

CHAPTER 3

1939 TO PRESENT-DAY

Modernization of Québec,

Quiet Revolution

& Contemporary Québec

PART 9

Québec's political status

Referendum

- *A democratic process by which the public is asked to make a political choice, through direct consultation*
- *For example, regarding a law or a constitutional question.*

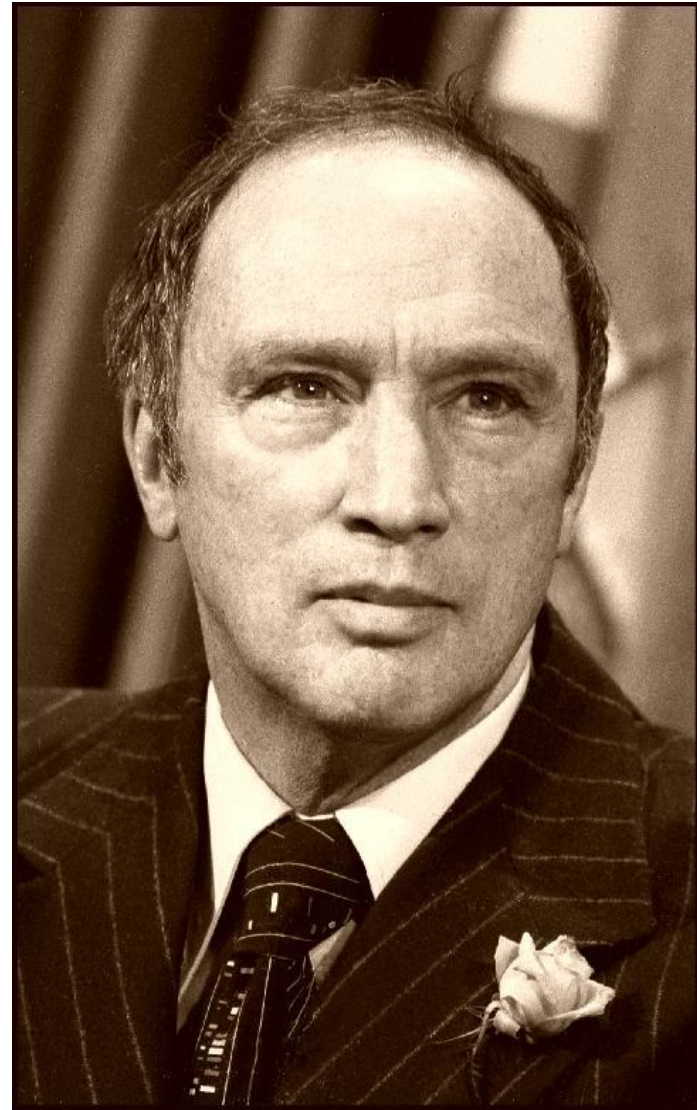


Constitutional projects from 1980 to today

PREMIER OR PRIME MINISTER	PROJECT AND YEAR	DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT/REACTION AND RESULTS
René Lévesque, premier of Québec, Parti québécois	1. Sovereignty-association for Québec	The project proposed sovereignty for Québec and economic association with Canada.
	Referendum in Québec in 1980	<u>Results of the referendum:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No: 59.6%• Yes: 40.4%

