

- Canadian society and Newfoundland society are more deeply-rooted and more mature than something that could be swept away by increased trade with the U.S.

Myth #10

- John Turner and Ed Broadbent say that our sovereignty is in peril, that under the Free Trade Agreement we are on our way to becoming the 51st state.

Facts

- These are no more than dark fears conjured up without reference to what the Free Trade Agreement actually does - provide for improved rules for commercial trade between Canada and the U.S.
- Canadians can choose to enter the Free Trade Agreement and they can choose to end it any time they want, on six months notice. That is the choice of a sovereign nation.
- For me, sovereignty has one further practical test - the ability of a nation to control its destiny. By that test Canada gains sovereignty through the Free Trade Agreement, by being placed on an equal footing with the U.S. in applying a common set of rules for resolving trade disputes and by achieving greater opportunities for development as a rising economic power.
- That is the reality ... not the myth ... of sovereignty that I want to achieve for Canadians.

Those are ten reasons to support Free Trade, those are ten myths about Free Trade. I believe that Canadians have the determination and the fair-mindedness to sort through the facts and the myths. I believe that when the time comes to decide, they will strongly support the Free Trade Agreement.