

Dear Nancy,

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Write the Right*

Attached is the latest supplement to the Harper Quotation database. Mike has told me that the higher ups no longer what the database transferred electronically, so unfortunately a hard copy is going to have to do. There's nothing really new here, it's pretty much a collection of previously expressed opinions and sentiments worded in a slightly different manner. Those that have to potential to be the most problematic are the quotations dealing with health care.

Cheers,

Meredith

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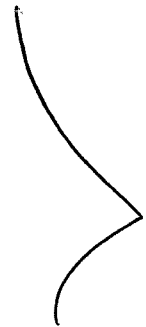
Key Issue	2000 Election
Date	19/02/2001
Source	Report Newsmagazine - Alberta first
Quote	"In our [Firewall authors] view, the Chretien government a series of attacks not merely designed to defeat its partisan opponents, but to marginalize Alberta and Albertans within Canada's political system."
Context	The Leader's take on the Liberals' election strategy for the 2000 election.

Key Issue	Aboriginal Issues
Date	25/10/1999
Source	Report Newsmagazine - On the brink
Quote	<p>The following is an excerpt from an article: "Mr. Harper suggests Canada is 'drifting toward a lawless society. What those [non-Indian] fishermen around Burnt Church instinctively understand is that a law that does not apply equally to everyone is not a proper law, and therefore the rule of force becomes the only law.'</p> <p>This is not understood by the liberal elites, he adds, because segregation and legal inequality does not touch them where they live. 'They are blind to it as long as it's in the bush and in the north and in the outports. The subsidized bureaucrats in Ottawa, the subsidized cultural elites in Toronto, they can dismiss those who are affected as rednecks,' he says. They won't really take notice, he predicts, until native claims encroach directly on their space. 'If some band lays claim to [Supreme Court Chief Justice] Antonio Lamer's cottage, you would get an entirely different reaction.'"</p>
Context	The Leader on the impact of race-based laws.

Key Issue	Aboriginal Issues
Date	25/10/1999
Source	Report Newsmagazine - On the brink
Quote	<p>The following is an excerpt from an article: "'Some of these recent decisions are fabrications out of thin air,' marvels Stephen Harper, the former Calgary Reform MP who now heads the National Citizens' Coalition. 'There is no basis in law for testimony that cannot be verified or refuted,' he says, referring to Delgamuukw's endorsement of oral history as a legal foundation for the expansion of treaty rights. "</p>
Context	The Leader on the absurdity of the acceptance of oral history as evidence.

Key Issue	Aboriginal Issues
Date	21/02/1994
Source	Western Report - The price of punitive taxation
Quote	"Smuggling arms through the reserve system is a far more serious problem than tobacco smuggling and will eventually dwarf the trade in illegal tobacco and alcohol."
Context	This article dealt with cigarette smuggling.
Key Issue	Aboriginal Rights
Date	11/01/1999
Source	BC Report - Two wrongs make a "right"
Quote	The following is an excerpt from an article: "'What's important here,' says Stephen Harper, president of the National Citizens' Coalition, 'is the whole bastardization of the term, 'right.' It is supposed to mean, something which you can do, which by its very nature others can do too, and which the government should not prevent you from doing.' However, 'What the new 'rights' definition means is precisely the opposite of that. It's now being turned into the right of one particular group to demand things of another, which by their very nature can't be reciprocated. That goes to the heart of this.'"
Context	The Leader comments on the minority-rights mania that surrounded the Niasga'a treaty.
Key Issue	Abortion
Date	10/02/2002
Source	Canadian Press Newswire - Abortion issue reappears
Quote	The following is an excerpt from an article: "Instead, he accused the Day camp of 'effectively running on a hidden agenda on a particular issue.'"
Context	The Leader on Day's campaign strategy.
Key Issue	Alberta
Date	12/04/2001
Source	Canadian Press Newswire - Unity minister heaps praise on Alberta
Quote	"Alberta shouldn't lower its guard, that would be foolish."
Context	The Leader warns Albertans to be wary of positive comments about the province made by Stephane Dion.

Key Issue	Alberta Agenda
Date	26/01/2001
Source	Canadian Press Newswire - Alberta treasurer rejects suggestions
Quote	"Clearly there's a market in other parts of the country for anti-Alberta stereotypes and I'm not interested in those ... I came to Alberta from another province and was welcomed here and participated in the development and wealth of this province. I know Albertans aren't petty and if that stereotype exists elsewhere, I frankly don't give a damn ... it [the Firewall letter] will focus on an agenda where Alberta takes the bull by the horns and decides it's going to govern itself by the priorities and the culture of the majority."
Context	The Leader explains the intended purpose of the Firewall letter.
Key Issue	Alberta Agenda
Date	20/03/2002
Source	Canadian Press Newswire (CBCA) - Stephen Harper's critics and fans agree he is brilliant
Quote	"The premier [Klein] chastised us for the tone, which he found too negative, and that's probably an accurate assessment ... but it's interesting how little the ideas have been challenged."
Context	The Leader's reflects on the "Alberta Firewall" letter during the 2001/02 leadership race.
Key Issue	Alberta Agenda
Date	12/04/2001
Source	Canadian Press Newswire - Unity minister heaps praise on Alberta
Quote	"Ottawa rates from useless to dangerous to Alberta."
Context	The Leader expounds as to why he and the co-authors of the Alberta Firewall drafted the document.
Key Issue	Atlantic Canada
Date	07/02/2002
Source	Canadian Press Newswire - "Equalization must be revamped"
Quote	"If we were to take all the money that we waste on regional and corporate subsidies and use it to reduce corporate and personal taxes rates, Canada could reduce its corporate tax rates by at least another 10 per cent, which would seriously reduce our tax gap with the United States."
Context	The Leader on the need to rethink Canada's economic policy at a speech given in Halifax during the 200/02 leadership campaign.



Key Issue Atlantic Issues

Date 14/03/1994

Source Western Report - Are mega-city projects dead

Quote The following is an excerpt from an article: "One important indicator of the Liberal mind - set, note Messrs. Harper and Walker, is that they did not cancel the Hibernia project, even though slumping oil prices and cost over - runs in construction have made it virtually certain the project will lose money and Ottawa will be forced to make good on the loan guarantees it has given to underwrite the project."

Context Although the Leader isn't directly in this excerpt, criticizing Hibernia may not go over well in Atlantic Canada.

Key Issue Bloc

Date 07/06/1996

Source Canadian Press Newswire - Reform reaffirms unity policy

Quote "I don't think anybody, frankly, in this party is very scared about pissing off the Bloc."

Context The Leader on a proposed motion put forth at its convention to ask for the ouster from the House of Bloc MPs preaching separatism. The motion wasn't passed.

Key Issue Canada

Date 25/10/1999

Source Report Newsmagazine - I lose, you lose

Quote "The present system is simply not effective enough. Either Canada will innovate beyond the forms of a traditional nation-state or it will not survive as a country through the first century of the new millennium."

Context The Leader argues that unless substantive decentralization of the federation takes place, Canada won't survive in its current form.

Key Issue Canadian Alliance

Date 20/12/2001

Source Canadian Press Newswire - Stockwell Days says he is close to official announcement

Quote "This political party stands for values that are eternal ... this country will either adopt our values or it will fail and that's why we've got to be there to fight for these on an ongoing basis."

Context The Leader urges an audience not to let the Alliance follow the same path as other western-based parties that have risen and fallen.

Key Issue	Canadian Alliance
Date	05/04/1999
Source	BC Report - Flip-flop #1
Quote	"The party is changing from well-defined positions to one that tries to be all things to all people ... and being a centrist party doesn't necessary mean you are in the middle. It often means you try to be on both sides of any issue. Maybe they will support official bilingualism in Ontario and oppose it in Alberta ... The Reform Party will not correct the record on its position on official bilingualism ... some people may explain vagueness as part of starting up a new party, but I believe they will pursue vagueness as a strategy."
Context	The Leader argues that the UA process will result in the watering down of some key Reform policies.

Same could be said of CPC process

Key Issue	Canadian Alliance
Date	20/03/2002
Source	Canadian Press Newswire (CBCA) - Stephen Harper wins Alliance leadership
Quote	The following is an excerpt from an article: "'You have just voted to move our party forward into the future, Harper told a cheering crowd after the results were announced at a party convention. Harper said a transition team will be set up in the next few days based on the view that the Alliance is a 'permanent political institution here to stay.'"
Context	An excerpt from the Leader's acceptance speech at the 2002 leadership announcement.

Key Issue	Canadian Alliance
Date	01/01/2001
Source	Report Newsmagazine - Disunited alternative'
Quote	The following is an excerpt from an article: "'The Ontario electorate was not open to hearing the Alliance message.' Even so, he admits, the Alliance message was incoherent. He comments, 'As a pragmatist, I say you either adopt a position and stick with it or get rid of it. What the Alliance did was the worse of both worlds; it kept the entire agenda but watered it down and left it vague. Policies couldn't be defended because the party could no longer articulate what it actually stood for, which left it open to the hidden agenda charge.' The Alliance could, he admits, jettison everything that might offend Ontario, 'But that would raise the question of why anyone in the West should vote for it.'"
Context	The Leader on the 2000 election debacle.

Key Issue	Canadian/U.S. Relations
Date	03/11/1997
Source	BC Report - The free trade fall-out
Quote	The following is an excerpt from an article: "But National Citizens' Coalition vice-president Stephen Harper says the FTA has already done its damage. 'There's always been some tendencies in parts of the country, particularly in the West, to see themselves as part of regions that cross international boundaries. I think the increased interaction brought on by the FTA has strengthened that.'"
Context	The Leader on how the FTA has facilitated greater integration of Canada and the U.S.
Key Issue	Canadian/U.S. Relations
Date	04/03/2002
Source	Hill Times (CBCA) - Harper hopes to change Parliament's 'complete lack of relevance'
Quote	"That's too general a question. I don't think further integration per se is the solution to our difficulties. I think what our emphasis should be is getting our national government to perform competently in the functions of a national government, which the current federal government is not doing."
Context	The Leader's answer to the following question: Are you in favour of further integration with the U.S.
Key Issue	Charter of Rights and Freedoms
Date	28/09/1994
Source	Canadian Press Newswire - Call for scrapping the charter gets cold shoulder from Reformers
Quote	"I think there are some benefits with the Charter and there are some problems with the Charter ... if you ask people broadly, 'Do you like the Charter this week?' probably a lot would say 'Yes.' But if you start asking about specific elements of the charter, you would probably get very different reactions."
Context	Reform MPs rejected a grassroots proposal to scrap the Charter.
Key Issue	Conservatism in Canada
Date	15/02/1999
Source	Hill Times - Biotechnology debate
Quote	"This is an issue [regulating generic engineering] that divides the right-wing movement. This is a division between people who are right-wing because they have a libertarian impulse, versus people who have more of an authoritarian impulse."
Context	Admitting that some people are conservatives because they have authoritarian impulses may prove to be problematic.

