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*Here are some of the highlights of the platform of
the Liberal Party in this election. Further details on each
of the points will be released
as the election campaign progresses.*

*Watch for them. Because this is more than an election.
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1

AFTER FOUR YEARS OF MULRONEY NEGLECT, THE LIBERALS WILL MAKE A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT A TOP PRIORITY

A Liberal government will reverse the Mulroney government's irresponsible cuts to environmental programs.

We will strongly press for a Clean Air Treaty with the U.S.; clean up the St. Lawrence; stamp out gasoline lead emissions by 1990; initiate a toxic waste disposal program that will include PCBs and establish a special clean-up fund for environmental disasters.

We will expand Canada's national parks system and reinstate the vital funding for environmental research that was cut by the Mulroney Conservative government.

We will get tough with environment offenders. Those who abuse our environment will be liable to pay for the clean-up, along with heavier fines and possible imprisonment for persistent and wilful offenders.

We will propose the establishment of an international environment tribunal under the auspices of the U.N. to assist in global environmental protection.

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for the Liberal Party of Canada.

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THERE WILL BE NO MORE TAX GRAB ON THE MIDDLE CLASS

Despite repeated promises not to raise taxes, under four years of Conservative government Canadians have witnessed a massive increase in personal income taxes. Under the first stage of so-called tax reform, families with an income between \$29,000 – \$43,000 are the biggest losers, while families with an income over \$117,000 are the big winners.

A Liberal government will not proceed with stage two of the Mulroney government's tax reform plan, which would introduce a substantial tax increase on virtually every good or service you buy.

This unfair tax would be imposed not only on such items as clothing and footwear, but on services such as housing and home repairs, car repair costs, dental bills and life insurance.

We will stop the Conservative tax grab on the middle class.

3

"NO" TO THE MULRONEY TRADE DEAL!

The Mulroney trade agreement sells out Canada's sovereign control over its own economic, social, cultural and regional policies. It turns Canada into a colony of the United States.

For example,

The trade agreement does not give Canada the secure access to the American market which Brian Mulroney said was essential under any trade agreement.

The trade agreement limits our ability to control foreign ownership, particularly in the area of financial institutions.

It makes us sell our energy to the United States in times of shortage.

It leaves open the possibility that regional development grants and social programs will be called a subsidy and so enable the U.S. to retaliate against them.

A Liberal government will not sell out our farmers and fishermen the way the trade agreement does. We will protect marketing boards. Canada already has 80% of its trade with the U.S. duty free. In the trade agreement we gave up a lot and got essentially nothing in return.

Tariffs are not the issue, Canadian independence is.

Liberal trade policy will:

- Work to reduce tariff barriers around the world as well as between Canada and the U.S.
- Introduce measures to enhance world trading institutions.
- Set up a separate Trade Department and make certain it has the necessary resources to do the job.
- Improve the competitiveness of the Canadian economy.
- Help individual Canadians adjust to the new economic realities.

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MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR CANADIAN FAMILIES

Affordable rent and the opportunity to own your own home are basic Canadian rights. Liberals believe no one should have to pay more than 30% of their income for basic accommodation.

A Liberal program will:

- Provide assistance through the tax system for mortgage interest payments of homeowners.
- Introduce a new plan to help young Canadian families save for the purchase of their first home.
- Expand eligibility criteria for social housing programs.
- Sell Crown lands to non-profit and cooperative housing groups.
- Eliminate substandard housing on reserves.
- Expand the existing rental supplementation program.

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EXPANDING OUR PENSION PLAN

Divorced, separated or never married-people will be eligible for the Spousal Allowance currently received by widows at age 60.

Full-time homemakers will be eligible for the Canada/Quebec pension plan.

At age 55 those people who wish to take early retirement will be eligible to receive a portion of their Canada/Québec Pension.

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PROGRESSIVE HELP FOR OUR SENIOR CANADIANS

Remember Mulroney's attempt to de-index pensions? A Liberal government will continue its progressive

approach to seniors' issues, providing them with the greatest possible range of options. It will:

- Encourage the development of additional community support programs.
- Provide financial assistance for seniors' housing in rural areas.
- Increase support for research on Alzheimer's and related diseases of the elderly.

It will also restore the investment income deductibility, of up to \$1,200 a year, for all Canadians over the age of 65.

