



## From Middle to Model Power

### REVIEWS

Canada25 jumps into the current debate about Canada's decline on the world stage with a refreshing and innovative plan of action to transform our country from a Middle Power to a Model Power. Its critique of the philosophy that has driven our foreign policy in the past is persuasive: the identity of a Middle Power offers both a 'false safety net' and an 'unnecessary ceiling', and prevents Canadians from thinking more ambitiously about their country.

Drawing on their formative experiences with globalization and technology, the members of Canada25 depict our 21st Century world as a network, which places a premium on innovation and partnerships. They also reach out to Canadians living outside the country's territorial space - but who have vital knowledge and connections to bring to the table. This report confirms what I have always believed: that Canada is a network of people and values whose heart is north of the 49th parallel. The future of that network is in good hands with Canada25. This is a must-read for all those concerned about Canada's global role in this new century.

***Jennifer Welsh, Dept. of Politics and International Relations University of Oxford,  
Author of "At Home in the World: Canada's Global Vision for the 21st Century"***

It is wonderful to see young Canadians bursting into the foreign policy debate with a fresh policy approach.

Canada25 really is thinking new thoughts and I recommend their ideas to Ministers, bureaucrats, columnists and policy specialists across the political spectrum.

***Michael Ignatieff, Carr professor of human rights policy, Kennedy School of  
Government, Harvard University.***

The "Canada25 Report" hits the right notes. Articulating the interdependent realities between the public, private, and non-profit or advocacy sectors, the Report identifies specific strategies for resurrecting Canada's diminishing role in foreign affairs. Historically, Canada's experiments in social democracy and foreign affairs have provided the world with excellent models. Reflecting on this history and looking, now, squarely at the present, your double entendre, "The End of the Middle Power," is entirely appropriate. So too, is the thrust of your Report: Ladies and gentleman, it is decision time. Unlike many documents, which end up on the shelves of obfuscation and prevarication, if readers take note of Canada25's work, the result could be an embrace of a practical plan to put Canada back at the tables of influence. Congratulations.

***Ken Alexander  
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