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Topic 1: Institutional Design and Regional Diversity

Canada has always been unique in that many different types of people settle and live in peace with each other in close proximity. From individuals to groups, dozens of people wish to share in what this nation has to offer, and it is the duty of the government to allow for this to happen. Through its policies and practices, the government needs to reflect what is best for its population and residents that depend on it.

Recent conservative movement has only dimmed the connection between institution and people. A mindset and way of thinking that looks backwards does not represent this new, young nation that deserves an open outlook on its laws. The people need a fresh perspective on the rules that govern them, since this is such a different area from many others in the world. A liberal point of view opens up possibilities and opportunities to the bright future ahead of all the nation. This is the way government must be led to ensure a greater relationship between people and institutions.

George Brown believes in the advancement of liberal policies and ideas, like the “rep by pop”, knowing that a better future will be set in course for Canada. The conservatives past way of looking at government is outdated and in need of a refresher that will benefit all people living in these areas. Also, those who support the conservative movements, like Catholics and French-Canadians, need to see the error of their ways and stop promoting a failing concept. By enforcing their beliefs on everyone, they are corrupting the freedom that many hold dear to themselves and their families. This freedom has to be shared in all of Canada together so that the future can push on forward with everyone. The Church must stay out of the affairs of the State, as the former does not comply with all the rules of the latter. Together, the backwards thinking must be turned around to create a better society for all Canadians collectively.[[1]](#footnote-1)

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Topic 2: Economic Policy, Regional Markets, and Colonial Expansion

As the confederation of Canada expands to new heights, new issues such as economic policy, regional markets, and colonial expansion must be discussed thoroughly. With this growing nation reaching new opportunities, it is the job of the government to ensure that these introduced problems are resolved in a way that reflects what the people want while also advancing the possibilities of the future.

The economy that is now placed in Canada must be reformed to improve the nation as best it can. Politicians must find ways to help the economics domestically and also internationally to make sure that the countries who wish to trade with Canada do not abuse or take advantage. Additionally, regional markets are a great source of local income that contribute to the overall growth of the economy. Lastly, colonial expansion is what grows the nation physically, so that all of the policies government makes can be enforced on more people who spread across the territories.

As George Brown believes as a liberal, the economic policies must be representative of Canada’s interest. With free trade, international partnerships can be achieved and used to the confederation’s advantage if ever needed. Also, having trading allies strengthen the overall growth of Canada. Regional markets must continue as well, but government must oversee them when necessary to ensure that the local businesses are doing well and cooperating with any governmental policies or rules. To make a more powerful, influential nation, Canada has a duty to expand its borders and people and find new colonial expansions, as it will have a historical significance that will change the future of the nation for the better.[[2]](#footnote-2)

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Topic 3: Foreign Policy and Protecting our Borders

As Canada begins to acquire influence and potential on a world stage, government has a right to protect the integrity of the confederation and its people. As new countries will try to take advantage of a young, settling nation such as Canada, there must be policies implemented that will not only make sure it is protected, but also strengthen the nation against foreign threats that may arise. When expanding and spreading the frontiers of Canada, people that wish to cross over into its borders must be thought of al well. Laws must be made that are inclusive of new settlers and also secure the nation from threats.

Foreign policy is as important as domestic policy, because as domestic policy stabilizes the internal affairs of a state, foreign policy secures the rights of the confederation on the international level. Every care must be taken to promise a strong, but fair policy that can be respected and recognized by other countries. As for the borders, since this is a new confederation, people will be curious to see what nation this will turn out to become. Therefore, as visitors and settlers come see Canada, the government must know how and when to regulate its influx of immigrants.

George Brown, a liberal in Upper Canada, believes that these new policies that regulate these issues must be regarded from a perspective that look onto the future. Foreign policy must be tough against those who are unfair to Canada; for example, the United States, if ever to somehow undermine our relationship in any way, must be cut from our benevolent international dealings that take or will take place. Protecting borders is also important, but as this is a nation of many different varieties of people, more people need to settle and expand what is already a great, remarkable, and blossoming confederation. Those who are in need of Canada’s free and revolving societies, especially escaped slaves, need to be welcomed and deserve to enjoy the liberty that so many Canadians already share. With Canada a confederation gaining power and influence with every passing day, the government must display that with how it treats foreign countries and people.[[3]](#footnote-3)

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