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CHILD CARE FOR ALL WHO NEED IT

Child care is a right, not a privilege. And it makes good economic sense.

A Liberal government will provide accessible, flexible and high quality child care for every Canadian family that needs it.

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EQUAL PAY FOR WORK OF EQUAL VALUE

Equal pay for work of equal value is a basic right. Liberal legislation will stop the economic exploitation of women!

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EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IN THE WORKPLACE

A Liberal government will protect the interests of the handicapped, visible minorities and other disadvantaged Canadians. We will:

- Expand the coverage of the Employment Equity Act.
- Introduce measures to enforce compliance.
- Give greater authority to the Canadian Human Rights Commission to initiate investigations.

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FAIRNESS FOR PART-TIME WORKERS

Part-time workers are entitled to the same hourly wage as full-timers. They are also entitled to pro-rated fringe and pension benefits. A Liberal government will ensure this.

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INCOME SUPPLEMENT FOR THE WORKING POOR

A Liberal government will provide financial assistance for workers whose income falls below the poverty line.

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TAX BREAKS FOR EMPLOYEE PROFIT SHARING

Valued employees deserve a fair reward. Under the Tories, there has been no incentive to give employees a fair share of profits.

Liberal tax breaks will encourage employers to offer profit sharing programs to their employees.

13**HELP FOR OLDER WORKERS**

A Liberal government will set up a program to provide income support and retraining assistance for older workers who have been laid off.

We will also introduce a generous program to facilitate early retirement for those workers for whom a retraining option is not feasible.

14**APPRENTICE CANADA TRAINING**

We will introduce a national program of apprenticeship training, to provide Young Canadians entering the work force with proper training, matched to the requirements of the labour market.

15**A VOLUNTARY NATIONAL YEAR OF SERVICE FOR YOUTH – ENCOUNTER CANADA!**

The Liberals will introduce a voluntary national year of service program to employ any young person who wants to participate in a choice of activities ranging from community service, to environmental cleanup, to aid projects in a Third World country.

16**WE WILL HELP ALL CANADIANS TO READ AND WRITE**

Literacy is a basic requirement and right of every Canadian. A Liberal government National Literacy Campaign will

make sure all Canadians have the opportunity to acquire this basic skill.

17**THE CANADA SCHOLAR PROGRAM**

A Canada Scholar program will be established so that our country's brightest high school graduates are given national scholarships to pursue their education.

18**MORE FUNDS FOR OUR UNIVERSITIES**

The Liberal Party wants Canadian universities to rank with the best in the world. An enhanced post-secondary education financing program will ensure this goal is reached.

19**WE WILL LEAD THE FIGHT AGAINST AIDS**

The AIDS crisis is approaching epidemic proportions. A Liberal government will provide the resources essential for proper research, public education and hospice care facilities.

20**WE WILL BRING BACK REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

All Canadians, wherever they live in Canada, deserve the same opportunities.

A Liberal government will renew its traditional commitment to regional development and will restore the vital regional development programs abandoned by the Conservatives.

We will also ensure that transportation links, so crucial to the regions of Canada, are not abandoned as they have been by Conservative policies of deregulation and privatization.

21**A MASSIVE ROAD, SEWER AND WATER MAIN REBUILDING PROGRAM**

Over the next five years, a \$5 billion contribution to a program cost-shared with provincial and municipal governments will rebuild roads, sewers and water mains, and install anti-pollution equipment in towns and cities across Canada.

22**LIBERALS WILL PROTECT THE FARMER AND THE FAMILY FARM**

A Liberal government will commit itself to maintaining the family farm and keeping farmers on the land. It will reduce the debt burden and give farmers more certainty and stability in their support programs. Liberals will reduce farm input costs as a further means of easing the crushing debt load.

Liberals will reverse short-sighted Tory cutbacks in research and development funding and ensure that Canada remains a world leader in agricultural innovation. It will ensure that our most precious resources, our soil and water, are conserved and improved.

Liberals will work to maintain Canada's position in the world trading arena through aggressive marketing and also play a prominent role in seeking solutions to costly trade wars and establishing order in the international market.

23**WE WILL FIGHT TO PROTECT CANADA'S FISHING INDUSTRY**

The Liberal Party recognizes that the long term viability of the inshore fishery is essential for the survival of many communities in Atlantic Canada. The fisheries priority of a Liberal government will be to implement programs to stabilize incomes for inshore fishermen.

