

place. The N.L.P. fully supports equal opportunity and equal pay for work of equal value.

The N.L.P. will alleviate the national daycare problem by providing tax credits to women who would prefer to stay home to take care of their children. This will stop single women with children from being forced into the workplace.

Violence against women is a major problem in Canada today. The N.L.P. believes that no amount of government legislation restricting perpetrators will put a stop to this crime. The only real solution is to reduce the prime cause of this problem- stress.

Individual stress is a major cause of crime. Scientific experiments have shown that crime of all sorts can be attributed to the negative side-effects of stress, including violence in the home as well as street crime. Accordingly, a reduction in the negative side effects of stress will result in a reduction in crime. Several times, Cameron quoted a study done in Washington D.C., U.S.A.,

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one of the most crime-ridden cities in North America, to illustrate the power of T.M. For a period of fifty-five days, four thousand people practised Transcendental Meditation. By the end of that period, the crime rate had dropped 35% below predicted levels based on previous years' statistics.

The military will be down-sized because of the harmonious spirit fostered by the practice of T.M.- freeing up money for pursuits that help people live "spontaneously in accordance with Natural Law".

Cameron says, Canada's education system neglects a major aspect of human development. The ignorance of the benefits of T.M. is the culprit. Present education methods tap only 5% of the human brain's potential. Some of the money saved by reduced costs in other areas of government will be spent in making education a cost-free right of every Canadian for as long as they live.

Jobs would be immediately created by the immediate demand for instructors of Transcendental Meditation. As the practice of T.M. usually produces greater awareness of the environment, many more people will be attracted to primary industries like farming, reversing the long-standing twentieth century trend towards secondary and tertiary industries. Also, jobs will always be available for the clean-up of the environment. In five years Cameron predicts unemployment will be an obsolete term.

ED FOBES

# Waste of quality TV time

## Debate turns into juvenile personal attacks

**B**eing a news writer, and being interested in the election, I decided I would write an article on the debate between the five leaders of the main political parties in Canada held Monday night. Now for me to sacrifice Northern Exposure to watch these important Canadian politicians was not a big deal...in the beginning, that is.

I thought that perhaps I might be able to give you some answers to the many questions Canadians have for each candidate. What a joke. I thought wrong.

It was definitely a night to see who could talk the loudest over the others. I have seen three-year-old children behave better than these leaders did Monday night. They weren't listening to each other when they were yelling at each other, and I highly doubt that much of the viewing public were interested in trying to figure out what each of them were yelling.

I suppose if we were in that position, we would do all we could do to get our point across. Unfortunately, once we interrupt each other, and try to yell louder than the others, then we lose our point in the crossfire.

The format of the debate was slightly different from the regular stop watch, 'time is up', style. They did not put time limits on the candidates answers to questions posed by four journalists. There were times, though, that mediator, Ann Medina had to interrupt and cut them off. This was usually when the candidates were bickering endlessly about something.

This debate gave the audience the opportunity to ask questions. This is a new approach in a political debate, and it allowed other subject areas, such as the fishery, agriculture, and child poverty, to be covered instead of just the deficit, unemployment, and immigration. Often the every day Canadian can ask a more relevant question than our political journalists can.

Preston Manning of the Reform Party had to be the calmest one there, although he did seem to have a definite talent for talking with his right hand moving in a circular motion. Sometimes I had to shake myself out of the hypnosis that his hand was putting me into. I guess I forgot to listen to what he was saying and not how he was

saying it.

Kim Campbell did have a plan or two last night. She said "you asked for a plan, here's a plan" so I guess we can't complain about her being vague anymore.

Jean Chretien, leader of the Liberal Party, and Audrey MacLaughlin, leader of the New

Democratic Party (N.D.P.), were able to bring up Kim Campbell's helicopter project three times while debating unrelated topics. By the way, you may want to know that the Liberals support this project, and Chretien

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said he would not change the plan to replace the forty-year-old helicopters that we now have.

Lucien Bouchard, leader of the Bloc Quebecois, is singular in thought: separate Quebec from Canada. Well, I found it really hard to listen to him because I can't even vote for his party, yet because there are so many seats in Quebec there still remains the small possibility that the Bloc Quebecois could form the Official Opposition.

Audrey MacLaughlin often grasped at her main point: NAFTA (the North American Free Trade Deal) is bad for Canada. She asked Chretien why his party didn't vote against NAFTA if he doesn't like the current Free Trade deal with the U.S. Campbell piped up, "you want trade, but you don't want it with anyone specific", in a very disgusted tone of voice.

Other than this we have to give MacLaughlin credit for doing her research (or should I say give her aides credit for doing her research?), because she was able to cite many ugly facts and figures, but I do not believe that she was able to tell us what the N.D.P. would do to change them.

I decided that I probably should have just watched Northern Exposure or Monday Night Football. All this showed me was that a debate is not a good way for Canadians to learn about what each candidate thinks. It provides a good opportunity for this, but until the politicians can learn to control their emotions and behave like calm adults, these debates will be a waste of Canadians' time and money.

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