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Speakers



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Gerry Nicholls is former VP National Citizens Coalition (NCC) and Editor of *Libertas Post*. As a senior executive with the NCC, Canada's largest organization for the defense of economic and political freedoms, he was the chief creative force behind the organization's communication campaigns.



Barbara Kay is a *National Post* columnist. Kay taught English Literature and Composition at Concordia University and in the Quebec CEGEP system. She is the founding editor and is currently the editor-in-chief of *First Fruits*, and was a frequent contributor to and sat on the board of *Cite Libre*.



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Robert Martin is Professor Emeritus, University Of Western Ontario Law School. One of Canada's foremost constitutional experts and a prolific writer, Professor Martin is the author of several books, including *The Most Dangerous Branch: How the Supreme Court of Canada has Undermined Our Law and Our Democracy*, *Critical Perspectives on the Constitution*, and *Speaking Freely: Expression and the Law in the Commonwealth*. His articles and columns have appeared in several newspapers, including: *London Free Press*, *Lawyers Weekly*, *Law Times*, *Globe and Mail*, *Toronto Star*, *National Post*, *Policy Options*, *Manchester Guardian Weekly*, *Canadian Bar Review* and *Irish Times*. Professor Martin is former candidate for the Federal NDP.