Key Issue	Constitutional Jurisdiction
Date	21/12/1998
Source	Alberta Report - Take the money and run
Quote	"It has always been an abomination that the provinces can't run their social programs ... this thing should not be done solely for Quebec."
Context	The Leader on the need for decentralization.
Key Issue	Corporate Welfare
Date	30/04/2001
Source	Report Newsmagazine - Raw wealth
Quote	"No matter how closely we integrate with the U.S. economy, the Americans won't interfere with the CRTC, the provincially run liquor stores, the gun registry and the entire plethora of expensive bureaucratic busybodies. Also, take a careful look at Chapters, the railways, Air Canada and other quasi-monopolies emerging in this country. Invariably their managers are closely linked to the Liberals."
Context	The Leader on the nature of the regulatory state nurtured by the Liberals.
Key Issue	Corporate Welfare
Date	14/03/1994
Source	Western Report - Are mega-city projects dead
Quote	"The Liberals believe in concepts like 'industrial policy' and 'sectoral strategies' ... that's code for taxpayer - funded subsidies, loans, direct investment and other forms of state intervention to push the economy in the direction Ottawa decides it wants."
Context	
Key Issue	Corporate Welfare
Date	30/04/2001
Source	Report Newsmagazine - Raw wealth
Quote	"The structure breeds petty corruption and constant currency devaluations. It certainly cannot generate technology. No wonder Canada is starting to slide backwards, losing ground as a technology leader and becoming more dependent on resources."
Context	The Leader on how interventionist economic policy has affected Canada.

Key Issue	Corporate Welfare
Date	08/02/2002
Source	Canadian Press Newswire - Few turn out for Harper's economic speech
Quote	The following is an excerpt from an article: "Harper also said government has to eliminate corporate handouts to make the country more competitive and put the money into tax cuts instead. 'Channeling wasteful spending into tax cuts would stem the flow of dollars from the country, resulting in more jobs, higher incomes and improvements to the lives of all Canadians,' the former Reform MP said."
Context	The Leader on the need to eliminate corporate welfare at a speech given in Halifax.
Key Issue	Culture
Date	15/09/1997
Source	Alberta Report - Hold your nose and pay
Quote	The following is an excerpt from an article: "'This is just another example why government shouldn't be in the granting business,' says Stephen Harper of Calgary, vice-president of the National Citizens' Coalition. 'There would be a temptation to say the government should take a more active role in reviewing the contents of grants.' But he rejects that idea. 'I think ordinary people in their roles as taxpayers or consumers, are more than capable of judging what they want to see and not see. A lot of the time government grants exist in the first place because there is not a market for what they're trying to provide, and this is another example.'"
Context	The Leader on the revelation that the Alberta Foundation for the Arts gave ATP (Alberta Theater Projects) \$500,000. During that season, ATP produced a controversial play dealing with homosexuality.
Key Issue	Election Financing
Date	04/03/2002
Source	Hill Times (CBCA) - Harper hopes to change Parliament's 'complete lack of relevance'
Quote	"Probably. I think we do need a full assessment of how we should be running political financing in the country and I think that's something we should consider. It has to be done for all parties."
Context	The Leader's answer to the following question: Do you think financing of federal leadership races should be disclosed?

Key Issue	Electoral Reform
Date	04/03/2002
Source	Hill Times (CBCA) - Harper hopes to change Parliament's 'complete lack of relevance'
Quote	"It's [proportional representation] certainly an option. Electoral reform is an option I would look at. Proportional representation probably wouldn't be my first choice, but it's something that I think the party should look at as an option and I think we should change the current electoral system."
Context	The Leader's answer to the following question: If you were in power, does proportional representation interest you?
Key Issue	Electoral Reform
Date	21/04/1997
Source	Alberta Report - A leg up for the little guys
Quote	The following is an excerpt from an article: "Stephen Harper of Calgary says he strongly suspects that PR stands mainly for public relations as far as the party is concerned, not proportional representation. 'My observation of Reform is that when it comes to institutional change they are beginning to remind me of Social Credit,' he says. 'There's a lot of talk but I'm not convinced of any commitment to it. Social Credit governed Alberta for 35 years without ever implementing its institutional reform ideas.'"
Context	The Leader questions Reform's sincerity about advocating for proportional representation.
Key Issue	Equalization Payments
Date	07/02/2002
Source	Canadian Press Newswire (CBCA) - Equalization must be revamped
Quote	"We need to do some serious thinking about how to reduce reliance on Ottawa in the longer term without causing undue dislocation in those provinces in the short term."
Context	The Leader on the need to re-think equalization during a speech given in Halifax during the 2001/02 leadership campaign.

Key Issue	Equalization Payments
Date	07/02/2002
Source	Canadian Press Newswire (CBCA) - Equalization must be revamped
Quote	The following is an excerpt from an article: "Harper promised development of a 'pro-growth policy for all Canadian regions that includes a re-think of how equalization works."
Context	The Leader on economic reforms during a speech in Halifax during the 2001/02 leadership campaign.
Key Issue	Equalization Payments
Date	08/02/2002
Source	Canadian Press Newswire - Few turn out for Harper's economic speech
Quote	The following is an excerpt from an article: 'We need to look at broader rejigging of the equalization system so the incentives are more appropriate and more oriented toward economic growth,' Harper said before addressing the handful of student in the auditorium. Harper, an economist, who wrote much of the old Reform party's policies, suggest the formula discourages economic development in the Atlantic provinces. The formula, a constitutionally guaranteed program that ensues all provinces have enough money to provide comparable levels of service at comparable levels of taxation, has been criticized by some governments that say it unfairly penalizes wealthier regions ... Harper said Ottawa provides from 35-45 per cent of provincial revenues in the region and questions whether that hampers the ability of governments to make decisions in the best interest of their populations."
Context	An excerpt about a speech that the Leader gave in Halifax during the 2001/02 leadership race.
Key Issue	Ethnic Voting
Date	22/10/1999
Source	Report Newsmagazine - Have vote, will travel
Quote	"[The Sikh community has simply been] the most pragmatic in embracing this reality. I don't like in, but I'm going to blame them for doing this. The parties have asked for it."
Context	The Leader on the Indo-Canadian community's cross-partisan political activities.

Key Issue	Foreign Policy
Date	29/06/1996
Source	Western Report - The right to trade with a thief
Quote	"I can understand the concerns about extraterritoriality [i.e. the notion of Washington telling Canadians how to treat a third country] ... but there are also concerns about the morality of trading with Cuba and of risking relations with the U.S. to secure easy access to cheap beach holidays in Cuba. Unfortunately, this has become almost a motherhood issue in Canada."
Context	The Leader on the Helm-Burton bill - and American bill that punishes foreign companies that exploits assets confiscated without compensation by Cuba.

Key Issue	Foreign Policy
Date	09/12/1996
Source	BC Report - Operation political embarrassment
Quote	"I'm not being facetious these people are disappointed that the Hutu are returning home and there's no longer any need for them to be saved by Canadians ... They [the Liberals] launched the mission purely on the basis of television footage," he says, "and mined it for public relations purposes."
Context	The Leader discusses the debacle that was the UN involvement in Rwanda. Being overly critical of a military deployment may be considered a bit rich considering our advocacy on behalf on the liberation of Iraq.

Key Issue	Foreign Policy
Date	22/05/1995
Source	Western Report - Death before Liberal dishonour
Quote	"The UN's objective in the former Yugoslavia was never really clear ... but in recent months, it's become obvious the UN is no longer facilitating a peace settlement. The only thing the peacekeepers are doing is acting as human shields. Is that a proper role? We don't think so."
Context	The Leader argues that as the "UN contingent proved utterly impotent as fighting engulfed Western Slavonia in Croatia and southern suburbs of Sarajevo two weeks ago. The Reform Party, sensing wasted lives and money, now argues that it's time to bring the peacekeepers home. "

Key Issue Free Votes

Date 16/12/1996

Source Western Report - Rumbblings within Reform

Quote The following is an excerpt from an article: "Personally, I think we should rethink the policy,' says Calgary Reform MP Stephen Harper, who bears the reputation of a social moderate amongst the crusty, traditionalist Reformers. 'The goal of every MP in the party should be to have these issues put to public referenda, but in practice it is going to prove difficult to get all the MPs to vote the constituents' wishes, even if they sign the pledge.' However, says Mr. Harper, 'I send a cautionary note to those who feel they simply must vote their wishes over those of the voters. A lot of people are going to ask themselves: 'If an MP is not prepared to listen to me on moral issues, where there's not a lot of technical expertise required to make an informed judgment, when are they going to listen?'"

Context The Leader on the difficulty of MPs always voting their constituents wishes.

Key Issue Gun Control

Date 02/05/1994

Source Western Report - Rock vows to crack down on the innocent

Quote "I have a lot of reservations about further firearms restrictions without a concerted attempt to crack down on crime itself ... the Liberals are very fishy on this issue. Why call for a nationwide handgun ban as a solution to shotgun murders in Toronto?"

Context The Leader on the gun registry.

Key Issue Health

Date 22/03/1999

Source Alberta Report - Slim patriotism

Quote The following is an excerpt from an article: "Such broad-brush swipes at people whose behaviour is deemed costly is a logical extension of a socialized medical system which hides its real costs from its users, argues Stephen Harper, president of the National Citizens Coalition. 'The solution,' says Mr. Harper, 'is to have a healthcare system where people pay some of the costs themselves,' or a premium system reflecting lifestyles. 'If we had a healthcare system based on insurance and we paid for these services out of our own pocket, this would be a non-issue.'"

Context The Leader suggests a potential solution to footing the medical costs of unhealthy lifestyles.

