

of the most ambitious social programs introduced in this country since medicare?

So, what exactly are the critics afraid of? What are they talking about?

Who knows? But, I'll tell you what we are talking about.

We are talking about an agreement that will make our economy stronger and more internationally competitive. This, in turn, will make Canada a stronger country, even more confident in its own identity and its unique social and cultural fabric.

This Agreement represents a new vision of Canada as a strong, dynamic country which has a leading role to play in the world and the confidence to play it.

It is about jobs and economic growth, now and into the 21st century. It is about opportunities for growth for regions of this country which, up to now, have not had their fair share of the wealth generated by our economy.

It is about sovereignty because only an economically strong country can support our unique social programs and cultural policies.

Most of all, it is about securing and enhancing access to our largest export market.

This bold vision of Canada frightens our critics.

They have opted for the politics of fear and anxiety. They offer you policies for the timid, not policies for the bold.

Their lack of faith in enterprising Canadians would lead us back to the nineteenth century.

We believe in a Canada that is enterprising and innovative.

As Paul Reichmann was quoted as saying last Fall in Macleans Magazine:

"Americans work hard. Canadians work better. We will prosper in a free trade deal."

We share that view.

I ask you to judge which vision of Canada will lead us successfully into the next century.

Thank you.