

I am exercising, as the Foreign Minister of this country, that difference. I am exercising that independent Canadian policy every day. We are doing it in fields like trade.

Those of you interested in agriculture and all of its aspects will know that one of the major problems we face now are protectionist policies mounted by the United States and by the European Community. One of the most effective responses that has ever been mounted to those policies has been the formation of the so-called Cairns Group of fair traders in agriculture. Canada was in the lead with Australia to ensure that we are able to organize our efforts to try to change the subsidy practices that cause such problems and cast such shadows on our grape industry, our wheat industry, and on other industries in this country.

That is an independent Canadian foreign policy. That is Canada - asserting our distinctive nature in the world.

Mr. Broadbent (if he can stand back from predicting the end of the country) wants to consider the differences between Canada and the United States. I wouldn't suggest that he ask Bob White, but I could suggest people whom he could ask.

He could ask Rajiv Gandhi whether there is a difference between Canada and the United States. Rajiv Gandhi would tell him about the difference.

He could ask Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, about the differences between Canada and the United States. Prime Minister Mugabe would tell him the difference.

He could ask Margaret Thatcher if there is a difference between Canada and the United States and Margaret Thatcher would tell him the difference.

He could ask Francois Mitterrand about the differences between Canada and the United States and Francois Mitterrand would tell him the difference.