In addition, we will develop new programs for improving market coordination, enhancing product quality, and protecting the fishery resource from pollution damage.

We will also put in place a \$1 billion, five year Small Craft Harbour program.

24**ESTABLISH A DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY**

A Liberal government will recognize the vital contribution of the forest industry to the Canadian economy by creating a separate and truly important Department of Forestry.

It will also move quickly to establish a long-term, comprehensive silviculture and reforestation strategy to ensure the sustainable development of this key industry.

25**REGAIN 50% OWNERSHIP OF OUR OIL AND GAS**

Canada's natural resource wealth belongs to Canadians. A Liberal government will set as a major goal to have at least half of Canada's oil and gas industry owned by Canadians.

26**MORE CANADIAN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**

We need more R&D to provide more jobs and keep trained Canadians in Canada.

The Liberals will restore the R&D budget cuts made by the Conservatives, provide incentives to the private sector to help Canada take the lead internationally in research and development, and raise the overall percentage of R&D expenditures to the average level of industrialized countries.

27**WE WILL EXPAND OUR PACIFIC RIM TRADING**

The Pacific Rim is vital to Canada's economic growth. A Liberal government will push for the creation of a Pacific Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development and establish a National Trading Corporation to assist our exporters in developing new markets.

28**WE WILL SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE SMALL BUSINESS**

Small and medium-sized businesses are rapidly becoming a key element of the Canadian economy, yet many difficulties continue to confront the independent entrepreneur because the Conservatives are the party of Big Business.

A Liberal government will encourage and promote entrepreneurship through a mix of tax incentives. In particular, we will expand the existing \$500,000 capital gains tax exemption to the business assets of all Canadian entrepreneurs, such as farmers, professionals, small business and consulting services.

In addition, we will introduce a "one-stop shopping" approach to information about federal programs, simplification of reporting procedures and the creation of an Ombudsman for Small Business.

29**A NATIONAL STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**

Owning stocks shouldn't be reserved only for the rich. A Liberal National Stock Ownership Plan will encourage investment in small and medium sized Canadian companies. They are the most productive source of new jobs.

30**AFTER FOUR YEARS OF SERVILITY, FINALLY A FOREIGN POLICY MADE IN CANADA FOR CANADA**

Liberal foreign policy will be based not on what other countries want, but on what the Canadian public wants. A Liberal government will:

- Negotiate a circumpolar treaty for the Arctic on economic, environmental and arms control issues.
- Halt cruise missile testing in Canada.
- Break diplomatic ties with South Africa.
- Promote Canada's role as a peace keeper.
- Increase our foreign aid.
- Spearhead reforms to reduce Third World debt and improve international monetary and trade institutions.

31**WE WILL CANCEL THE NUCLEAR SUBS**

A Liberal government will cancel the ill-conceived Conservative plan to purchase nuclear submarines, thereby saving Canadians billions of dollars.

But we will also ensure that our armed forces are able to maintain Canadian sovereignty and meet our NATO obligations.

32**THE LIBERALS WILL PROTECT OUR CULTURE AND RESTORE OUR PRIDE IN BEING CANADIAN**

Canadian sovereignty is strengthened by the presence of a dynamic cultural and artistic community. The Mulroney government has reduced the independence and economic viability of crucial national institutions such as the CBC and the Canada Council, and has encouraged the sale of many of our key cultural industries to foreign owners.

A Liberal government will restore funding and respect the arm's-length relationship with our national cultural agencies. It will also move quickly to prevent a further loss of Canadian cultural industries, and establish a public/private sector task force to examine and coordinate the research, development and distribution of telecommunications/information technologies, in order to maintain Canada's position at the leading edge of this field.

33**HERITAGE DAY — A NEW NATIONAL HOLIDAY**

A Liberal government will institute a new national holiday in February, on the anniversary of the proclamation of our national flag, to commemorate our historic roots and common heritage.

34**FAMILY REUNIFICATION FOR IMMIGRANTS**

A Liberal immigration policy will:

- Put family reunification first.
- Provide for higher immigrant quotas.
- Replace regressive Conservative legislation on refugees with an equitable, streamlined immigration process.

35**A MEANINGFUL MULTICULTURALISM ACT**

Under a Liberal government a separate Department will be established.

