based corporation from buying a Canadian industry on a Monday, just to close it down on a Tuesday and move all the jobs and production into a US factory on a Wednesday.

The Mulroney-Reagan trade deal does not even secure fair access for Canadian exports to the US market. The dispute settlement procedure that Mulroney said was his "bottom line" will not protect Canadians against unfair US trade practices; it will only decide whether existing US law has been applied properly, not whether a US retaliatory action is unfair.



In addition to their misguided trade deal, the Conservatives have threatened the life-blood of small business and the Canadian consumer. Increases in personal and sales taxes on average families of over \$1,000 a year have hurt the demand for the goods and services that small businesses produce.

The Mulroney government has ignored the demands of the small business sector, who like consumers, want protection from unfair bank service charges. The chartered banks are still being allowed to continue such "reprehensible" and "objectionable" charges as NSF penalties and charges resulting from bank errors.

And when small businesses remember the Liberals, they remember the massive personal tax increases they imposed. They also remember the record interest rates of over 20% that robbed small businesses of much needed capital. And they remember that it was John Turner that introduced the major tax breaks in the early 1970's that benefitted large corporations at the expense of small business.

**This time, Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats...  
for a fair deal for small business**

Ed Broadbent and New Democrats believe that investing in small and medium sized Canadian-owned businesses makes good economic sense. Ensuring that more loans to small business at the same rates given to big business, encouraging lower and stable interest rates, and providing adequate support services mean small business would have the confidence to expand and create jobs.

**A COMMITMENT TO CANADA'S SMALL BUSINESSES**

A New Democratic government is committed to:

- Ensuring large corporations pay their fair share of taxes so that small and medium sized business don't carry more than their share of the burden
- Targetting tax breaks toward small and medium-sized firms
- Fuelling job creation throughout the country through lower, stable interest rates
- Providing better credit, marketing and advisory services to small and medium sized business to facilitate increased exports 403
- Expanding affordable credit to small and medium-sized firms through changes to the Federal Business Development Bank and other financial institutions
- ensuring small and medium sized business have equal access to government contracts
- introducing regulations governing the banks' use of service charges



# FAIRNESS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

## PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

Canadians overwhelmingly support strong government initiatives to protect our environment. They recognize that a clean, safe environment is not only a benefit to all Canadians today, but a legacy that we must pass on to future generations.

**Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats** agree that clear lakes to swim in, fresh water to drink and clean air to breathe represent more than just a dream of a bygone era. They are necessary to our survival and continued prosperity. We know that our rivers, lakes, forests, shorelines, beaches, range lands and wilderness areas must be preserved and protected.

### **Brian Mulroney, like the Liberals, has neglected our environment**

Brian Mulroney and his Conservative government believe large corporations when they say they cannot afford to protect the environment with proper waste control. Mulroney agrees when corporate representatives say it costs too much to install pollution control equipment. It's all part of the Conservatives' unfairly favouring large corporations instead of listening to ordinary Canadians.

Brian Mulroney's Conservatives like the Liberals before them are running Canada into an environmental deficit. They put short-term profits ahead of long-term costs. They squander our resource capital. They are incurring a massive environmental debt, even though this means our children and their children will be saddled with the costs of cleaning up after us.

Brian Mulroney and his Conservative government have consistently put the environment last on all international negotiations. When the Americans say they cannot reduce acid rain causing sulphur dioxide emissions, Mulroney agrees. When European nations ask Mulroney to join with them in reducing nitrogen oxides, Mulroney refuses. When American trade negotiators ask for concessions that will hurt the Canadian environment, Mulroney says okay.

Brian Mulroney promised to do something about the way acid rain from the United States is devastating Canada's lakes, forests and farmland. But although Mulroney talks tough, all he has done is relied on his "special relationship" with Ronald Reagan. Meanwhile American power plants continue to produce acid rain, and Mulroney does nothing to put a stop to it.



John Turner's Liberals failed equally to safeguard our environment. They have always treated the environment as a secondary issue. They took no steps to reduce acid rain or clean up some of the damage already done. They oversaw the destruction of much of our water and land. In short, the Liberals are responsible for much of the environmental mess we are in today.

**This time, Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats...  
for a cleaner environment**

Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats would make environmental protection an immediate priority, not a future goal. Cleaning up and protecting our communities, land and water is not only environmentally necessary, it also makes good economic sense. New Democrats have led the fight for wilderness areas. We've led the fight for safe drinking water and clean air. We'll continue to push for a clean and healthy environment both at home and abroad.

