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Charges:

1. The murder of Canada: breaking apart the West and East
 2. Destroyed Canadian economy with irresponsible spending, leaving country in much deficit
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Focus Charge: Murder of Canada: Breaking apart West and the East

- Critics (Guy Laforest of Laval University) see Trudeau as responsible for “end of the Canadian dream”¹
- As Quebec conflicts complicated Trudeau, Western conflicts were beginning to stir in 70’s
- Wage and Price control: program to fight inflation, eliminating pay hike in public for two years; anti-inflation board;
- His unifying policies caused much problems
 - Powerful separatist movement grew as he ran country, second (less mature but equally dangerous) was up in West before he quit

Eastern Side: (Quebec)

- Because of “his stubborn insistence” on individual rights and bilingualism and never dying attacks on Que. Nationalists, create Canada’s continuing crisis, could leave country broken after one more referendum¹
- Trudeau appeased Que. Nationalism = making Canada officially bilingual
 - The more federalists appeased separatists (grant ‘rights’, pass laws violating individual rights), the stronger separatist movement becomes (eg. Que’s French language sign laws)²
 - Identical to giving more power for stronger movement by satisfying needs
- May 20, 1980 –referendum in Quebec; over future of province
- 1981: offered constitutional package; most (if not all) Quebec’s demands not met, no recognition of Quebec’s specific character, contained clause to invalidate article of Bill 101

¹ Clarkson, Stephen. “Charisma and contradictions –The legacy of Pierre Elliot Trudeau.” News at University of Toronto. <http://www.newsandevents.utoronto.ca/bin1/thoughts/comment001016.asp>. (12 Jan. 2003).

² Woiceshyn, Glenn. “Parallels Between Quebec Separatism and America’s North-South Conflict.” Letters to the Editor. <http://www.newsandevents.utoronto.ca/bin1/thoughts/comment001016.asp>. (12 Jan. 2003).

- Quebec gov (Levesque) refused to accept and sign constitution, province isolated
- Could not manage country; so close to potential break-up, very little was done³
- Inability to accept compromise, habit to simplify opponents' views³
- "Only time will tell whether he will be seen as the greatest of Canadians or as one of the destroyers of Canada."³
- During October Crisis: 2 kidnappings (one murdered), tons of missing dynamite from construction sites of Quebec, history of bombings and terrorism in Quebec
 - Shows how poorly Trudeau has controlled the situation of Quebec's desire to separate
- Media published rumours of war, rumours of provisional Quebec government takeover
- War Measures Act: 400 arrested, fewer than four convicted⁴
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Western Side:

- In attempt to satisfy French Canadians, making Canada bilingual useless
 - French taught in west where no one will ever use language -useless
- National Energy Program
 - Brought down prosperous province of Alberta to its knees
 - Ottawa's grab of Alberta's energy riches + intrusion into provincial powers
 - Event often referred to when brought to subject of western alienation⁵
 - Billions of Albertans' dollars went to federal funds;
 - Feud over energy pricing and revenue sharing
 - NEP kept price of oil (domestic) below world price –to protect Canadian consumers + manufacturing heartland in Central Canada from high energy prices*, destroyed oilpatch
- Also wanted part of income to achieve energy security when increase oil self-sufficiency
- Federal gov. encouraged resource exploration in frontier regions (Beaufort Sea) giving out special grants; took 25% share of all oil + gas discoveries**
 - Brought Alberta resource activity to stop; Western Canada less attractive place for investment; prov. revenues transferred to east⁵
- Alienation: railway rates, nation's currency, policies that worked to advantage of Central Canada (+against interest of West)
 - Trudeau's explanation of Western point of view:
 - Regional point of views developed; must consider overall Canadian point of view (fault of Central gov. and organisms)

³ Bélanger, Claude. "Pierre E. Trudeau: Quebec and the Canadian Constitution" Quebec History. <http://www2.marianopolis.edu/quebechistory/readings/trudeau.htm>. (12 Jan. 2003).

⁴ Zolf, Larry. "Revisiting the Apprehended Insurrection." CBC News –InDepth: The October Crisis. <http://www.cbc.ca/news/indepth/october/zolf2.html#top>. (12 Jan. 2003).

⁵ Necheff, Julia. "Trudeau's NEP still a bitter legacy in Alberta." Canoe: Your Internet Network –cnews. http://www.canoe.ca/CNEWSTrudeauNews/01001_trudeau5-cp.html. (12 Jan. 2003).

* *Alienates West b/c Trudeau only concerned for all provinces but Western part of Canada*

** *Takes away Alberta Oil industries' businesses*

- Admit not spend much time communicating with Western provinces; find solutions
 - Also have to think of fishermen in East, cannot only compromise with farms of West (fisheries vs. wheat)
 - Favour one part of country; could tax one part of country to help the other, tariffs; inevitable
 - Alienation developed from only seeing on region of country's point of view
 - Understand why always not being represented in making decisions in Ottawa;
 - Admit problems are difficult; blaming that not Ottawa's whole responsibility to find market for Oil markets for West
 - Identify only their own region, diversify country
- The NEP "convinced most, I would say the majority of people in Alberta that you couldn't trust the federal government and they were bound and determined to drive the economy into the ground." –Robert Mansell (head of economics department at U of Calgary)⁵
 - "It was not a national energy policy. It was an Alberta oil policy." Stan McWhinnie of Millet (south of Edmonton)⁶
 - Far from forgotten; Many still mad about NEP; ending their economic boom; loss of jobs (unemployment); not able to pay mortgage w/ high interest rates; inflation, Canada's dept
 - Alberta's wealth shared by other parts of Canada; cost Alberta fortune in royalties
 - Oil were suppose to be controlled by Alberta;
 - Took advantage of Alberta's wealth and wanted ownership of oil industry
 - As part of NEP, Trudeau launched tax to fund fed. gov.'s gas comp (Petro Canada)
 - During 1970s, (Alberta Premier) Lougheed felt Alberta should have more influence in Ottawa's decision making, believe in province's economic strength to have right to more national representation
 - Trudeau spent billions of dollars on more programs for Que + Atlantic Can in 1970s
 - West's contributions to fed gov heavily used for bulk of those programs⁷
 - Felt Quebec crisis require much attention, possible to win majority gov w/out Western support, concentrate on East rather than spending time to please West

⁶ Wiebe, Andrea. "Dark memories of NEP --Trudeau will never be forgiven by some who hated national energy program" Canoe: Your Internet Network –cnews. <http://www.canoe.ca/CNEWSTrudeauNews/edmreax-sun.html>. (12 Jan. 2003).

⁷ "How Ottawa Shunned the West." Pundit Magazine. <http://www.punditmag.com/articles/west.html>. (12 Jan. 2003).

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