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We do not need foreign ownership of our telecom industry. Imagine what would happen if RIM is taken over by an American company. We need to protect our technology based companies. Contrary to the belief that this would benefit consumers here, studies have shown otherwise in Europe and other countries around the world.

- \* 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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