**A COMMITMENT TO OUR ENVIRONMENT**

A New Democratic government is committed to:

- a vigorous pursuit of a treaty on acid rain with the United States
- bringing in a safe drinking water act
- establishing an environmental clean up fund to deal with toxic waste disposal
- sharing the cost of construction of new sewage treatment facilities
- bringing in an environmental bill of rights with clout
- establishing a federal environmental contingency fund
- the adoption of Canadian norms on air, water and soil pollution
- requiring mandatory testing of new chemical products and biotechnologies before they go on the market
- cleaning up the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence Seaway
- reducing Canadian use of freon and other ozone destroying chemicals

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# FAIRNESS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS PEACE AND SECURITY

Canadians believe it's time to abandon the tired old Cold War view of the world. They know that in this age of weapons of mass destruction, there is no cause more important than international cooperation and world peace. And they want Canada to continue to expand its role to promote peace and nuclear disarmament.

**Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats** agree. We recognize the need to strengthen our own defence and sovereignty. But we also believe that peace depends on government action to promote the common security of all nations. Canada and other nations must actively pursue war-prevention measures such as restrictions on arms sales that fuel Third World conflicts. We must help developing nations achieve the independence and security that will allow them to pay their own way. And we must work together in international organizations like the United Nations.

## **The Conservatives, like the Liberals, are mired in the past**

Brian Mulroney and the Conservatives still live in the past. They want to spend \$8-16 billion on dangerous and expensive nuclear submarines. Yet these vessels will do nothing to enhance our chances for peace and will instead drag Canada into an offensive nuclear strategy.

Mulroney has rejected world leaders' and defence experts' call for a broader vision. Instead of recognizing environmental, political and economic problems, the Conservatives continue to rely on an ever-increasing arms race.

Mulroney's purchase of nuclear submarines will force cancellation of other expenditures that would help modernize our armed forces. Liberal neglect has left Canada without a realistic, independent plan for defence of our sovereignty.

Mulroney even refused to stop Canadian firms from taking part in Ronald Reagan's Star Wars project and has not ruled out Canadian participation through NORAD.

Brian Mulroney's Conservatives and John Turner's Liberals would both contribute to the growth of the world's deadly arsenals and to the arms spiral. They have both supported cruise missile testing in Canada and both favour continued use of tax dollars to build and export parts for nuclear weapons and missile guidance systems.



**This time, Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats...  
for a commitment to peace and nuclear disarmament**

New Democrats offer an alternative. We believe that the vision of common security, a view that acknowledges all countries' need to be assured they will not be subject to attack, is the only sound basis on which to build Canada's defence. We believe that Canada's territory and sovereignty must be protected.

New Democrats would enhance Canada's role in the world by joining like-minded nations to build alliances for peace.

As well, we would increase Canadian participation in Third World development by increasing our long-term commitment to aid projects from the 0.5 percent of our Gross National Product going to development assistance, to 0.7 percent by 1992.

New Democrats will continue their efforts, because without peace, there is no future for our children.

**A COMMITMENT TO PEACE AND SECURITY**

A New Democratic government is committed to:

- build on the success of recent reductions in nuclear weapons to extend the arms control and disarmament process
- re-deploying our forces in Europe to other tasks at home and internationally
- upgrading our air and maritime command to ensure a modern and rational alternative to protect our sovereignty
- ending Cruise missile testing and any participation in an Air Defence Initiative or Star Wars
- negotiating a new air defence agreement with the United States to replace the NORAD agreement that runs until 1991
- negotiating new common security agreements with partners with a view to eventually withdrawing from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in a subsequent term



# FAIRNESS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS PRESERVING OUR CULTURAL TRADITIONS

Canadians are proud of our unique cultural achievements of the past and we look forward with confidence to building on these achievements for the future. Canadians also recognize the importance of a modern Canadian system of communications that make it possible for all Canadians to contribute to a common dialogue about our varied past and about the future of our country.

**Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats** are proud of the unique cultural and linguistic character of Canada and of the distinct society of Quebec. We are proud of the past cultural achievements of our peoples. And we are enthusiastic about the possibilities that modern communications open up, because we believe that Canadians from all regions and all backgrounds can and should contribute to the national dialogue.