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Key Issue	Health
Date	24/02/2002
Source	Canadian Press Newswire - Day won't quit Alliance race
Quote	The following is an excerpt from an article: "Harper also said co-payment by patients, user fees and the delisting of some medical services would help repair the health-care system. They are currently restricted under the Canada Health Act. 'I think the provinces have those kinds of financing options, provided no-one is denied medically necessary medical services because of inability to pay,' he said."
Context	The Leader on potential changes to the health-care system.
Key Issue	Health
Date	19/01/2002
Source	Calgary Herald - Interview with Stephen Harper
Quote	"The Canada Health Act must be opened up. The federal government is playing an entirely negative role in health care."
Context	The Leader's response to the following question: "How do you get the Alliance back in the health-care debate"?
Key Issue	Health
Date	04/12/2001
Source	Canadian Press Newswire - Stephen Harper embarks on campaign for CA leadership
Quote	"The bottom line is the Canada Health Act must be amended and the federal government has to give the provinces much more flexibility."
Context	The Leader on the need to re-think the federal role in healthcare.
Key Issue	Jean Charest
Date	26/05/1997
Source	BC Report - Meech lake, round three
Quote	The following is an excerpt from an article: "The strength of the Conservative contingent in the next Parliament will also influence the unity agenda. Mr. Harper says that if Canada elects a Liberal government with 30 to 40 Conservatives in opposition, the Tories will pressure Mr. Chretien to do something about Quebec, and quickly. 'From what I can see of Charest,' he says, 'if he was leader of the opposition, this would be the only thing he would focus on.'"
Context	The Leader on Jean Charest.

Key Issue Jean Charest

Date 26/02/1996

Source BC Report - Klein catches the patriot virus

Quote "I'm very concerned about this ... Reform is down in Ottawa fighting for Alberta's interests and I feel Jean Charest is trying to gun for us from Edmonton."

Context The Leader on Klein's cosyng up to Charest.

Key Issue Joe Clark

Date 24/05/1993

Source Western Report - Joe the coy sends Campbell into a flap

Quote The following is an excerpt from an article: "Stephen Harper, the Reform party's chief policy adviser, believes Mr. Clark's indecision reflected the unresolved conflict between his vanity and his political instincts. Once one of the three or four most powerful politicians in Ottawa, he had lately been reduced to fielding questions in the House of Commons about Mr. Mulroney's boar - hunting escapades with Russian president Boris Yeltsin. Mr. Clark's equivocations, Mr. Harper believes, were really an indication of how his desperation to stay in the political game conflicts with his knowledge that he is no longer popular."

Context Although the Leader isn't directly quoted, I though it wise to include nonetheless.

Key Issue Joe Clark

Date 24/05/1993

Source Western Report - Joe the coy sends Campbell into a flap

Quote "Joe has no other life than politics ... but, realistically the 'draft Clark' movement was about on a par with the 'draft Diefenbaker' movement. Had Joe entered the race it would have cause nothing but embarrassment."

Context The Leader essentially laughs at Clark's chances if he were to decide to run for the leadership to succeed Mulroney.

Key Issue	Joe Clark
Date	08/03/1993
Source	Western Report - As for other resignation
Quote	The following is an excerpt from an article: "It also distances him from Mulroney's record.' Says Stephen Harper, chief policy adviser to the Reform Party of Canada: 'Listening to Mr. Clark's self - eulogy, I'm convinced his move is anything but a retirement. It's a tactical retreat.' Both men think Mr. Clark still hankers after power, his ego bolstered by recent polls suggesting the PCs' popularity would leap were they led by himself instead of Mr. Mulroney."
Context	The Leader comments on Joe Clark's retirement from politics the first time around. The other man referred to in the article is Tom Flanagan.

Key Issue	Joe Clark
Date	08/03/1993
Source	Western Report - As for other resignation
Quote	The following is an excerpt from an article: " Mr. Harper agrees, adding that the Conservative party is evolving away from people like Mr. Clark. 'Red Tories like him are being squeezed out,' says Mr. Harper. 'The `Progressive' is coming out of the PC name. In three years, Mr. Clark could find himself as a walking ambition with nowhere to go."
Context	The Leader prematurely eulogizes the Red Tory element in the PC Party.

Key Issue	Joe Clark
Date	08/03/1993
Source	Western Report - As for other resignation
Quote	"Clark is a centralist Red Tory whose agenda was to transform his party into a replica of the Liberals ... he attached himself to the Tories solely because they were the happening movement in Alberta at the time. He was never a conservative in any meaningful sense of the word."
Context	The Leader slams Joe Clark.

Key Issue	Judiciary
Date	25/10/1999
Source	Report Newsmagazine - On the brink
Quote	The following is an excerpt from an article: "The judicial and political elites that are implementing segregation, in Mr. Harper's view, are driven by a philosophy which he terms 'the dark side of the '60s Revolution.' If you are judged to have been oppressed, he says, 'there is nothing that can't be done for you and nothing that can't be done to others for your benefit...It is an ideology that justifies a particular kind of racism.'"
Context	The Leader on the effects of judicial activism with respect to group rights.

Key Issue	Liberals
Date	28/02/2000
Source	Canadian Press Newswire - What was being said Monday about the federal budget
Quote	"Today's announced tax cuts are an important first step in the fight to get Canada into the new economy. This budget may not do enough, but it's a hell of a lot better than what we were looking at six months ago."
Context	The Leader gives a relatively positive assessment of the February 2000 budget.

Key Issue	Liberals
Date	04/03/2002
Source	Report Newsmagazine - A self-hating nation
Quote	The following is an excerpt from an article: "Stephen Harper, at the February 6 leadership debate, went even further, arguing that the Liberals 'don't see any real difference between our enemies and our friends, between good and evil,' accusing them of believing that the 'Americans are just as bad as the Taliban and Al Oa'eda.'"
Context	The Leader on the moral equivalence employed by the Liberals.

Key Issue	Liberals
Date	30/04/2001
Source	Report Newsmagazine - Raw wealth
Quote	"The Liberal idea of this nation is a welfare state. They strive to hand out as many cheques as possible, counting on their dependents to vote for the hand that feeds them, Bring more money in the country and Chretien will find ways to take it from those he doesn't favour and give it to his allies."
Context	This article discusses the possible impact of increased American need of Canadian natural resources. The Leader argues that it won't result in a substantial difference if the Liberals are still in power.

Key Issue	Miscellaneous Gaffe
Date	11/01/1999
Source	BC Report - An exercise in gender politics
Quote	"Human rights commissions, as they are evolving, are an attack on our fundamental freedoms and the basic existence of a democratic society ... it is in fact totalitarianism. I find this very scary stuff."
Context	The Leader on "human rights" commissions.

Key Issue	Miscellaneous Gaffes
Date	01/02/1999
Source	Alberta Report - It's our fault
Quote	The following is an excerpt from an article: "Stephen Harper, president of the Calgary-based National Citizens' Coalition, says Canada's policy on Third World debt stems from the government's readiness to interfere in its own economy. Furthermore, he says, many Canadian government-sponsored activities in Third World countries would never be permitted at home because they distort markets and punish effective local producers. Nevertheless, such programs are accepted by Canadians when packaged as Third World aid. Mr. Harper agrees that Canada's uncollectible debt may indeed have to be written off, but he adds that hereafter Canada should make loans on a more businesslike basis, free from hidden subsidy agendas, either foreign or domestic. 'Most foreign aid is actually domestic industrial subsidy sold to the public as Third World compassion,' he says. 'We've made massive grain sales in the eastern Bloc and China, knowing full well that we will not be repaid because we really wanted to give subsidies from the Canadian taxpayer to certain agricultural producers. But we didn't want to tell the Canadian public that that's what we were doing.'"
Context	Who knows? The Liberals may throw in the Leader's face and claim that it means that he isn't compassionate to the Third World.

Key Issue Miscellaneous Gaffes

Date 16/12/1996

Source Macleans' - Skating on thin ice

Quote "I came to Ottawa with very few illusions, and I leave with that unchanged."

Context The Leader parting words about Ottawa upon his announcement of retirement. This may be seen as being overly pessimistic.

Key Issue Miscellaneous Gaffes

Date 11/05/1998

Source Alberta Report - The victim's misery

Quote The following is an excerpt from an article: "Some conservative critics disagree, however, suggesting that Reform is using the opportunity to shake its image as a heartless party. Former Reform MP Stephen Harper does not go that far, but he does say that 'what's missing from the debate is someone who is responsible for looking after the interest of the taxpayers. There are matters of compassion that play into this, and it's certainly a complex issue-and I'm not even saying I have a concrete solution,' says the National Citizens' Coalition chief. 'But what I am saying is the performance of the opposition has been disturbing...it bothers our people that the Liberal Party seems more concerned about taxpayer liability.'"

Context The Leader on the Hepatitis-C compensation controversy.

Key Issue Miscellaneous Gaffes

Date 30/07/1996

Source Canadian Press Newswire - Reform opens two-day caucus meeting

Quote "The reason that Chatters and Ringma have been re-instated prior to the caucus is precisely so we could move on." --- "I think we've got to move on. I don't think dragging this thing out will do us any good."

Context I've included these two quotations in light of the recent Larry Spencer incident. If Mr. Spencer isn't readmitted into caucus, some may point to these comments and argue that the Leader isn't being consistent.



Key Issue Miscellaneous Gaffes

Date 11/02/1995

Source Canadian Press Newswire - Reform Party to release shadow budget

Quote "We would have to look at everything, you can't spare anything."

Context I included this quotation as it's been our strategy of late to criticize Martin for the cuts he made as finance minister. The document to which the title of the article refers is the Taxpayers' Budget.

Key Issue Miscellaneous Gaffes

Date 05/11/2001

Source Report Newsmagazine (CBCA) - O say can you see ... a nation with the US?

Quote The following is an excerpt from an article: "These events are going to drive Canada back to its cultural roots,' he says. That means the country will unapologetically embrace its Anglo-American character, and reject the relativistic, multicultural world view pushed by the Liberals. This phenomenon 'has clearly taken the Liberals by surprise, ' he states. 'The Liberals are going to fight a rearguard action against this, and I think they are going to lose."

Context The Leader how the potential fallout from 9/11.

Key Issue Miscellaneous Gaffes

Date 08/09/1993

Source Western Reporter - The Reform caucus' likely leaders

Quote "I've never been a big fan of Parliament Hill and Ottawa. But it will be better to be there as an MP."

