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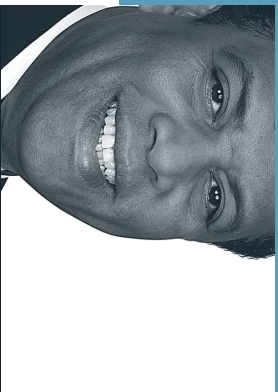
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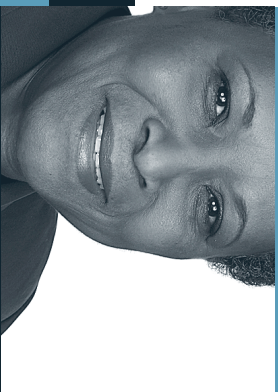
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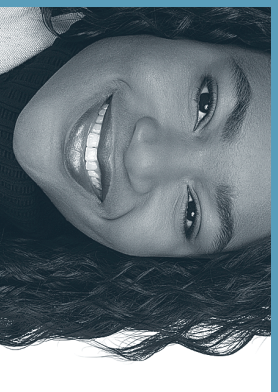
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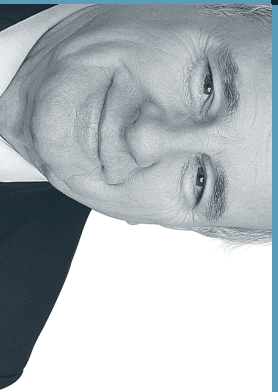
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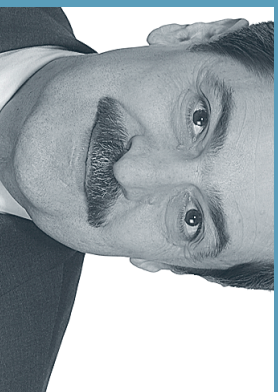
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it's **Denis Martel**



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SAINT-LAURENT-CARTIERVILLE
it's **William Fayad**

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it's **Gilles Duceppe**



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AN INCLUSIVE SOCIETY IN OUR OWN IMAGE

The citizens of ethnic and cultural groups are especially preoccupied by certain social challenges such as citizenship, globalization, international relations, access to services and fighting social exclusion.

Our political group is the only one in Ottawa that defends the interest of all the Québécois because we're very much aware of the features and needs of Québec. We believe that all the citizens living in Québec are Québécois without exception. The Bloc Québécois considers therefore that it is its political responsibility to defend and promote the specific interests of Québec's various ethnic and cultural groups.

To achieve the autonomy we desire, we must continue our democratic fight in Ottawa as we keep supporting and promoting our collective difference.

This electoral campaign is an opportunity for us to denounce the Liberal arrogance, corruption, wastefulness and attempts at buying consent. It will allow us to demonstrate the most wide-ranging Québécois solidarity towards the federal policies that completely disregard our specificities. It will also be an opportunity to reiterate our commitment to take into consideration the specific needs of all of the Québécois that make up our inclusive nation.



OUR COMMITMENTS

CITIZENSHIP

- Support the integration process and the active participation of our society's newcomers.
- Promote learning of the French language to facilitate access to all offered services and citizen participation.

IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEES

- Request transparency in processing files on refugee status or family reunification.
- Demand a softening of the rules for foreign visitors that have Québécois relatives that can be accountable for them.
- Defend Québécois newcomers against the arbitrary measures of Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

INTERIOR SECURITY

- Propose an amendment to the Antiterrorism Act so that it reflects a better balance between individual rights and security requirements.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Fighting exclusion

- Work to eliminate factors promoting the social exclusion of ethnic and cultural groups.
- Fighting against growing poverty, racism, social injustice and direct or systematic discrimination.



Fiscal imbalance

- Denounce and look to resolve the fiscal imbalance that deprives the whole of Québec of billions of dollars for healthcare, recognition of matching studies and experience acquired abroad, access to education and to training or support to work integration for ethnic and cultural groups.

Unemployment insurance

- Act rapidly to reduce the devastating unemployment rate affecting immigrants.
- Promote adaptation of the job market since it is faced with atypical forms of work, creating an opening for instability for citizens and specifically for people coming from recent immigration and visible minorities.
- Propose a restructuring of unemployment insurance so that the program gets back to its original mandate of providing a financial security in transitional times.

Labour training, creating employment and work

- Ensure that the federal government completes the overall transfer to Québec of points related to labour training.
- Increase the representation of ethnic and cultural groups in the Canadian government.

Support to families and to low-income people

- Favoring policies adapted to families, immigration, labour and citizenship because in all of these issues, the Canadian federal apparatus slows the advances made by Québec.

Access to housing and social housing

- Propose a gradual reinvestment of the federal government to obtain an objective of close to



2 billion dollars yearly in investments in social and affordable housing, because we believe that housing is a fundamental right.

- Demand new policies encouraging the creation of social housing and accessibility to affordable housing.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- Recognize the attachment to their native country of Québécois originating from immigration.
- Take a position on conflict management and look for alternative solutions for a safer, more just, more democratic World with fewer social inequities.

Québec's international status

- Ensure that the government of Québec is involved in all of the steps leading to the conclusion of international agreements in matters within its jurisdiction.

Multilateralism and international law

- Promote a framework for armed interventions by using international law and multilateralism and promote reinforcement of international institutions.

Globalization

- Promote the opening of markets and the creation of a Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) within certain limits. At all times, globalization must be guided by the principle of common good above private interests.

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