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## CANADA CONSERVATIVES PLAN HOTLINE FOR BARBARIC PRACTICES BY MUSLIMS

### AHEAD OF DEBATE ELECTION CAMPAIGN

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The case was brought by an immigrant from Pakistan who refused to take part in a citizenship ceremony because it meant she could not wear a niqab and she would have to show her face. Prime Minister Stephen Harper, a Conservative facing some difficulties to remain in power, said that the niqab is rooted in an 'anti-women' culture.

The Canadian Government said that it will go to the Supreme Court to press its case for banning Muslim women's face coverings during citizenship ceremonies. A Federal Appeal Court was founding the ban on veils was unlawful. The opposition New Democrats and Liberals said that the ban violates the rights of Canadians and accused the Conservatives of fueling prejudice against Muslims.

Immigration Minister Chris Alexander said 'We need to stand up for our values'. He also added 'We need to do that in citizenship ceremonies. We need to do that to protect women and girls from forced marriage and other barbaric practices'. Spurred by all this talk of barbarians and medieval culture, Twitter exploded with so-called 'reports' under the hashtag #BarbaricCulturalPractices.

The Mayor of Calgary, Muslim immigrant Naheed Nenshi, attacked the Conservative initiatives as 'unbelievably dangerous'. He said 'This is disgusting and we have to stop it'. This 'debate' on 'Canadian values' coincides with a rise in anti-Muslim hate crimes.

The most recent results of national polls show the Conservatives have broken free of the three-way deadlock that characterized the first half of the race and now enjoy a clear lead. A Leger poll in the Journal de Montréal shows that the New Democratic Party, once leading in the race to replace the Conservatives in October 19, could come in third nationally and lose one-third of its seats in its Quebec stronghold.

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