Context This quotation may be seen as being anti-establishment, anti-Ottawa etc.



Key Issue Miscellaneous Gaffes

Date 04/03/2002

Source Canadian Press Newswire - Christian group backing Harper

Quote The following is an excerpt from an article: "Harper said he was 'completely comfortable' with Chandler's endorsement."

Context The Leader's response to Craig Chandler, leader of Concerned Christian Coalition Inc., announced intention to back the Leader's leadership bid.

Key Issue	Miscellaneous Gaffes
Date	16/03/2002
Source	Canadian Press Newswire (CBCA) - Stephen Harper caught the eye of ...
Quote	"I'm not trying to suggest that one give policy seminars to get people to vote for you, but this idea that everything is dumbed down and that the public is just too stupid to understand their own interest or nay meaningful information, I just think is wrong."
Context	The reason for the inclusion of this quotation is if the Liberals (or anybody else for that matter) decide to do some "creative" cropping.

Key Issue	MP Pay
Date	30/06/1995
Source	Canadian Press Newswire - Reform MPs take back pay cuts
Quote	"I don't think it's realistic to ask them to entirely fund their own retirement and then also take a pay cut at the same time ... we've made an issue of the pension and I think that's where the battle line is."
Context	The Leader argues that there is nothing wrong with Reform MPs renegeing of their commitment to a pay cut (it was in place for two years).

Key Issue	MP Pay
Date	22/06/1998
Source	BC Report - Take the money and run
Quote	The following is an excerpt from an article: "Reform MP and National Citizens' Coalition president Stephen Harper, however, attacked his former colleagues for taking the raise, saving his harshest criticism for the pension changes. 'If they really feel a change in compensation is needed, let them say so before an election, when the people paying the bills can decide if they are worth it,' he says. Mr. Harper says that most of the criticism has been focused on Reform because 'everyone expects a skunk to stink, but Reform said it would be different.'"
Context	The Leader on his former Reform colleagues taking a pay raise and opting into the pension.

Key Issue MP Perks

Date 30/06/1995

Source Canadian Press Newswire - Reform MPs take back pay cuts

Quote "I will be damned if I will give them any more unilateral self-sacrifice."

Context The Leader explains why he has decided not to return he's excess expense allocation to the feds. He did say later in the article that he would use the money to make charitable donations.

Key Issue Ontario

Date 13/03/2000

Source Report Newsmagazine - Thank Mulroney

Quote The following is an excerpt from an article: "Moreover, says Stephen Harper, Calgary-based head of the National Citizens' Coalition, the election of the Harris government in 1995 marked the first time Ontario voters behaved like Albertans and embraced an 'anti-status quo' administration, 'a regional government that doesn't see Ottawa as the solution, but as the problem.'"

Context The applauding of an anti-Ottawa approach may prove problematic.

Key Issue Paul Martin

Date 09/07/2001

Source Canadian Business (CBCA) - Tiny talent time

Quote "I have respect for the Liberal party's abilities, if not their principles ... they know how to pick a winning candidate."

Context The Leader on Paul Martin and the Liberals.

Key Issue Paul Martin

Date 02/11/1999

Source Canadian Press Newswire - Some reaction to Finance Minister Paul Martin's financial update

Quote "Canadians must continue to push Paul Martin to allow common sense to prevail in Ottawa. We will not let the big spenders win."

Context The Leader praises Martin somewhat for his handling of Finance.

Key Issue Paul Martin

Date 15/09/1993

Source Western Report - The same-old Liberal lineup

Quote "Paul Martin talks a more sensible game than many in his party."

Context

Key Issue Paul Martin

Date 13/12/1993

Source Macleans' - The bean counter

Quote "They have started off in the right direction."

Context The Leader on the direction of finance policy under Paul Martin.

Key Issue Political Correctness

Date 16/04/2001

Source Report Newsmagazine - Prince George asked for it

Quote The following is an excerpt from an article: "Stephen Harper, president of the National Citizens' Coalition, says Ms. Fry and her ilk have 'convinced themselves that they are so right and pure, that any opposition has, in fact, to be motivated by sinister forces.' He likens the current anti-racism climate to medieval hysteria over witch-craft. 'We're talking about fighting unseen enemies,' he says. 'It's getting spooky.'"

Context The Leader and the Hedy Fry/cross burning incident

Key Issue Political Principles

Date 29/01/2002

Source Canadian Press Newswire - Alliance leadership candidate Stephen Harper ...

Quote "For the last five years there's been a growing chorus in the party that power is what matters .. Don't get me wrong, I'm in the to win ... but this power at all costs has not served us well. We are no closer today to power than when I left Parliament in 1997 and we're a lot farther from knowing why we want to be in power."

Context The Leader reaffirms his stance against merging with the Joe Clark Tories.

Key Issue	Political Principles
Date	20/03/2002
Source	Canadian Press Newswire (CBCA) - Stephen Harper's critics and fans agree he is brilliant
Quote	"I don't think I'm incapable of changing my views if the facts change ... being principled doesn't mean you adhere only to your own inner voice at the expense of the important views of your supports and who you claim to be speaking on behalf of."
Context	The Leader responds to the charge that he has a reputation of being too inflexible.
Key Issue	Progressive Conservative Party
Date	27/06/1994
Source	Canadian Business and Current Affairs - "Reform's 'new politics' look like the old"
Quote	The following is an excerpt from an article in Canadian Business and Current Affairs: "He [Ron Wood - then party press secretary] even points for proof to MP Stephen Harper of Calgary West, who was an assistant to Mr. Hawkes in the mid 1980s. Yet Mr. Harper says he was reluctant to hire former Tories, who had shown contempt for Reform before they received their first pay cheques from the party. 'These are legitimate concerns, but I am not going to attack any people,' he says."
Context	This story followed a revelation that 27 former Tory aides work for Reform in Ottawa.
Key Issue	Progressive Conservatives
Date	30/04/2001
Source	Report Newsmagazine - Down, down, down
Quote	"It is clear the remaining Tories are to the left of the Liberals, and they have made it clear that the eradication of all Reform-oriented values is the price of merger, I would say even the price of talking merger."
Context	An article published by the Report in June of that year noted that the Leader declined to discuss the subject.
Key Issue	Progressive Conservatives
Date	08/04/1996
Source	Western Report - One right-wing party too many
Quote	"I think the by-election results make a merger less likely for the simple reason the Progressive Conservative party as an institution is getting less and less relevant ... there aren't two right-wing parties, there is only one."
Context	The Leader slams the Tories after they failed to do well in 6 by-elections.

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Key Issue Progressive Conservatives

Date 03/02/1997

Source BC Report - How to beat the benign dictatorship

Quote "The great irony of conservatism in Canada is that you have the Progressive Conservative party, which claims to be conservative and is almost devoid of any shred of it, and the Reform Party which is almost entirely conservative in its agenda and eschews that as a label and guiding philosophy."

Context

Key Issue Progressive Conservatives

Date 10/05/1993

Source Western Report - The Reformers are cheering for Campbell

Quote "The thing to remember about all of these Tory leadership contenders, no matter how tough they talk is that they voted time after time for government measures that they now say they want to change."

Context The Leader slams the candidates running for the Tory leadership.

Key Issue Progressive Conservatives

Date 22/05/2000

Source Report Newsmagazine - Red Tory Blues

Quote The following is an excerpt from an article: "Most people figure the odds favour the Alliance over a resurrected Conservative party. 'Scenarios under which the Tories might survive are imaginable,' says Stephen Harper, president of the National Citizens' Coalition. 'They could hobble through the next election, win a couple of by-elections, and slowly attract back members of the provincial [Tory] parties.' But none of this is likely, says Mr. Harper. In fact, he adds, 'for the first time I now think it is possible they'll be gone before the next election.'"

Context The Leader on the survival chances of the Tories.

Key Issue	Progressive Conservatives
Date	09/04/1996
Source	Canadian Press Newswire - Charest says Reform recruiting plan a desperation move
Quote	The following is an excerpt from an article: "Reform officials say they are only opening the door to Tories upset at their party's weak showing in six federal byelections last month. 'It just seemed to us this was the time to throw open the door to some of those people,' said Reform MP Stephen Harper. But Harper said that Tories who want to have a major role in the Reform party will have to act soon. 'There comes a point at which you wouldn't really trust someone who comes over very late in the game or after the next election,' Harper said. 'People who work for the federal Tories in the next election will never be players in the Reform party.' Harper said the party, which has avoided setting up provincial wings, is tired of working to get provincial Tories elected only to see them work against Reformers federally. 'Provincial Conservatives who support the federal Conservative party cannot expect the continued support of Reform,' he said. At the very least, names of provincial Tory politicians who support the federal Tory party will be passed on to Reform riding associations, Harper said. Charest said the Reform plan will backfire. 'It will only reinforce the resolve of Progressive Conservatives to continue to build a national political party on things that unite Canadians and not things that divide them.'"
Context	The incident that sparked these comments were a leaked memo meant to be used by Reformers to win over disgruntled PCs.

Key Issue	Progressive Conservatives
Date	10/05/1993
Source	Western Report - The Reformers are cheering for Campbell
Quote	"Having a prime minister from the West talking in code of Quebec nationalism would be far worse than having a federalist from Quebec."
Context	The Leader argues that Campbell's decision to align herself with Quebec nationalists was not a good one.

Key Issue	Progressive Conservatives
Date	21/06/1993
Source	Western Report - The Tories' Mr. Fix-it says goodbye
Quote	"Maz was a disaster in finance ... [Mazankowski] was as effective as anyone can be in a system of rigid party discipline and overwhelming prime ministerial control."
Context	The Leader slams Maz and the rest of the PC party simultaneously.

Key Issue Progressive Conservatives

Date 31/03/1997

Source Alberta Report - Less P, more C

Quote The following is an excerpt from an article: "Combine that with the Tory attempt to thwart the development of contingency plans for Quebec separation and, on the unity issue, this is worse than the Bloc. At least the Bloc doesn't interfere in the rest of the country.' Mr. Harper says the Tory document is designed to have its greatest appeal to Ontario voters who support Tory Premier Mike Harris, but may vote Liberal federally. And he thinks it may succeed. 'My sense is that Reform's foothold in Ontario is shaky,' he says. 'And that people are looking for an alternative that is neither Liberal nor Reform.'"

