

Francis Fukuyama, a policy planner in the US State Department, has initiated a public furor with an article he published entitled "The End of History". Mr. Fukuyama is of the view that with the events in Eastern Europe, history, as the clash of values and ideologies, is now over.

That is a disturbingly narrow perspective. For the peoples of the East, history is not over; it has just begun. The values they have cherished - and which we share - are only now beginning to be fulfilled. And the values we hold together must now be fulfilled elsewhere, where the struggle for justice and freedom remains unwon.

As we start the final decade of the millennium, Canadians are fortunate to be on the hinge of history. We will do our part, as we can and we must, to ensure that the new renaissance on an old continent comes to pass.