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## Forum

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### **Lets try for a rational approach**

To The Editor:

Two roads that lie before Canadians. We can either follow Stephen Harper's lead of stoking the fires of fear and anger, descending into acrimonious name-calling that further divides the country, obscuring the political landscape with sound and fury - or not.

Nycole Turmel's past and present politics illuminates the choices clearly.

Anyone with a shred of perspicacity will have realized that in the last election a huge swath of the Québécoise population moved from supporting a socially progressive sovereigntist political party to a socially progressive federalist political party.

This should be cause of great optimism throughout the country, a significant step forward for "national unity."

An opportunity for francophone and Anglophone Canadians to realize how deep our common progressive values are.

Apparently not so for the Harper Conservatives, the vast majority of whom changed political allegiances repeatedly from Progressive Conservative, to Reform, to Canadian Alliance, to Conservative.

Rather than rhetoric and division, we should join Nycole Turmel and all the Québécoise people on a rational, pragmatic, and optimistic road to building a democracy that reflects our common, progressive, Canadian values.

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