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We don't need foreign companies in our telecom sector.

- \* 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.

Being "open for business" does not mean we allow our assets to be sold off to foreign control, it means being in control of our own destiny as we trade on the world stage. We don't see countries like Brazil, China and India selling off national infrastructure so why should Canada?

In fact, I believe we need to nationalize the telecom industry and treat it as infrastructure as critical as water, sewer and transportation systems.

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