

P. THE WORK ETHIC?

The work ethic and everything, we've got to change and it starts in grade one.

I agree with you.

P. WHAT OTHER THINGS DO WE NEED TO DO, A LOT OF PEOPLE TALK ABOUT COMPETITION BUT DO WE DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT?

Competition is such a good thing but when it comes down to it you've got one winner and a bunch of losers. That's what you get when you have competition. I think when you're talking trade and competition, the word fair should go in between, fair competition, fair trade not free trade.

P. WHAT DOES THE WORD COMPETITIVE MEAN TO YOU?

It means a wheeler, a winner, and a bunch of people that are runners up. We will always, with this mentality, be the runners up. We don't have the political will because we don't have the political leadership. We don't have the knowledge to vote for somebody that's just giving us a slick, we vote for the people that give us the slickest line.

P. DO YOU THINK WE'D BE LOSERS IN EVERY SECTOR OF THE ECONOMY THAT WE ENTER IN TO?

Not if we exported snow and ice.

P. IN NEW YORK THEY'RE PRETTY ALARMED BY HOW WELL OUR REAL ESTATE AND INVESTMENT AGENTS DO?

They're just Canadian guys using American money to buy and sell American real estate.

It's not working to our benefit, it's not coming into your pocket or my pocket unless they build. In which case, it's all being controlled out of the States even though they are in the Canadian name.

P. DO YOU THINK THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT WE COULD BE THINKING ABOUT IN THE NEXT TEN YEARS?

A person with no sense of history is bound to make the same stupid mistakes all over again.

Q. IF I TURN TO YOU TOMORROW AND SAY HERE IS A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO CAN CHANGE THINGS IN CANADA, I'VE JUST APPOINTED YOU BIG FANCY TRADE JOBS WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS?

Change the mentality.

Lower the prices of everything to start with. It's so crazy, you can't even go to the gas station to fill up your tank. Lower the prices and take away some of the taxes.

My plan is to make the taxes more fair and the government should put their money in places that it's needed instead of bailing out big companies.

I would put money into the education system right at the grass roots, turn this education system around and get these kids literate by the time they are five years old. They start school too late, their ideas are too firmly set.