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Context The Leader discusses the Tories obsession with distinct-society recognition for Quebec.

Key Issue Progressive Conservatives

Date 22/05/2000

Source Report Newsmagazine - Red Tory Blues

Quote The following is an excerpt from an article: "The NCC's Harper, who reports that Conservatives in his organization are deserting the party for the Alliance 'en masse,' defines the new party as representative of the 'have' regions of the country, as opposed to the 'have-nots.' The Alliance 'is strong where the country is strong,' observes Mr. Harper, while 'the Liberals are strong where the country is weak.'

Context The Leader argues that Conservatives are leaving their party in favour of the Alliance.

Key Issue Progressive Conservatives

Date 22/05/2000

Source Report Newsmagazine - Red Tory Blues

Quote The following is an excerpt from an article: "His [Harper's] only complaint is that it is taking so long to supplant the Conservative party with a truly conservative party. 'I feel a certain amount of sadness,' he explains, 'but it's not sentimentality over the coffin of John A. Macdonald. My sadness is that in this country, unlike the United States or Britain, it took us 20 years to do what conservatives in those countries did relatively quickly, and without destroying their conservative parties.'"

Context The Leader laments that it's taking too long to supplant the PC Party with a truly conservative party.

Key Issue Progressive Conservatives

Date 06/04/1998

Source Macleans' - Singing the Tory blues

Quote "Many Tories will be leery of anything that smacks of Reform taking them over ... but survival is not an issue for the Reform party. It is for the Tories."

Context The Leader argues that the Tories aren't in a position to dictate the terms if the two parties merger.

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Key Issue Progressive Conservatives

Date 25/08/1996

Source Canadian Press Newswire - Charest puts election wheels in motion

Quote "We're just curious at this point to see what's seeping these people afloat."

Context The Leader quoted at the 1996 PC policy convention.

Key Issue Progressive Conservatives

Date 28/08/1995

Source Western Report - Pick a position

Quote The following is an excerpt from an article: "Calgary Reformer Harper, a former executive assistant to then-Tory MP Jim Hawkes, says the Tories continue to seek out the middle-ground, one of the factors which caused him to leave the party in the first place. 'They try to cast their net as wide as they can to please everyone,' he says."

Context The Leader slams the Tories.

Key Issue Progressive Conservatives

Date 23/01/1995

Source Western Report - Third option by the carload

Quote "This is the party of Lucien Bouchard ... this is the party of Monique Veza and Marcel Masse."

Context The Leader argues that the Tories can't be trusted with the Quebec issue again.

Key Issue Progressive Conservatives

Date 06/12/1993

Source Western Report - The Tories plot their comeback

Quote The following is an excerpt from an article: "Calgary West Reform MP Stephen Harper says a few years ago the Conservatives might have been successful with that strategy. 'But we did it first and we beat them.' He believes the eclipse of the Conservatives as a federal force is permanent. Says the former executive assistant to defeated Tory MP Jim Hawkes, 'I think serious conservatives should join us and Red Tories should go with the Liberals.'"

Context The Leader slams the Tories.

Key Issue Quebec Issues

Date 16/06/1997

Source Alberta Report - The little breakthrough that happened

Quote The following is an excerpt from an article: "What makes Mr. Hermanson's loss particularly poignant, notes Mr. Harper, is that, 'Elwin fought hard for the redistribution, which caused Quebec to drop below 25% of the House of Commons' seats for the first time ever.' In the failed 1992 Charlottetown Accord, Quebec was guaranteed 25% of the seats in perpetuity. The redistribution ensures that no such guarantee can be made in any future Quebec-appeasing deals the Liberals might cook up. 'Elwin did that for the good of the West,' observes Mr. Harper. 'And he paid the price.'"

Context The Leader laments the fact that Reform MP Elwin Hermanson lost his seat to an NDPer in the 1997. Praising redistribution that favours the West over Quebec could be used to paint the Leader as anti-Quebec.

Key Issue Quebec Issues

Date 21/02/1994

Source Western Report - The price of punitive taxation

Quote The following is an excerpt from an article: "Calgary - West Reform MP Stephen Harper is worried the government's reaction to tobacco smuggling has set two dangerous precedents. First he is troubled the government reacted quickly to demands for lower taxes supported by Quebec, but opposed by the other nine provinces. He points out Ottawa failed to move on Alberta's outrage over the NEP or its demands for lower interest rates after the province's oil and gas industry began to recover from the 1986 - 87 collapse in world prices. "

Context Although the Leader isn't directly quoted in this piece, I thought it would be wise to include as it could be misconstrued as being anti-Quebec.

Key Issue	Quebec Issues
Date	02/09/1996
Source	Western Report - Quebec gets hotter
Quote	"I'm convinced a conservative movement exists in Quebec, but it's become totally submerged within the sovereignty movement ... the French conservatives tend to be ethnic nationalists, while the English conservatives tend to be strong, central government Trudeauites for obvious reasons."
Context	The Leader on the nature of conservatism in Quebec.
Key Issue	Quebec Issues
Date	01/08/1994
Source	Western Report - Reform crosses the final frontier, Quebec
Quote	The following is an excerpt from an article: "Some western Reformers worry, however, that Quebec expansion will dilute or compromise the party's policies -- especially its commitments to a Triple - E Senate and the constitutional principle of 10 equal provinces, rather than two founding nations. 'You cannot change the message,' says Stephen Harper, MP for Calgary West. "
Context	The Leader allays fears that Reform will water down its policies when it expands into Quebec.
Key Issue	Quebec Issues
Date	02/08/1996
Source	Western Report - Quebec gets hotter
Quote	"We don't think any government has a role in this, to tell stores what they can and cannot do."
Context	The Leader on Quebec's language laws.
Key Issue	Quebec Issues
Date	23/01/1995
Source	Western Report - Third option by the carload
Quote	"Why do they think Quebec will become independent and we will continue to pay for it"?
Context	The Leader discussing the ADQ's proposal that Quebec and Canada enter into a decentralized federation like the EU.

Key Issue Quebec Issues

Date 23/01/1995

Source Western Report - Third option by the carload

Quote "Can Quebec be satisfied short of outright separation? That's a good question."

Context

Key Issue Quebec Issues

Date 27/05/1996

Source Western Report - Chretien hardens line

Quote "Both extremes here are recipes for civil disorder. If Quebec says 'We don't care about people's rights or constitutional authority--we're going to do it this way,' then that creates strife. But if the federal government says 'The constitution is never going to change and you're going to stay in Canada,' that creates strife, too...What we need is a healthy respect for both the rule of law and for democracy."

Context The two extremes to which the Leader refers are the role of law and the role of the majority.

Key Issue Quebec Issues

Date 29/04/1996

Source BC Report - A new definition for ridiculous

Quote The following is an excerpt from an article: "Reform Party unity spokesman Stephen Harper has nothing kinder to say about 'le foyer principal' than about 'distinct society.' He observes that while politicians thrash about for language to make acceptable the unacceptable, what has not changed is that the entire distinct-society idea hinges on upon the assertion from Quebec politicians that Canada does not recognize Quebec's different language, culture and legal system. 'And it is asserted that if we did, the sovereigntists would go away,' he says."

Context The Leader on the Quebec wing of the the federal Liberals decision to drop the demand for 'distinct society' and instead replace it 'le foyer principal.'

Key Issue	Quebec Issues
Date	01/04/2002
Source	Hill Times (CBCA) - "Harper just doesn't get it"
Quote	The following is an excerpt from an article: "'The French language is not imperiled in Quebec,' he [Harper] said, adding that calls for a 'vague special status' in the constitution is wrong-headed. 'The core assertion of its proponents -- that special status is needed to protect the French language in Quebec -- is simply false.'"
Context	This is an excerpt from a speech that the Leader gave during the 2001/02 leadership campaign to an audience of Anglophones invited by the Anglo-rights organization Alliance Quebec in Montreal.

Key Issue	Quebec Issues
Date	14/04/1996
Source	Canadian Press Newswire - Quebec Liberals
Quote	"'I just think this whole debate over terminology is a bunch of nonsense ... I'm mystified as to why a so-called federalist government continues to repeat the separatist myth that Quebec's language and culture is not recognized.'"
Context	The Leader on the Quebec wing of the the federal Liberals decision to drop the demand for 'distinct society' and instead replace it 'le foyer principal.'

Key Issue	Quebec Issues
Date	24/01/1994
Source	Western Report - Pancakes with the enemy
Quote	The following is an excerpt from an article: "Calgary Reform MP Stephen Harper, who along with Prof. Flanagan has often been suspicious of party strategy, has confidence in the recent moves. He simply urges voters and Reformers to watch 'when we start speaking French. Do we continue to refer to equal provinces and equal treatment, or do we start to refer to 'equitable' provinces and 'equitable' treatment? The party speaks for the democratic right, and if the party doesn't do that effectively, then it will end up the same way the Conservatives did.'"
Context	The Leader argues that Reform can't water down its message when in it campaigns in Quebec.

Key Issue	Quebec Issues
Date	13/11/1995
Source	Western Report - Appeasement revisited
Quote	The following is an excerpt from an article: "Reform Party unity critic Stephen Harper says that rather than appeasing Quebec, distinct society status will only further inflame nationalistic passions. 'We will acknowledge that they are a special people,' he says. 'And `people' are capable of independence. But then we will deny them a state.'"
Context	The Leader argues that distinct society won't appease Quebec.

Key Issue	Quebec Issues
Date	26/05/1997
Source	BC Report - Meech Lake, round three
Quote	The following is an excerpt of an article: "Stephen Harper, now a vice-president with the National Citizens Coalition, says the Bloc's current troubles are irrelevant. He notes that the separatists have shown remarkable staying power in trying times. 'How soon we forget,' he says. 'Everyone was talking about the sovereigntists being dead in the week before the last referendum and during the first two weeks of the campaign.'"
Context	The Leader argues that separatism in Quebec is a potent force. This contradicts more recent comments he's said on the subject (i.e. separatism is a dying force).

Key Issue	Quebec Issues
Date	19/02/1996
Source	Western Report - A province of bastards
Quote	The following is an excerpt from an article: "And ironically, says Mr. Harper, that same aspect of Quebec's social distinctiveness is what makes it unsuitable for independence. 'The only real independence is economic independence,' he says. 'When you don't have that, you don't have anything.'"
Context	This article examined on Quebec is a socially liberal, but heavily statist province.

