

As the picture in this election continues to change, Trudeau and Scheer are trying as hard as they can to steer the issues away from the problems of the people. They are turning the issues into a personal thing, into who you like the most. Trudeau's argument that if you don't vote Liberal, it means that you are actually voting Conservative, is a weak one. The Liberals are running scared as they see that they're not going to get what they thought they would. Scheer is doing the same. Trudeau is obviously just reading from a card, he's not speaking from the heart and Scheer is also increasingly speaking the same way.

My recommendation would be not to vote for the Liberals or the Conservatives. They all make these big promises and then nothing pans out. People are dissatisfied with the country's state of affairs and are looking for a way to express it. That's positive.

A metallurgical worker in New Brunswick

Quebec National Question Poised to Make a Comeback

Certain issues won't go away because there is a basis for them. So long as they are not resolved they come back to haunt those who stand in the way of their resolution. The issue of Quebec's right to self-determination is one such issue.

A lot is said to attack Quebeckers in this election so that people are divided and cannot develop their own agenda and speak in their own name. The Anglo-Canadian media stereotyped those who are allegedly "French" and presumably dyed-in-the wool reactionaries and those who are allegedly "English" and presumably espouse modern values. Immigrants who come from countries with either an English or French connection or neither are lumped on one side or the other as best serves the purposes of those doing the lumping. To portray those who fought for the Republic of Quebec in the mid-nineteenth century against British rule and were brutally suppressed as being backward and racist and unwilling to accept national minorities and that the issue for them is one of the French against the English and other people is a racist concoction. It served the British colonial state so much that it was enshrined in the *British North America Act* in 1867 and has never been removed. Far from it, the notion of rights with reasonable limits according to what suits the ruling elites is enshrined in the *Charter* of 1982.

The attacks levelled against Quebeckers in fact target their legitimate right to self-determination as a people.

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