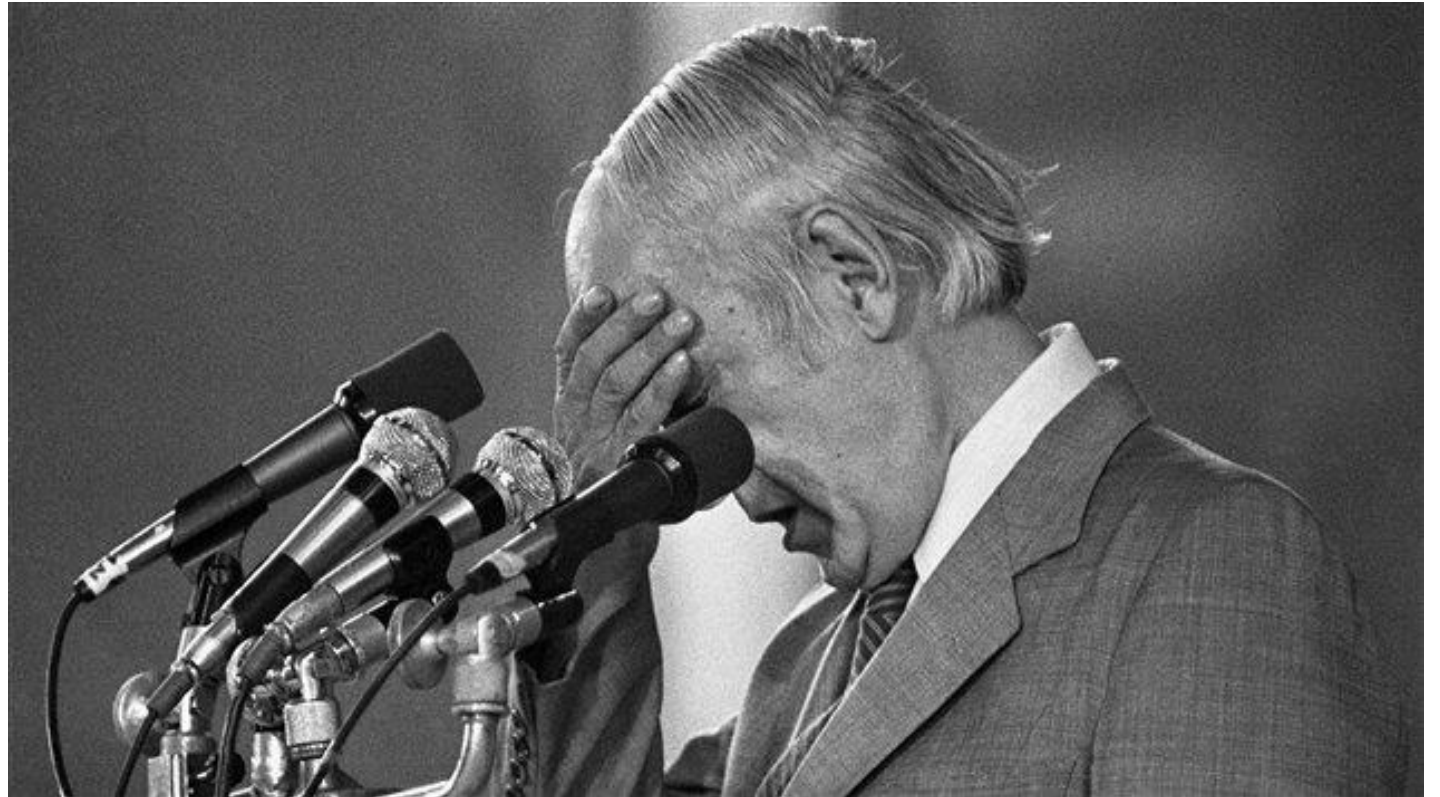


**René Lévesque, premier of QC
(1976-1985)**
Parti Québécois (PQ)



**Pierre Elliott Trudeau, PM of Canada
(1968-1979 + 1980-1984)**
Liberal Party of Canada

Referendum in Québec on sovereignty-association (1980)



« *Si j'ai bien compris, vous êtes en train de me dire : à la prochaine fois.* »
René Lévesque

Referendum in Québec on sovereignty-association (1980)



Trudeau suggested that he would make changes to the Canadian Constitution if Quebecers rejected sovereignty-association by voting 'no'.

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P. E. Trudeau, prime minister of Canada, Liberal Party of Canada	2. Unilateral patriation of the Canadian Constitution, in 1982	<p>The goal was to bring the Canadian Constitution (the <i>BNA Act</i>) from London, UK to Canada.</p> <p>Québec was not consulted when it came to the final agreement; the province rejected the conditions for patriation, while the rest of Canada accepted them (no consensus reached).</p> <p>Canada's <i>Constitution Act</i> came into effect in 1982. It included the <i>Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms</i>.</p>

Patriate

➤ *The turning over or return of legislative powers that were formerly held by another country.*



Patriation of the Canadian Constitution

P. E. Trudeau & Queen Elizabeth II (1982)



The Canadian Constitution

BNA Act (or Constitution Act) (1867)

Canadian Charter of Rights & Freedoms

Amendments

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Robert Bourassa, premier of Québec, Parti libéral du Québec	3. Meech Lake Accord in 1987; failure in 1990	The goal was to include Québec in the Constitution by accepting 5 conditions laid out by Robert Bourassa. Adopted by the Québec government but not approved by 2 of the provinces within the allotted time, the project was rejected.
Brian Mulroney, prime minister of Canada (1984-1993), Progressive Conservative Party of Canada	4. Charlottetown Accord (referendum in Canada), in 1992	This was a new, failed attempt to integrate Québec in the constitution. Results of the referendum: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quebecers rejected the accord (56%)• Canadians rejected the accord (54%).