Key Issue	Quebec Issues
Date	19/01/2002
Source	Canadian Press Newswire - Alliance candidate Stephen Harper says French not threatened in Quebec
Quote	"I still believe that (constitutional) approach threw a poorly thought-out sop to the separatists."
Context	The Leader on the ineffectiveness of constitutional solutions to addressing Quebec concerns.

Key Issue	Quebec Issues
Date	09/03/1998
Source	BC Report - The 'exit clause' or chaos
Quote	The following is an excerpt from an article: "Clause five grants special powers to Quebec to preserve the French language and culture, while clause six says any power granted to one province should be given to all,' explains NCC president Harper, one of the declaration's harshest critics. 'Well, how does the ability to promote the French language help the other provinces?' In effect, the document simultaneously offers special status to Quebec and equality for all the provinces. If the former is true, it will not fly in Canada. If the latter is true, it will crash in Quebec. 'If anything at all even comes of this, which seems very unlikely,' says Mr. Harper, 'I don't see how you can reconcile the two ... we have been trying to come up with plums to keep the separatists happy for 30 years now ... it won't happen. They do not want more power; they want their own country and offering them more and more only legitimizes their position.'"
Context	The Leader on the problems with the Calgary Declarations
Key Issue	Quebec Issues
Date	25/05/1998
Source	BC Report - Preston Manning, stepfather of confederation
Quote	The following in an excerpt from an article: "It's really the Seinfeld declaration, it's the package about nothing,' he [Harper] says of the deal hammered out by the English premiers last year that simultaneously calls for provincial equality and recognition of Quebec's 'unique character.' Mr. Harper says the vagueness of the declaration has allowed Reform to define it in a way that suits their proposals, namely emphasizing the equality provisions. "
Context	The Leader criticizes the Calgary Declaration.
Key Issue	Quebec Issues
Date	12/02/1996
Source	BC Report - Liberals Reform their policy
Quote	"If anglophones, allophones and aboriginals initiate violence, they will lose the support of Canada and the international community ... if you want to stay in Canada, do it democratically and don't take up arms. Otherwise, you will get no support from Reform."
Context	The Leader on the possibility of a Yes vote in the 1995 referendum.

Key Issue	Quebec Issues
Date	01/12/1995
Source	Canadian Press Newswire - Reform doesn't rule out violence
Quote	The following is an excerpt from an article: "'We're not trying to scare people,' said MP Stephen Harper, one of the principal architects of the document. The draft document says the federal government should allow referendums in the 'smallest possible potential jurisdiction' that would not want to stay in an independent Quebec. That might include areas such as the Outaouais region near Ottawa, the west end of Montreal island and the aboriginal communities in northern Quebec which are strongly opposed to separation. 'The government has the legal obligation to protect the rights of Canadian citizens who don't want to leave the country,' he said Friday outside the House. He was asked if that means the government should use military force if necessary. 'I'm suggesting that if anybody initiates violence it would be the government of Quebec which would have to impose an illegal regime on those citizens since they won't separate voluntarily,'" he said.
Context	The Leader on what may happen if the Yes side prevailed in 1995.

Key Issue	Quebec Issues
Date	29/09/1997
Source	Alberta Report - What's in it for us?
Quote	"Quebec has had a prime minister from their province for the last 29 of 30 years, and a Quebecker in almost every key federal institution and ministry. They have also been net beneficiaries in terms of it's economic role and transfer programs ... what you've got here is a resuscitation of distinct society using other terms ... you can argue they are watered down terms, but as Daniel Johnson says, it opens the door to distinct recognition ... what is interesting is the West's constitutional agenda was reduced to a single phrase, equality of provinces. I don't see how anything in this deal will mean the provinces are more equal, how regional representation will be enhanced, how the West will be treated better in terms of fiscal and economic terms. It is really funny how everybody's been debating whether or not people could settle for a 'two-E' senate, now they're getting a 'no-E' senate."
Context	The Leader on the Calgary Declaration.

Key Issue	Quebec Issues
Date	12/02/1996
Source	Western Report - If you can't beat 'em, rob 'em
Quote	The following is an excerpt from an article: "If you listen to him closely it's a Quebec Liberal view, not a federalist view. He has a vision of Quebec within Canada, but he has no real vision of Canada.' It makes Mr. Harper deeply distrustful of the Liberals' apparent conversion. 'I think they're using these tough moves as another way of selling special status for Quebec,' he says. 'The Liberals want to get the old Meech agenda through, and they're saying that if distinct society and a veto are accepted, none of the tough measures will be necessary.'"
Context	The Leader on Stephane Dion's view of federalism.

Key Issue	Quebec Issues
Date	20/12/1999
Source	Report Newsmagazine - Is Mario the man?
Quote	"It's important that it is not a sop to Quebec ... it's to make the country as a whole work better, and to appeal equally to all Canadians."
Context	The Leader argues that decentralization can't be primarily intended to mollify Quebecers.

Key Issue	Reform
Date	03/05/1993
Source	Western Report - Canada's new party of conscience
Quote	"I would define power as having an agenda and seeing it adopted rather than necessarily getting into power."
Context	Some may say that the Leader's involvement in the creation of the new Conservative Party makes him bit of a hypocrite.

Key Issue	Reform
Date	15/10/1995
Source	Canadian Press Newswire - Reform's crusade for a new Canada
Quote	"Even if parties are regionally based, people want to see you trying to be a national party."
Context	The Leader argues that even if the party doesn't make inroads into Quebec, the optics of at least trying are good.

Key Issue	Reform Party
Date	29/06/1998
Source	BC Report - Principle vs. the porkbarrel
Quote	"Now Reform operates like any other party. There's no difference ... Reform just found it couldn't change the system, so now they've changed to fit the system."
Context	The Leader's response to reports of increased caucus discipline within the party (and also that 5 MPs were considering to opt into the pension).

Key Issue	Senate
Date	28/01/1996
Source	Canadian Press Newswire - Patronage appointments create little stir
Quote	"We [Reform] don't support any Seante appointments."
Context	

Key Issue	Sexual Orientation
Date	26/12/1994
Source	Western Report - Reform grapples with gay rights
Quote	The following is an excerpt from an article: "'I really got burned in the press on this one,' says Mr. Harper. His personal position on gay rights, only partially reported, is 'don't ask, don't tell.' Homosexuals should be protected from discrimination in commercial or employment practices, he believes, but like the rest of his caucus, he would prefer the wholesale 'de - categorization' of human rights protection. He would accept the inclusion of 'sexual orientation' in the CHRA if it were clearly defined, but not if it were used a precedent for further benefits like marital status. Mr. Harper is now polling his constituents. "
Context	The Leader response to a Southam headline "Two Calgary Reformers back gay rights." In 1994, Allan Rock announced his intention to include sexual orientation in the CHRA. It was argued in the article that Southam was trying to present the issue in a way that made it appear there was a major schism in the Reform caucus.

Key Issue	Social Conservatism
Date	11/08/1997
Source	Alberta Report - Alberta's new family policy
Quote	The following is an excerpt from an article: "If there doesn't start to be a defined agenda soon, it opens up space for all kinds of people,' says Stephen Harper, vice-president of the National Citizens' Coalition and an ex-Reform MP. 'And if the agenda is one that's hostile for social conservatives, it could open up the growth of a party like Social Credit or some kind of conservative alternative ... Klein should take seriously the fact that the Socreds did take 7% of the vote in the last provincial election, which for a fourth party is an amazing total, especially considering how little publicity they got,' says Mr. Harper. 'It shows Klein can't assume that conservatives, and especially social conservatives, can be taken for granted'."
Context	The Leader argues that Klein ignores so-con concerns at his peril.

Key Issue	Social Conservatism
Date	18/03/2002
Source	Macleans' (CBCA) - Religion and the right
Quote	"Stockwell Day is running a clever campaign - he's a smart guy - but it's focused entirely on getting the support of outside organizations to win this race."
Context	The Leader on the fact on Day's tactics of drumming up support amongst so-cons.

Key Issue	Social Conservatism
Date	07/03/2002
Source	Canadian Press Newswire - No love lost as Alliance leadership frontrunner square off on Newsworld
Quote	"I think you've made us vulnerable once again to the charge that we may claim that we don't have a moral agenda but in fact, there it is for all to see and it will be the leader's agenda if you're [Day] elected."
Context	The Leader argues that by concentrating on shoring up support from religious groups, Day is making himself beholden to them.

Key Issue	Social Conservatism
Date	25/10/1999
Source	Report Newsmagazine - Have vote, will travel
Quote	The following is an excerpt from an article: "It's because of the liberal media's bent,' says Stephen Harper of Calgary, president of the National Citizens' Coalition. 'Somebody pointed out to me quite rightly that the concerns about the involvement of activist Christians in U.S. politics did not arise until it was the religious right. When it was liberal Christians pursuing their agenda under Jimmy Carter, everything was all right.'"
Context	The Leader explains why those on the right who are religious are criticized so harshly by the media.

Key Issue	Social Conservatism
Date	24/07/2000
Source	Report Newsmagazine - "Stockmania"
Quote	"Canadians are remarkably conservative for a country that has never had an effective and consciously conservative leader ... the whole spectrum in western politics has shift [from economic] to social-moral cultural values."
Context	

Key Issue	Stockwell Day
Date	26/02/2002
Source	Canadian Press Newswire (CBCA) - Day accuses Harper of double standard on Christian fundamentalist support
Quote	"I really wish you'd knock this off 'I'm the best Christian and of you're Christian you've got to support Stockwell Day,' Harper said on Vancouver's Rafe Mair show. 'You know this race is not about religion, it's about choosing a leader for this party which is going to have a range of religious view in it.'"
Context	The Leader criticizes Day's leadership campaign strategy.

