

I make no secret of my support for the cause of Ukrainian independence in my letters to the Prime Minister and in my previous statements in this House. The will of the people to be united, to join together, is the essence of democratic culture.

I urge Canada to support Ukraine in the outcome of this referendum.

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#### REFORM PARTY OF CANADA

**Mr. Felix Holtmann (Portage—Interlake):** Mr. Speaker, it is hard to believe a new political party in Canada has a dictator at its helm.

It is the “gospel truth according to Preston”. *The Calgary Sun* has reported a secret Reform Party memo saying that Preston Manning must control and correct party members’ input and policy.

To all those who have joined this party, you have been duped by a political evangelist into believing the Reform Party agenda is grass roots driven.

Manning’s theory is simple: “My way or the highway”. As one Reformer put it: “This puts a lie to everything the Party espouses”.

To members of the Reform Party, you will be welcome back to the Conservative Party, your views will not be screened by this Prime Minister or any other Party authority. Your ideas and your input will not be censored.

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#### LIBERAL PARTY OF CANADA

**Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg Transcona):** Mr. Speaker, first the Liberals flip-flopped on the gulf war.

Then, they did a backward reverse on the U.S. Canada free trade deal followed by a belly flop on the GST. As one senior Liberal said: “If we knew what we wanted to do, it would be a lot easier to communicate it to everybody”.

Last weekend, Liberals found out that their unclear policies are fine because other than embracing the Tory principles of unbridled trade and competitiveness through poverty, there is nothing they would do if elected.

The Leader of the Opposition thinks that globalization is a fact of life.

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Mr. Speaker, unlike the Liberals and Conservatives, New Democrats believe that poverty, unemployment and pollution do not have to be facts of life, that we do not have to sell out to the multinationals.

To the majority of Canadians who agree and who do not have to choose between tweedledum and tweedledee, I say: “Welcome to the NDP”.

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#### SYLVIE LAVOIE

**Mr. Marcel R. Tremblay (Québec—Est):** Mr. Speaker, today I would like to tell you about a young judo expert who lives in my riding. Seventeen-year-old Sylvie Lavoie was chosen by Judo Canada to represent Quebec and Canada at the Pan-American Junior Judo Championships in Medellin, Colombia.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to point out and mention the courage and perseverance of this young Canadian sports-woman, who as we speak is striving for a place of honour and a gold medal. I believe it is important to support our youth who hold an important place in our community and our country. I conclude by saying to them, “Work very hard, spare no effort, be determined and you will become a symbol of national pride.” We need young people who are strong, disciplined, eager and above all determined, Mr. Speaker.

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#### CAPE BRETON ECONOMY

**Mr. David Dingwall (Cape Breton—East Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, last Sunday a parade of concern in Sydney, Nova Scotia, drew thousands of people to the streets.

Cape Bretoners are tired of being blamed for government failures. We are tired of having decisions made in the offices of bureaucrats without consulting the very people these decisions affect.

We have seen phoney companies with phoney job applications arriving like vultures, ready to feed off people’s misfortunes. The president of Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency said in Sydney, and I quote: “It is illiteracy and rotten weather that keeps companies out of Cape Breton”.