

**THINK YOUR RIGHTS ARE SECURE?  
THINK AGAIN!  
THINK YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES ARE "IN CHARGE"?  
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THINK THERE IS NO REMEDY TO JUDICIAL ACTIVISM?  
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In 1982, Canadians were faced with an unknown constitutional future as the Charter of Rights and Freedoms was imposed by the Liberal Government of Pierre Elliott Trudeau. A generation later, what has become abundantly clear is that we face a constitutional crisis as the roles and demarcation between the legislative and judicial branches of government have become misunderstood and dangerously blurred.

FROM DEMOCRACY TO  
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IN CANADA:  
THE UNTOLD STORY OF  
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*From Democracy to Judicial Dictatorship in Canada: The Untold Story of the Charter of Rights* tells the remarkable and, unfortunately, largely forgotten story of how the Charter came to be and its subsequent impact upon Canadian society.

The story of how the Constitution came to be patriated is as problematic as it is farcical and yet it resulted in a major transfer of power from the elected, accountable federal Parliament and provincial legislatures to nonelected, unaccountable judges. The judiciary now make, without public input or accountability, fundamental decisions affecting our daily lives.

Canadian judges have used the Charter to expand their role and influence, contrary to the clear intent of the drafters of the Charter. Time and again, judges have thrown aside judicial restraint, abandoned legal merit and precedent as the basis of their decisions, and instead have applied their own political ideology in reaching their decisions. They have now become the most powerful individuals in Canadian history.

*From Democracy to Judicial Dictatorship* provides the reader with a three part assessment of our current state of constitutional crisis. The first part is a survey of the politics that went into the 1982 patriation of Canada's Constitution. The second, the loss of Parliamentary sovereignty and the rise of judicial activism. In the third part, the authors make the case that reform is not only necessary but possible. Both the courts and Parliament must actively seek to re-balance their respective roles based on principles of responsible government and electoral accountability, to ensure that Canada, once again, becomes strong and free, rooted in the consent of the governed.

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