Key Issue	Tom Long
Date	20/04/2000
Source	Canadian Press Newswire - Ernie Eves has quit federal Conservative party to back Tom Long
Quote	The following is an excerpt from an article: "Long will not only be able to hold onto Reform's support base, said Harper, he will 'bring a significant chunk of the Ontario party into this race. And I think, in the process, he is going to deal a mortal wound to the federal PCs.'"
Context	

Key Issue	Unite the Right
Date	21/03/2002
Source	Canadian Press Newswire (CBCA) - Harper sets out to fix Alliance's woes
Quote	The following is an excerpt from an article: "On Thursday, Harper said he'd discuss co-operation with Clark, but added he's 'skeptical' of the Tories' sincerity."
Context	The Leader on what he perceives to be the chances of uniting with the Tories.
Key Issue	Unite the right
Date	16/02/2002
Source	National Post - "Tory-Alliance merger 'virtually impossible.'"
Quote	"My interpretation ... is that this was simply an attempt to position Joe Clark to appeal to a wide electorate including some Alliance voters. In other words, a hostile act."
Context	The Leader on the announcement that the DRC would adopt certain Alliance policies on such issues as Senate reform and free votes in the House.
Key Issue	Unite the right
Date	16/02/2002
Source	National Post - "Tory-Alliance union 'virtually impossible.'"
Quote	"Part of the mission in the Alliance continues to be to find ways to co-operate with Progressive Conservatives, but obviously what Joe is doing makes formal institutional co-operation with PC Party, at least under his leadership, virtually impossible."
Context	The Leader on Joe Clark's announced plan to remain on as PC leader.
Key Issue	Unite the right
Date	22/03/2002
Source	National Post
Quote	"We have always said that if there is any possibility at all of anything happening in terms of co-operation between the parties – and I think it is a long shot – it is when we get in a position of strength."
Context	

Key Issue Unite the right

Date 07/02/2002

Source Winnipeg Free Press - "Alliance candidates clash over right-wing vote split"

Quote "9Progressive Conservative leader) Joe (Clark's) life-long dream is it form a second Liberal party ... And I say, ladies and gentlemen, let him have his second Liberal party - we will be the sole democratic, conservative party."

Context The Leader on the chance of achieving unity with Clark at the helm of the Tories at the debate in Mississauga.

Key Issue Unite the right

Date 21/01/2002

Source Montreal Gazette

Quote "I don't see a potential marriage with the Tories right now ... We've made offers for four years to Joe Clark and the Tories, and they have either been rebuffed or we've had no response. I would be open to other options if I thought they were there. But it's clear to me it's not."

Context The Leader on the chances of achieving unity as long as Clark remains leader of the Tories.

Key Issue Unite the right

Date 11/01/2002

Source Regina Leader Post - "Harper discourages merger"

Quote "one-sided mating dance"

Context The Leader on the Alliance's past overtures to the Tories

Key Issue Unite the right

Date 11/01/2002

Source Regina Leader Post - "Harper discourages merger"

Quote "Joe is not going to deal with us ... Joe is a principled guy in his own way. And he has stood on principles different than this party for his entire political career. He doesn't agree with us on any major issue. As long as we chase him, we just put ourselves in a position of weakness because he doesn't have to deal with us."

Context The Leader on the chances of achieving unity with Clark at the Tories' helm.

Key Issue	Unite the right
Date	12/12/2001
Source	Calgary Herald
Quote	"My position is that this party can and should move forward ... While we're open to realistic accommodation with the Tories, I think we have to also be realistic that it just isn't going to happen under Joe Clark, so we have to be prepared to move this party forward."
Context	The Leader on his position concerning approaching the Tories.
Key Issue	Unite the right
Date	25/03/2002
Source	National Post
Quote	"We will welcome responsible corporate support from the corporate community, but the corporate community can't use its financial support to blackmail a politician or a party ... We would never allow the corporate community to say, 'you must do this or you must do that.' That's not how things are supposed to work in a democratic society."
Context	The Leader on why Bay Street et al. will be unable to influence the CA/Tory merger.
Key Issue	Unite the right
Date	07/02/2002
Source	National Post - "Harper, Day dismiss unity with Clark's 'soft' Tories."
Quote	"I don't believe that we will get that offer of co-operation from Joe Clark's party because of the sole reason that Joe's life-long dream has been to create a second Liberal party ... I say let him create a second Liberal party. We'll continue to be the sole conservative party."
Context	The Leader said that he would not rule out any kind of arrangement with the Tories, but that Joe Clark had indicated that he had no interest in joining forces with the Alliance.

Key Issue Unite the right

Date 18/03/2002

Source National Post

Quote The following is an excerpt from an article: It's been a strange campaign, says Mr. Harper. Two candidates, Mr. Hill and Ms. Ablonczy, say the Alliance "has not future" and must align with the Tories. The question of building a national, conservative option to the reigning Liberals is a primary issue, he says, "but you don't make yourselves contingent on another political party endorsing you, which is what a couple of the candidates would have us do." Better to watch the Tories "gradually atrophy," he says.

Context

Key Issue Unite the right

Date 25/01/2002

Source Vanouever Province

Quote The following is an excerpt from a column by Jim McNulty: "If Clark wants to run 301 candidates, so should we, said Harper, adding that the Alliance should stop trying to 'reinvent and rebrand' itself and instead run on tired-and-true Reform policies. Harper insisted there is only 'one choice' to advance conservatism in Canada, and that is the Alliance."

Context Although the Leader was not directly quoted in the article, I thought it wise to include nonetheless.

Key Issue Unite the right

Date 01/02/2002

Source Edmonton Journal

Quote "The Red Tories under Joe Clark would be no better as a government than the Liberals."

Context

Key Issue Unite the right

Date 25/03/2002

Source National Post

Quote "I am convinced that is the only option right now [moving forward without the Tories]. It is very unusual for parties to unite."

Context

Key Issue	Unite the right
Date	18/03/2002
Source	National Post
Quote	"The priority of the next leader should be to get this party ready for an election, not figure out how to not run candidates," Mr. Harper said, adding that it is up to the membership to authorize co-operation with the Tories.
Context	The could prove to be problematic as the recent merger was initiated without gaining the grassroots' approval beforehand.
Key Issue	Unite the right
Date	16/02/2002
Source	National Post
Quote	"My interpretation ... is that this [Tory-DRC initiative] was simply an attempt to position Joe Clark to appear to a wide electorate, including some Alliance voters. In other words, a hostile act."
Context	
Key Issue	Unite the right
Date	04/02/2002
Source	National Post
Quote	"We're going to take this party out of the hands of the spin doctors and the lobbyists and the bagmen who got control of it during the United Alternative process."
Context	
Key Issue	Unite the right
Date	25/03/2002
Source	Calgary Herald
Quote	"We could get every Tory vote in the country and we couldn't be a majority government. What this party needs to do is get more votes, and its opponents – including the Liberals – need to get less."
Context	

Key Issue	Unite the right
Date	21/03/2002
Source	Calgary Herald
Quote	"This party will be dedicated to the principles and policies of its members," Harper said, adding the Alliance is "a permanent political institution that is here to stay."
Context	
Key Issue	Unite the right
Date	14/01/2002
Source	Calgary Herald
Quote	"I think it [the Alliance] will get its support back," Harper adds. "If it continues to wallow in internal factionalism, if it continues to debate its own existence, if it continues to have senior people in the party say it's not viable, not only the public but its own people will lose confidence in it."
Context	
Key Issue	Unite the right
Date	12/02/2002
Source	Edmonton Journal
Quote	"I want to move the party forward based on all that it has built in the past."
Context	
Key Issue	Unite the right
Date	25/03/2002
Source	National Post
Quote	"I say it would be highly unusual to put all the eggs in the basket if uniting this institution with another political party. That kind of event almost never happens in a democracy. I think there are other ways to move forward."
Context	The Leader argues that the Alliance was moved forward.

Key Issue	Unite the right
Date	16/01/2002
Source	Hamilton Spectator - "Harper plans to return to Alliance roots"
Quote	"I think it's fairly clear this party needs to extend its electoral base (but) I think it's a mistake to jump from that to say we need to make an institutional deal with the Tories and say that's the only way we can move ahead ... Fundamentally, this party hasn't made progress in the past couple of elections, not because, not because the Tories were there ... the essential barrier was that this party didn't run good election campaigns and didn't project a clear message to voters and clear sense of competency and ability to form a government."
Context	The Leader argues that the Alliance doesn't need Joe Clark's Tories to win over the nation's fractured right-wing voters and form a federal government.

Key Issue	Unite the Right
Date	06/04/1998
Source	Alberta Report - Waiting for the aftershock
Quote	"Both parties must realize that there is no possibility either will be able to mount a serious challenge to the Liberals ... if they want to cooperate, there are any number of ways they can do that, but if they don't, there are any number of roadblocks that they can throw up ... political parties almost never merge ... even just talk of merger brings out the fiercest hostility in parties."
Context	In the article, it notes that merger are either achieved through a pre-arranged agreement or by a hostile takeover. The Leader argues that the latter is the far more likely of the two.

Key Issue	Unite the Right
Date	23/11/1998
Source	Macleans' - The Manning prescription
Quote	The following is an excerpt from an article: " He [Harper] worries that the attempt to merge with Tories will result in a watering down of core Reform tenets. For example, he wonders if the principle of equality of the provinces can be maintained in a new party that would include federal Tories, like White, who have long contended that Quebec's special place in Canada needs to be recognized. That is a position many activist, small-c conservatives in the West and Ontario reject. Harper told Maclean's the NCC's 45,000 members are looking for 'something they recognize as distinctively conservative--not just a party that seeks to replace the Liberals.'"
Context	The Leader criticizes the potential end product of the UA process.

Key Issue Unite the Right

Date 23/11/1998

Source Macleans' - Alternative power brokers

Quote "By admitting that Reform is not capable of winning the next federal election, and by being increasingly bold about what he is willing to do about it, Manning is giving opponents of the Liberals at least a ray of hope."

Context The Leader criticizes the UA movement.

Key Issue Unite the Right

Date 30/11/1998

Source BC Report - An unlikely whaler

Quote "What concerns me is that in the rush to create an alternative to the Liberals, the party doesn't end up being an empty opposition vessel."

Context The Leader skeptical assessment of the potential end result of the UA process.

Key Issue Unite the right

Date 07/02/2002

Source Winnipeg Free Press - "Alliance candidates clash over right-wing vote split"

Quote "What they're saying is 'you've been right and we've been wrong and we are moving towards your policies.'"

Context The Leader on the DRC's announced intention to adopt certain Alliance policies.

Key Issue Unite the right

Date 18/02/2002

Source National Post - "Five premiers urge Tory, CA union"

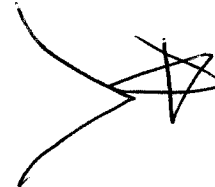
Quote The following is an excerpt from a National Post article: "Mr. Harper says he believes many Tories are sincere about coalition with the Alliance, but he said Mr. Clark's decision to 'drop the veil' on his leadership intentions 'confirms that he intends to of after Alliance voters, not co-operation with the Alliance party.'"

