

expression, Canadians would reject it and us. It will not include such elements, and I would not associate myself with an arrangement that did.

Any change excites fear, and certainly some of the criticisms of our trade initiative are almost frantic in their fear. Let me deal briefly with two of those arguments of fear.

One is the fear that we will lose our independence, particularly in foreign policy. The other is the fear that Canadians can't compete. Both fears sell Canada short.

Naturally, Canada and the United States agree on a number of foreign policy questions. We are both North American nations, with democratic traditions, and free societies and economies. We also agree, on most foreign policy questions, with other open societies - Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Australia, Japan, the Nordics, and a long list of other countries. But because we agree with Holland on NATO doesn't make us Dutch. Because we agree with Australia on freer trade in agriculture doesn't make us Aussies. The standard for judging a Canadian policy should not be whether it agrees or differs with some other country. The standard should be whether it serves Canada's interests. It is absurd to suggest that we compromise our independence when we agree with the Americans on some international issue. It would be equally absurd to assume that taking issue with the Americans, over anything at all, makes us somehow more sovereign.

Let me take the case of the NDP. They want Canada out of NATO. They are, incidentally, more extreme in their position than are the socialist parties of Britain, Germany, Italy, or any other NATO country. Even among socialists, the NDP stands alone in wanting to take its nation out of NATO. In my view that reflects a fundamental anti-Americanism that colors NDP policy in trade, in defence, and other international questions. But I refer to it today because it is also a position that is contrary to Canada's interests, not simply in traditional defence, but in arms control. Six days ago, I was in Brussels, with other NATO Foreign Ministers, taking part directly in discussions that may lead the world, finally, to net reductions in nuclear arms. That is in Canada's interests. Yet the NDP thinks Canada shouldn't be there. We believe it is better to be changing from the inside rather than preaching from the outside.