

INCREASING INTERNATIONAL TRADE?

It is a puzzling question, it should be to make things better for everybody but I get the feeling when watching these politicians that it's really to make things better for themselves.

The question is can we survive without global trade? Or do we want to, do we want to be the Sweden of North America.

Trudeau was a world player in the political realm and Mulroney wants to do it any way he can. He can't make it in the political realm so he's trying to do it through trade, the free trade deal, importing trade in the form of allowing people to buy immigration. I see Denmark, Sweden and Finland sitting at the top of Europe the way that we sit at the top of the United States and it's my gut feeling that somehow they've worked out how to do that better than we have because we seem to be struggling and they seem to be more content with their situation. And able to produce what they produce well.

Q. FOR THE 1990'S THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS GOING TO SPEND A LOT OF EFFORT AND ENERGY AND ATTENTION ON GETTING CANADA IN THE WORLD MARKET. ASSUME THAT THAT IS TRUE FOR THE NEXT FIFTEEN MINUTES. WHAT'S IT GOING TO MEAN TO YOU AND YOUR JOB, WHAT'S IT GOING TO MEAN IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF JOBS IN CANADA, IN TERMS OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, JOB TRAINING, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO HAVE TO DO, WHAT'S IT GOING TO DO?

A lot of manufacturers are moving to the United States and Mexico. I don't see our trade increasing.

P. SO WE'RE GOING TO BE WORKING FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS TO TURN THAT AROUND, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

We need to spend more money on scientists and research and development and less money on lawyers and bureaucrats.

Thank-you.

Absolutely, yeah.

We have to focus our training and education on things that will create more jobs. If we are going to go global then we need to have uniquely Canadian products that are made here first and can get world patents so that nobody else makes them for ten or twelve years. We've got the brain power in this country and we've got the creativity...

But the incentive...

...and that's where the money comes in.

It means we all have to get down and work and be more serious, change our lifestyle and I think it's going to get worse for us first because we're going to have to cut back.

P. WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY WORSE?

Inflation, fewer jobs but only for 2 or 3 years and then hopefully...then we'll start saying ok, pick it up.

Well, the government is going to spend more money doing this and we already are 350 billion