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Dear Editor,

**Conservatives are the Party of conscience and protectors of human rights**

I write in regard to your editorial about me titled “Vellacott exit dims spotlight” SP, May 11, 2006 where I and fellow conservatives are impugned. Just beyond the midpoint of that editorial, the writers imply that liberals have brought equality rights to minorities and protected citizens from excesses of the state. Let’s actually look down through our country’s history at Liberal governments’ hypocritical stances on moral issues relating to human rights.

As one of my colleagues has said of the Liberal record: “It was the Liberal Party that imposed the infamous head tax on Chinese immigrants, created a racist immigration system with the Exclusion Act, interred all Japanese Canadians during the Second World War, rejected Jewish refugees before and during the war, imposed martial law in 1970, permitted holocaust denier Ernst Zundel to run for its party leadership in 1968, eliminated constitutionally guaranteed rights for religious confessional education, and preached moral equivalence during the Cold War and with Communist China today . ... It was Conservatives who introduced the Canadian Bill of Rights, gave Aboriginals the right to vote, opposed the War Measures Act, led the fight against apartheid in South Africa, understood the moral dimension of the Cold War and appointed the first woman cabinet minister and the first ethnic minority cabinet ministers.”

Recorded history really does speak the truth and shows that Canada’s Conservatives are the Party of conscience. Canadian Conservatives have been at the forefront of righting the wrongs of the past and in leading the advance on social issues, and protecting not only individual rights, but defending the security of free nations.

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