



The Politics of Gender, Ethnicity and Language in Canada

ALAN CAIRNS

AND

CYNTHIA WILLIAMS

Research Coordinators

*Published by the University of Toronto Press in cooperation
with the Royal Commission on the Economic Union and
Development Prospects for Canada and the Canadian
Government Publishing Centre, Supply and Services Canada*

University of Toronto Press

Toronto Buffalo London

CONTENTS



FOREWORD	vii
INTRODUCTION	ix
PREFACE	xiii
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS	xv

1. **Continuity and Change in Canadian Values** 1
Bernard Blishen
The Nature of Social Values 2
Canadian Values before World War II 3
The Canadian Value Dilemma 7
Social Values and Social Security 10
Social Change and Social Values Since World War II 12
The Emerging Communalism 18
Conclusion 22
Notes 24
Bibliography 25

2. **Multiculturalism and Canadian Nation-Building** 27
Raymond Breton
Introduction 27
The Sociopolitical Context of Multiculturalism 32
The Federal Multiculturalism Policy 48
Recent Evolution in Policy Implementation 53
Conclusion 60
Notes 61
Bibliography 63

3. **State, Language and Society: The Vicissitudes of French in Quebec and Canada** 67
Eric Waddell
Perspectives on the Present 68
A Historical Perspective: Quebec 69
A Historical Perspective: Canada 74
The Implications for French Canadian Society 80
Transforming the Canadian Symbolic Order 83
From French Canada to Quebec 85
Meanwhile, Back in Ottawa . . . 88
The Effects of Language Policy on Society 94
What Does All This Mean? 105
Notes 108
Bibliography 108
4. **Women's Issues and the Women's Movement in Canada Since 1970** 111
Sandra Burt
Introduction: Private and Public Worlds 111
The Changing Public and Private Worlds of Canadian Men and Women 117
The Women's Movement in Canada 132
The Quebec Groups 142
The Federal Government's Response to the Women's Movement 149
Two Case Studies of the Interaction Between Women's Groups and the Government 156
Conclusion: Opportunities for the Future 163
Notes 165
5. **An Assessment of the Probable Impact of Aboriginal Self-Government in Canada** 171
Roger Gibbins and J. Rick Ponting
Introduction 171
The Concept of Aboriginal Self-Government 176
The Sociological Impact of Self-Government on Aboriginal Communities 181
Aboriginal Self-Government and Canadian Citizenship 205
Institutional Reform 225
Conclusions 233
Notes 236
Bibliography 239
Appendix A: Miscellaneous Data on Status Indians, by Province 242
Appendix B: Social and Economic Conditions of the Métis and Non-Status Indian Population 244