The Multiculturalism Act will be strengthened to clearly and comprehensively state the principles of the policy and establish the position of Commissioner.

In addition, priority will be given to ensuring that appointments to senior government positions reflect the ethnic diversity of Canada.

A Liberal government will also respect the commitment made by the current government to our fellow citizens of Japanese descent.

36**ABORIGINAL SELF-GOVERNMENT WITHIN THE CONSTITUTION**

A Liberal government will vigorously pursue a constitutional amendment to recognize the right to self-government of aboriginal peoples.

37**THE SENATE SHOULD BE ELECTED**

In order to represent all regions of Canada effectively, a Liberal government will urge provincial governments to support an elected Senate.

38**LIBERALS WILL RESTORE HOME MAIL DELIVERY**

Home mail delivery as it has traditionally been available in this country will once again be government policy.

A Liberal government will eliminate suburban Supermailboxes and preserve the rural post offices.

39**\$1,000 DUTY FREE FOR TRAVELLERS**

Canadians who have been out of the country for more than a week should be entitled to bring back \$1,000 worth of duty free goods per year.

UN CODE D'ÉTHIQUE
GOVERNEMENTALE CLAIR ET NET

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Les conflits d'intérêt, le favoritisme politique le plus éhonté, une constante duperie, voilà ce qui aura distingué le régime Mulroney.

Le Parti libéral veut un code d'éthique gouvernementale d'une grande rigueur, qui comportera de sévères sanctions en cas d'infraction.

Sous un gouvernement libéral, pour enrayer le favoritisme politique, de nombreuses nominations aux échelons supérieurs nécessiteront l'approbation d'un comité parlementaire spécial.

Les modalités d'octroi des contrats fédéraux seront examinées, puis resserrées.

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RÉGIONS ET TOUTS LES CANADIENS SUR UN
PIED D'ÉGALITÉ. LE GOUVERNEMENT
MULRONEY NE LA PAS FAIT ET
NE LE FERA JAMAIS.

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WE WILL CLEAN UP GOVERNMENT
AND PUT IT IN WRITING

The Mulroney years have been a saga of conflict of interest, unbridled patronage and double standards.

The Liberal Party wants a Clean Government Act, with tough penalties for violators.

To cut patronage, under a Liberal government, many senior appointments will have to be approved by a special parliamentary committee.

Federal contracting procedures will be reviewed and then tightened up.

A LIBERAL GOVERNMENT WILL TREAT ALL
PARTS OF CANADA AND ALL CANADIANS
EQUALLY. A MULRONEY GOVERNMENT
HASN'T AND NEVER WILL.

POUR UNE LOI VRAIMENT
EFFICACE SUR LE
MULTICULTURALISME

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Un gouvernement libéral créera un ministère distinct du

Multiculturalisme.

Sous un gouvernement libéral, la Loi sur le multiculturalisme sera renforcée de façon à définir clairement les principes de cette politique et les pouvoirs d'un Commissaire au Multiculturalisme.

En outre, on veillera en priorité à assurer que les nominations à l'échelon supérieur au sein du gouvernement soient représentatives de la diversité ethnique canadienne.

Un gouvernement libéral respectera les engagements pris par l'actuel gouvernement envers nos concitoyens d'origine japonaise.

AUTONOMIE POLITIQUE DES
AUTOCHTONES DANS LE CADRE
CONSTITUTIONNEL

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Un gouvernement libéral entend faire voter un amendement constitutionnel reconnaissant le droit des peuples autochtones à l'autonomie politique.

POUR UN SÉNAT ÉLU

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Afin que toutes les régions du Canada soient effectivement représentées, un gouvernement libéral pressera les gouvernements provinciaux d'appuyer l'idée d'un Sénat élu.

RETOUR DE LA LIVRAISON DU
COURRIER À DOMICILE

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La distribution du courrier à domicile selon les normes traditionnelles en notre pays redeviendra une politique du gouvernement.

Un gouvernement libéral éliminera les superboîtes des banlieues et maintiendra les bureaux de poste ruraux.

\$1,000 DE MARCHANDISES EN
FRANCHISE !

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Les Canadiens qui ont séjourné plus d'une semaine à l'étranger devraient avoir le droit de rapporter en franchise \$1,000 de marchandises par année.