

NAFTA

THE TRUTH ABOUT FREE TRADE

"We've signed a stunning new trade pact with Canada. The Canadians don't understand what they've signed. In twenty years, they will be sucked into the U.S. economy."

Clayton Yeutter, US trade representative October 3, 1987, the day the Free Trade Agreement was signed

"Yeutter was telling the truth! But our political leaders have never told us the truth. They still pretend that the two fatal agreements are about trade. They still won't admit that the two agreements are licenses to buy Canada lock, stock and barrel..."

The "National Treatment" Clause.

The most under-discussed 'clause' means that foreign investors have the unrestricted right to invest in Canada: (a) without conditions and (b) without limits. We have lost the right to say that only foreign investment that is beneficial to Canada is welcome.

Most Canadians, probably 98 percent, have never heard of the "national treatment" clause which is the one that guarantees our demise as a nation state.

When the FTA was signed, **national treatment was a relatively new concept in international law that gave American investors equal rights in Canada as Canadian citizens...**

NAFTA - Worse than the FTA.

NAFTA is worse than the FTA because **Chapter 11, the dispute settlement clause, allows U.S. and Mexican investors the right to sue us if any of our governments, federal, provincial or municipal, passes or amends a law that affects their profits or future profits...** What kind of a democracy do we have when a foreign corporation can tell the parliament of Canada what laws it can or cannot pass?"

Now or Never

Since the FTA was signed, over 13,000 Canadian companies have been sold to foreigners - about 10,000 to Americans. These include the forest giant MacMillan Bloedel, Le Groupe Forex, Club Monaco, Tim Horton's, Laura Secord, Shoppers Drug Mart, Molson's, the Hudson's Bay Company and the list goes on.

Liberal Industry Minister John Manley told the Financial Post in March, 1999, that foreign ownership restrictions will come off transportation, telecommunications, "and even the banks...Citibank has already bought almost 10 percent of Royal Bank's shares..."

The **Independent Task Force on North America** was a project organised by the U.S. Council on Foreign Relations, the Canadian Council of Chief Executives and the Mexican Council on Foreign Relations. It was chaired by former Canadian politician Liberal John Manley and advocates greater integration between Canada, Mexico and the United States.

It was launched in October 2004 and published two documents - *Trinational Call for a North American Economic and Security Community by 2010* (March 2005) and its final report *Building a North American Community* (May 2005).

DFAIT Regional and Bilateral Agreements

http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/tna-nac/ftaa_neg-e.asp

FTA, NAFTA and the Birth of the 51st State

<http://www.canadianactionparty.ca/PartyInfo/Nafta.asp?Language=English>

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[NAFTA May Force Alberta Government to Give Public Funds to DeVry](#)

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From the Canadian Association of University Teachers

Seven Years Under NAFTA

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Harper ready to talk to Bush about NAFTA's future

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Conservative Leader Stephen Harper says the future of the North American Free Trade Agreement is at a crossroads and if elected he will discuss the future of NAFTA with George W. Bush as soon as possible.



Select Standing Committee on Economic Development, Science, Labour Training and Technology

FIRST REPORT

The North American Free Trade Agreement
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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Will the NAFTA affect the powers of the provinces to legislate in their designated policy areas?
2. Does the NAFTA make Canada a member of a "North American Community" similar to Europe?

3. Will signing NAFTA mean that our supply management systems in agriculture will be phased out?

4. Will Canada have to lower its environmental standards to compete with Mexico and the United States?

5. If it wishes, should British Columbia be able to prohibit or restrict bulk water exports to the United States and Mexico? Will British Columbia be able to do so under the NAFTA?

6. If Canada does not participate in the NAFTA, will we be subject to a "hub-and-spoke" trade relationship with the United States and other North American countries?

7. Does the NAFTA prevent Canada from restricting its exports of oil and gas?

8. Will consumer goods be cheaper under the NAFTA?

9. What are the benefits and disadvantages of agreeing to treat U.S. and Mexican individuals and corporations as Canadian nationals?

10. Is the dispute resolution panels function weakened by the absence of the FTA's requirement for Parties to negotiate a subsidy code and new trade remedy laws?

11. Could Canada's membership in a North American trading bloc inhibit our opportunities to expand and enhance our relations with other trading partners?

12. What is the likely impact of the NAFTA on British Columbia's ability to compete in:

- the forestry value-added sector?
- electronics and applied technology?
- B.C.'s inland and coastal fishery?
- vegetable and food processing industries?
- attracting foreign investments in production to the serve the North American market?

13. Would there be benefit in the Parties agreeing to an enforceable mechanism that provides for an upward harmonization of environmental and labour standards? Does the potential for an international body to determine these questions pose a threat to Canadian jurisdictional sovereignty?

Now in 2007, after 14 years of NAFTA it must make you wonder what their answers would be now?

In the last 14 years we have experienced TILMA, the Security and Prosperity Partnership and now the North American Union.

Canada now has Foreign ownership of over 50% of 35 industries

The Liberals, Conservatives, NDP & Bloc are not calling for the abrogation of NAFTA...but

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