Well, that's a good question.

I think she's right. It's not simple. I think we have to ... there's a difference between our needs and our wants.

I think we're in a very unfortunate position as far as television goes. I think we are about the only country in the world that is so influenced by another country's television. We see so much of the wealthy people in the States that it's disappointing.

Q. WHO DO YOU THINK OVER THE NEXT PERIOD OF TIME CAN PLAY THE MOST POSITIVE ROLE IF WE WERE TO BECOME MORE INTERNATIONALLY COMPETITIVE BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT, INDIVIDUAL WORKERS, ACADEMICS?

It's a package, you can't blame any one group. I's a package of everything.

We have to work together.

The whole attitude has got to change, they've got to start working hand in hand.

You can't educate yourself when you are trying to do it. We have to take the time, call it isolationist if you like, but we are politically behind other nations. We're economically naive and as a trading partner we're just a gem, everyone wants to trade with us, we give things away. We've got to isolate ourselves, look at our faults and then look at where it can be fixed. It's got to be us, the peasants if you will, we have to live under whatever decisions are made and therefore, we should be making the decisions.

Q. WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE GOVERNMENT NOW, SAY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR THE PROVINCES, IS THERE A PLAN, ARE THERE PIECES IN PLACE FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE, DO YOU SEE A STRATEGY?

Not to our benefit.

P. IS THE GST, THE CHANGES IN UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE OR ANY OF THOSE THINGS RELATED TO MAKING US MORE COMPETITIVE?

Let's go back to the old system. In Russia they've got a good system, if you don't want to work you don't have to eat. I agree with that philosophy but when you get in your 60's, you have worked for 50 years, it's time that you sit down now, you've earned it.

What about the people that skip the border for eight months and come back for four months just so that they can pay their OHIP...

P. SO OUR SOCIAL PROGRAMS ARE TOO GOOD WE SHOULD CUT THEM BACK?

We should put them in the right place.

I think you have to streamline them, I don't think you have to cut them.

The administrative waste is beyond belief...

P. AND HOW DOES THIS RELATE BACK TO INTERNATIONAL TRADE?

If we've got more money and less taxes we're on an economically viable footing where we can possibly have some impact with free trade. We can't right now, there's too much internal mess.

This is one of the things the United States doesn't like about Canada. They say that we have