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We don't need foreign companies in our telecom sector. In fact, I believe that we need MORE government involvement to regulate and secure our telecommunications industries as a matter of national security.

- * Telecommunications is not just some product to be mass marketed like a "ShamWOW".
- * Entities outside of our provinces do not care about our needs and are not answerable to us in any way. They will take our money and provide services based SOLELY on maximizing the profits of the stock holders.
- * We NEED dial tone to be available and affordable to everyone in Canada. When people cannot afford to own and maintain a phone, they cannot call for emergency assistance.
- * Prices of cell phone services won't be lower as they are already very competitive worldwide.
- * Canadians in rural and remote communities may suffer from poor service and no access to high-speed Internet as there is no profit to be made there by foreign companies.
- * Our culture is at risk because most telecom companies also provide broadcasting services. If such a company falls into foreign hands, it will definitely influence the content of its broadcasting service. Foreign ownership of telecom is a direct threat to our cultural identity.

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