



A BETTER CANADA IS POSSIBLE

Promoting Canadian independence, democracy and economic justice in an interdependent world.



CANADIAN SOVEREIGNTY

For years, Canadians have been told that the closer we are to the United States' policies, the better off we'll be. But after more than 15 years of free trade, we know that's not true.

What's been a bonanza for big corporations and private investors has been bad news for the rest of us – and for the public good. Our resources and the environment are under threat. Our health care and other public services are being cut and privatized. Our jobs and the promise of a living wage are being steadily eroded.

Now, powerful corporate lobbyists and politicians are calling for even deeper ties with the United States. The Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America, an agreement

recently signed by Canada, Mexico and the U.S., is paving the way for Canada to integrate our security measures with those of the United States, surrender control of our energy supplies, sell off our water, and harmonize our food and drug testing policies with lower U.S. standards.

But not everyone agrees that corporate profits should trump the public interest.

We're The Council of Canadians. We believe that Canadians and the world are best served by a strong, independent and diverse Canada. We work with grassroots activists, seniors, students, community groups, unions and other organizations to prove that a better Canada, and a better world, is possible.

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE

The Council of Canadians is a public interest organization that works to protect Canadian sovereignty by promoting progressive, independent national policies on fair trade, clean water, safe food, public health care, and other issues of social and economic concern to Canadians. We have members and chapters across the country.

We develop creative campaigns to put some of the country's most important issues into the spotlight. We organize speaking tours, days of action, conferences and demonstrations. We also produce research reports, create popular materials, and work with individuals and organizations across the country and around the world. We do all of this to ensure that governments know the kind of Canada we want.

Over the years, working with others, we have won many victories, including:

- ✦ Forcing Ottawa to withdraw its so-called "seniors' benefit," which would have robbed seniors of millions of dollars in retirement income.
- ✦ Blocking the Multilateral Agreement on Investment, which would have given corporations even greater powers to challenge laws that protect Canadian citizens and the environment.
- ✦ Stopping the introduction of Bovine Growth Hormone in cows, which would have contaminated Canadian milk with a dangerous additive linked to cancer.
- ✦ Defeating the Voluntary Water Accord, which would have allowed provinces to export unlimited quantities of water, and left all Canadian water open to export under the North American Free Trade Agreement.

CITIZEN DEMOCRACY

If you believe that our social programs and public services should be strengthened, not privatized; that our foreign and trade policies should be independent, not subservient to the United States; and that our water and natural resources should be protected, not exploited, please join us as a member.

To join the nearest chapter, or to discuss starting a new one, call your regional organizer:

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"If you want to know who is going to change this country, take a look in the mirror."

Maude Barlow,
National Chairperson

JOIN US TODAY!

Complete the form below and return it with your membership contribution.

Yes! I want to join The Council of Canadians.

Enclosed is my membership contribution of:

\$45 \$6 (fixed income)

I would like to pay by:

Cheque (payable to The Council of Canadians)

OR

Visa MasterCard

Card Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

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Your Name: _____

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- Yes! I would like to be contacted by my local chapter of The Council of Canadians.
- Yes! I would like to receive occasional email updates from The Council of Canadians.
- Please do not trade my name with other organizations.

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