## **The Conservatives, like the Liberals, have refused to protect our cultural traditions**

Brian Mulroney promised to respect our cultural traditions and to stimulate cultural activities and the arts. Instead, his Conservative government has drastically cut funding for cultural groups and artists across Canada. Mulroney's government plans to close 18 National Film Board regional offices in every part of Canada, a move that will reduce Canadians' access to National Film Board releases.

Worse, the Mulroney trade deal threatens to completely change the nature of cultural activity in Canada. Instead of stimulating the production of more and better Canadian television, movies, radio, theatre, printed works, and other cultural forms, the Mulroney deal would mean more American material than ever.

Today, Canadian feature films only account for 3% of screen time in Canada. Prime time television drama is only 2-3% Canadian. 85% of records and tapes sold in Canada are foreign. This trade deal limits dramatically our ability to support and enhance our cultural industries, and to improve on this situation.

To get this deal, Mulroney sabotaged Flora MacDonald's film legislation. Other cultural policies have also been abandoned as a direct or indirect result of the trade deal talks. Worse, although Mr. Mulroney claims that cultural industries are exempted in the trade deal, Canada is essentially blocked from adopting new policies to promote Canadian culture.



The Mulroney administration has also launched a systematic assault on the C.B.C. since it came to office four years ago. The CBC's budget has been slashed in real terms from 905 million dollars in 1984-85 to 775 million in 1988-89. The Communications Minister's election-year promise of 20 million dollars for English services and 15 million dollars for French services doesn't even come close to making up for the damage caused by the Conservatives' four year vendetta against public broadcasting in Canada. Moreover, the Conservatives' new broadcast policy fails to respect the spirit or the letter of recent reports on the future of Canadian broadcasting.

Mulroney has used cultural agencies like Telefilm Canada, as patronage reserves for friends of the Conservative Party, rather than appointing talented Canadian men and women with experience in culture and the arts.

Meanwhile, nobody really knows what John Turner and the Liberals stand for. When they were in government, the Liberals began the CBC cutbacks, attacked the independence of cultural agencies, and tried to shut down National Film Board regional offices, policies they opposed when Mulroney did the same. It's not surprising, then, that Canadians don't know who the Liberals represent.

**This time, Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats...  
for a commitment to our cultural traditions and future  
generations**

Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats want measures that will give all Canadians opportunities in the arts and cultural industries. We have supported the CBC, National Film Board, Telefilm and the Canada Council and have fought to ensure that these key agencies continue to receive the funding needed to do their jobs.

New Democrats have also worked to revive the arm's-length relationship between cultural agencies and the government. This "hands off" approach has been badly damaged by Mulroney's patronage appointments.

We also want fair funding for cultural organizations and artists in every part of the country. We support the enactment of status of the artist legislation along the lines of Quebec's Bill 90, to assist artists to enjoy the economic benefits of their work.

**A COMMITMENT TO OUR CULTURAL TRADITIONS**

A New Democratic government is committed to:

- opposing the Mulroney trade deal and its destructive effects on our cultural industry and traditions
- promoting and adequately supporting our cultural agencies while maintaining an arms-length relationship
- ensuring that control of communication tools like radio and television broadcasting remain in Canadian hands
- ensuring a separate market for Canadian film distribution
- respecting and favoring development of the cultural uniqueness of Quebec as a distinct society

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John Turner and the Liberal Party attack the government's scandals. But while they were in government, they lived by patronage. No wonder no one believes John Turner when he says the Liberals would do better.

**This time, Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats...  
for a more fair, open and honest approach to government**

Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats agree with the vast majority of Canadians when they say enough is enough. We believe that government can do better. We know that Canadians do not demand perfection from their government. But they do demand fairness and honesty. They want a government that will listen to their concerns. They want a government that will stand up for them. And they want a government that has the integrity to say what it means and mean what it says.

Ed Broadbent and the New Democrats are working for a government that reflects the fairness, openness and honesty Canadians want.

**A COMMITMENT TO FAIRNESS, OPENNESS AND HONESTY**

A New Democratic government would:

- initiate a public consultation on ethics in government
- provide greater fairness through open and more competitive bidding for government contracts
- review appointments to government agencies through an all-party committee
- reform election financing legislation
- establish clear and specific guidelines for major government procurement before competitions begin and then stick to the rules

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