

Continental Integration



What is the SPP?

The Security and Prosperity Partnership is the latest move toward continental economic and social integration aimed at establishing common policies between Canada, the United States and Mexico in 300 policy areas, including:

- environmental protection
- security
- energy
- food and health standards
- foreign affairs
- military
- immigration

The so-called Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America:

The Liberals started it.
Harper's Conservatives are implementing it.
Jack Layton and the NDP want to stop it.
Join us.

Is the SPP democratic?

Under the SPP, Canada will have less and less ability to adopt independent and sustainable economic, social, cultural and environmental policies. Undemocratic harmonization of health, safety, and environmental standards will lead to a race to the bottom where everyday Canadians lose out.

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How does the SPP infringe on Canadian sovereignty?

Under the SPP, Canada will have less and less ability to adopt independent and sustainable economic, social, cultural and environmental policies. In the long run, this could have a lethal effect on Canadian public programs such as universal healthcare and public education.

Jack Layton and the NDP. Taking the lead to strengthen our sovereignty.

In June 2006, the NDP brought together and hosted a Tri-National Forum of legislators and civil society representatives from Canada, the United States and Mexico to discuss alternatives to deep integration.

In April 2007, despite Conservative opposition, NDP Trade Critic Peter Julian (Burnaby-New Westminster) fought for and secured Parliamentary hearings on the SPP. This was an important achievement but much work still needs to be done.

Over a dozen NDP MPs have been working hard in their respective critic portfolios to raise the alarm about what SPP will mean in areas such as agriculture, human rights, labour, the environment, health care, energy and income security.

In the coming months, the NDP is organizing town hall meetings across the country to ensure everyday Canadians get informed and have their say.

The NDP will continue to show leadership, working to ensure that any further developments on the SPP are stopped until a full legislative review, public debate and parliamentary vote take place.

The NDP is fighting to close the prosperity gap and is leading the fight for fairness for ordinary Canadians - and that means taking on powerful corporate interests and the SPP.

"When Parliament reconvenes in the fall, the House will be debating several anti-SPP motions brought forward by the NDP. It is interesting to note the relatively seamless transition from Liberals to Conservatives on this issue."

- Jessica Johnston, *THIS Magazine*, July-August 2007



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