**Robert Bourassa, premier of QC
(1970-1976 + 1985-1994)
Liberal Party of Québec**



**Brian Mulroney, PM of Canada
(1984-1993)
Progressive Conservative Party of Canada**

THE MEECH
LAKE
MONSTER



LAPIN 85
MONTREAL
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Creation of the Bloc Québécois (1990)



A few federal MPs were unhappy with the negotiation process for the Meech Lake Accord, including **Lucien Bouchard**

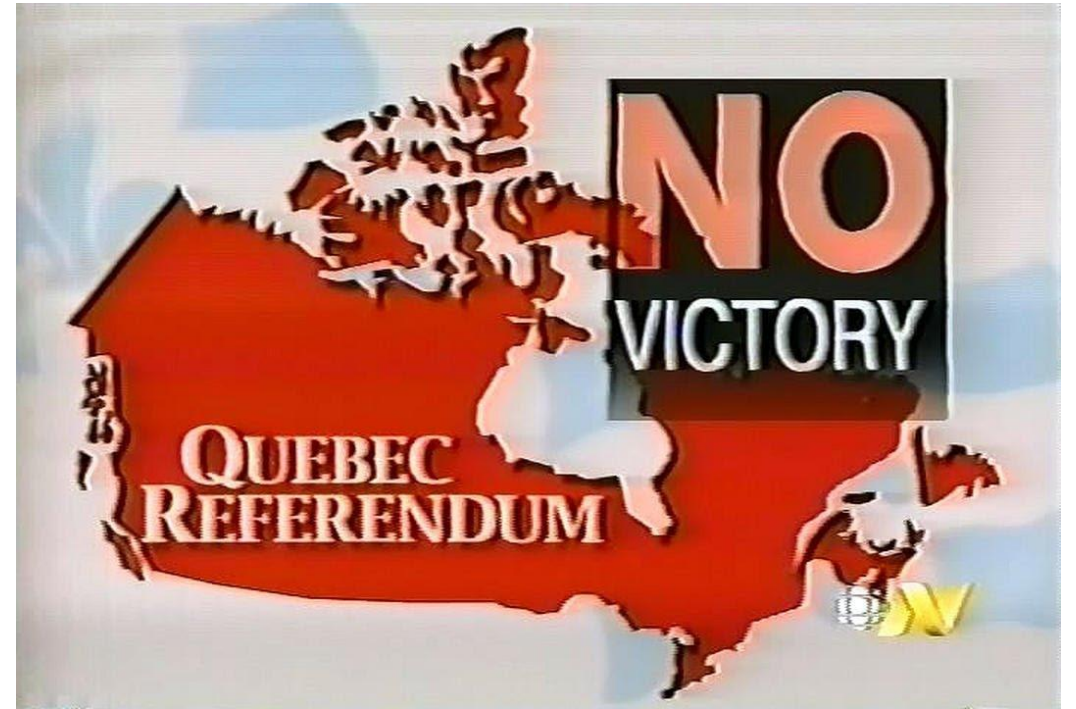
- He decided to form the **Bloc Québécois**, a new party which he led from 1990 to 1996
- The Bloc's goal was to **defend the interests of Quebecers at the federal level.**



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Jacques Parizeau , premier of Québec, (1994-1996), Parti québécois	5. Sovereignty for Québec Second referendum in Québec in 1995	The goal was to make Québec a sovereign (independent) state and to negotiate an economic partnership with Canada. Results of the referendum: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No: 50.6%• Yes: 49.4%

Second referendum in Québec (1995)



**Jacques Parizeau, premier of QC
(1994-1996)**

Parti québécois (PQ)

IT SAYS HERE...
"NEW FRANCE HAD
FALLEN AT LAST..."



IL DIT ICI...
"UNE VÉRITABLE
CATASTROPHE POUR
NOTRE PEUPLE..."



It says here...a real catastrophe for our people. [tr.]

B and B: There are two versions of our history.