Context The Leader in to Clark's announcement that he would ask the PC Party's national convention in August 2002 to give him a mandate to lead them into the next election.



Key Issue	Unite the Right
Date	08/02/1999
Source	Alberta Report - Populism versus partyism
Quote	The following is an excerpt from an article: "Stephen Harper, a Calgary Reform MP before he decided not to seek re-election in 1997, is another critic of the muzzling. Right now, he says, it seems that Quebec nationalists and old-guard Tories have latitude to contribute whatever they like to the UA debate, while Reformers are supposed to refrain from advancing the ideas upon which their MPs won office. 'We'd better hear something very different at the UA assembly,' Mr. Harper warns, 'or the whole idea should be forgotten.'
Context	The Leader argues that the UA process seems to be about adopting what is acceptable to Tories while disowning Reform policies.

Key Issue	Unite the right
Date	19/01/2002
Source	Calgary Herald - Interview with Stephen Harper
Quote	"Well I think policy books, especially in the traditional parties, are kind of meaningless documents, they just had to cover all the bases. What has impressed me more, and one of the things I was doing at the National Citizens' coalition, was that we were tracking the policy positions on the major parties and quite frankly we found the Canadian Alliance and the Progressive Conservatives tended to disagree far more often than they agreed -- whether you are talking about enhancing regional transfers or industrial development programs or unemployment insurance."
Context	The Leader's response to the following question: "When we look at the policy books for the Alliance and the Tories side by side during the campaign, there was a lot of overlap. What fundamental differences do you think Joe Clark has relative to the Alliance party"? As a big part of our strategy to push merger, has been the line "our policies books are virtually the same," I thought that this would be wise to include.



Key Issue	Unite the right
Date	19/01/2002
Source	Calgary Herald - Interview with Stephen Harper
Quote	"First of all I am running for leadership within the Canadian Alliance not the Conservative party. So I am not seeking Joe Clark's blessing. I gather many other candidates will be. That is just one thing that is so unusual about the race. I am not opposed in any way to try to broaden the coalition of this organization and it has to be broadened to form a government. My position is this: For four years the party has made various offers of co-operation with Joe Clark but he has not response to any of them. The party talked about joint leadership races, coalition arrangements, the protocol on joint candidates. Joe has not endorsed any of these nor has he made any counter proposals. It is clear that he is not going to and I think rather than chasing him and playing phone tag, we should simply get on with our own party."
Context	The Leader's answer to the following question: "What do you say to those who say you are not interested in a merger with the Progressive Conservatives"?
Key Issue	Unite the Right
Date	05/03/2002
Source	Canadian Press Newswire (CBCA) - Day sets summer deadline for Tories to agree to run joint candidates
Quote	"People understand that this (race) is about the leadership and the future of this party. It's very clear to me that this party has two radically different futures depending on who wins this race - either Stockwell Day or myself."
Context	The Leader on Day's sudden interest in running joint candidates. Prior to making the above statement the article noted that the Leader mentioned that the Alliance membership had not endorsed merger with the Tories.
Key Issue	Unite the Right
Date	12/12/2001
Source	Canadian Press Newswire - Stockwell Day resigns
Quote	"Those who support the incumbent (Day), those who support moving the party forward under new leadership and those who support moving toward Joe Clark's Tories."
Context	The Leader on how the leadership race was shaping up (i.e. he, Day, and Abloncy)

Key Issue	Unite the right
Date	04/12/2001
Source	National Post - "Forget unification with Tories under Clark, Harper says"
Quote	"I wouldn't characterize their actions as being in the drive for [political] unity. What they have done is divide the stronger party and try to blow oxygen into the tent of the weaker one ... I do think the actions of the DRC, creating your own caucus [and] making a deal with another political party, these are actions that are unacceptable in any disciplined political organization."
Context	The Leader on the DRC.
Key Issue	Unite the right
Date	04/12/2001
Source	National Post - "Forget unification with Tories under Clark, Harper says"
Quote	"I just think that it is transparently clear that this is a waste of our time and energy. I don't doubt that there are lots of people in the Tory party who do want to have meaningful dialogue, but until we can be sure that they are sincere and supported by their leadership, I am not going to advocate that be our focus."
Context	The Leader on the chances of achieving unification with Clark at the helm of the Tories.
Key Issue	Unite the right
Date	04/12/2001
Source	Toronto Star - "Harper to woo Ontario"
Quote	"I think the grassroots is divided on this ... but they have to come to the realization that no matter how much people want it to happen, it's not going to happen ... Joe's done a number of things to make this impossible ... I am a supporter of the idea that this party should be a broad coalition of small-c Conservatives ... but it's clear to me, in the short term, any kind of institutional deal with the Tories is not going to happen and it will not happen while Joe Clark is leader."
Context	The Leader on why unity can't be pursued as long as Joe Clark is leader of the PCs.

Key Issue	Unite the right
Date	09/12/2001
Source	Edmonton Journal - "Harper hopes to lead return to Reform's right-wing roots."
Quote	"We've got five times the number of seats as the Tories, we've got ten times the memberships, we've got an electoral base that can actually deliver a substantial-sized caucus. If Joe is unafraid to charge into the next election and says he can move forward, it absolutely mystifies me why this party won't take the same stance. We're in a far better position to do it."
Context	The Leader argues that the Alliance should stop chasing the Tories and instead focus on moving ahead.

Key Issue	Unite the Right
Date	30/07/2001
Source	Report Newsmagazine - Winding to a close
Quote	The following is an excerpt from an article: "He [Harper] maintains, 'I'm not convinced there is a merger happening.' He adds, however, 'things are moving towards the dissolution of the Canadian Alliance -- which amounts to the same thing' ... 'I don't hesitate in saying that Joe Clark is literally the antithesis of everything the Reform/Alliance has attempted to achieve in the past 14 years, much more than the Liberals.'"
Context	The Leader on the then-sorry state of the Alliance.

Key Issue	Unite the Right
Date	04/12/2001
Source	Canadian Press Newswire - Stephen Harper embarks on campaign for CA leadership
Quote	The following is an excerpt from an article: "He questioned yet another rebranding of the Alliance through a unity effort, saying Canadians want to see some consistency. Harper's candidacy will be controversial for party members who would to move quickly into an arrangement with the Tories. But he said Monday the party must first restore itself, and rushing quickly into a new arrangement smacks of defeatism. Clark 'has a view of where his party should go and that is clearly incompatible with this party,' said Harper."
Context	The Leader on those who wish to obsess with uniting with the Tories.

Key Issue	Unite the Right
Date	04/12/2001
Source	Canadian Press Newswire - A sketch of Stephen Harper
Quote	"I think we're wasting our energy, out time and resources obsessing over a merger agenda with Joe."
Context	The Leader on uniting with the Clark Tories.
Key Issue	Unite the Right
Date	04/12/2001
Source	Canadian Press Newswire - Harper's bid for Alliance leadership won't build bridges critics say
Quote	The following is an excerpt from an article: "The Toronto-born Harper said the Alliance made a mistake in trying to soften its image to make it more palatable to those in Central Canada. 'We've always had a funny view that we somehow have to be a different party in other parts of the country to move forward,' he said. 'I don't share that view and think that has gotten us off track.'"
Context	The Leader on the received wisdom that the Alliance most soften its image in order to succeed in eastern Canada.
Key Issue	Unite the Right
Date	29/01/2002
Source	Canadian Press Newswire - Alliance leadership candidate Stephen Harper ...
Quote	"This is what the unity candidates aren't telling you, that there is no way of achieving this ... I believe it's not possible in the short term because I believe very strongly that Joe Clark in particular as leader of that party does not share our principles and policies."
Context	The Leader of the futility of pursuing merger talks with the Joe Clark Tories.
Key Issue	Welfare State
Date	22/01/2001
Source	Report Newsmagazine - The medicare morass
Quote	"Those who like an existing policy know why they like it, and there's a whole demographic out there that has, for better or worse, come to rely on the current system. That's the welfare state - it breeds dependence."
Context	The Leader on why Canadians are so fearful of addressing problems with social programs like healthcare.

Key Issue	Welfare State
Date	19/02/1996
Source	Western Report - A province of bastards
Quote	"It always addresses social problems, but its cure exacerbates all the causes of those same problems,"
Context	The Leader on the "ironic link between the moral laxity of Quebec and its unwillingness to give up the nanny state."
Key Issue	Western Alienation
Date	08/09/1993
Source	Western Reporter - The Reform caucus' likely leaders
Quote	The following in an excerpt from an article: "Mr. Harper joined the Reform Association in May 1987 while working on a graduate degree in economics at the University of Calgary. He says that at the time he was a 'disaffected westerner' who was disillusioned with the Tories. "
Context	This may be used the Leader as being to western-centric.
Key Issue	Western Alienation
Date	11/12/1995
Source	Western Report - Vetoes No one wanted
Quote	The following is an excerpt from an article: "Alberta and B.C. would both oppose it, but the other provinces could ram it through," he says. 'The conclusion we've reached is that you have to have approval for constitutional amendments in all sections of the country.' Mr. Harper says that even though the Reform proposal does not give Alberta a veto unto itself, the RPC believes a five-region veto is the optimal balance between giving all provinces a veto or having no vetoes at all. 'If you give six vetoes, then you're on your way to 10,' he says, adding that universal vetoes would be unworkable. "
Context	The Leader's that the 7-50 amending formula may not always protect the West's interests.
Key Issue	Women Issues
Date	21/03/1995
Source	Canadian Press Newswire - Women better represented in Senate
Quote	"Obviously the government thinks it's being clever by appointing women."
Context	The Leader argues that Chretien deliberately appointed women so that his critics would be ,ore muted in their criticism.

<i>Key Issue</i>	Women's Issues
<i>Date</i>	06/03/1995
<i>Source</i>	Western Report - How to rout an army
<i>Quote</i>	"We're concerned about anything that detracts from the merit principle in hiring, whether civilian or military ... things like 'diversity surveys' are obviously thinly-veiled moves to introduce characteristics other than merit to hiring and promotion."
<i>Context</i>	The Leader on the affirmative action hiring of women into the military.