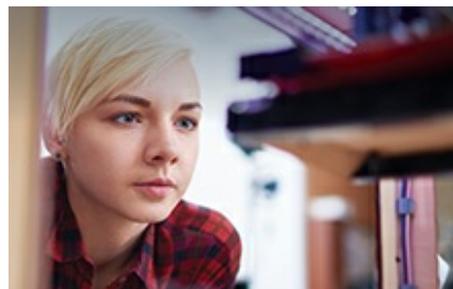


## An update from the West's think tank

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### Calling all young innovators!

Canada is falling behind on innovation. Our country faces a "profound and urgent" gap in science, technology and innovation, says one respected science group. Yet Canadian firms report that it is difficult to find the people who have the chops.



[\*Start 'em up: Incubating nextgen innovators\*](#) tackles this problem and recommends a home-grown solution. We should start now to develop a new generation of innovators and entrepreneurs. Read this timely paper's observations of two great programs, SHAD and Junior Achievement, and how we can develop our youth to address this national crisis.

## We analyze the U.S. vote

Regardless of who wins the upcoming U.S. presidential election, the way Canadian provinces – and especially the West – do business with its biggest trading partner will change. Canadians need to understand how, so they can prepare to respond. A Foundation-hosted event in Winnipeg on Nov. 16 features a dynamic list of speakers discussing the new U.S. administration's likely approach to trade. [Buy tickets here.](#)



A pre-election event in Alberta, co-hosted with the American Chamber of Commerce in Canada (West) speculated on what we can expect from the new U.S. administration. The after-hours event at Calgary's Petroleum Club drew kudos from attendees.



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## Building trust starts at community level

One of the Foundation's biggest projects of the year has been a deep dive into trust in regulators. It started in April with the publication of [Fair Enough](#), a report that interviewed various leaders to get their views on the state of trust in Canada's energy regulators.



Then things got REALLY interesting. In a joint project with uOttawa's Positive Energy project, we went into six communities across Canada where energy projects had been proposed, or are being considered, and talked to the people. The answers shed new light on how governments and industry need to interact with local communities. The findings were discussed Oct. 6 at ENGAGE, a conference in Ottawa, held with our project partner.

Those ideas are being compiled into a final report, to be called [A Matter of Trust: The role of communities in energy decision-making](#). Watch for it on our website.

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## Opinions are better with

## facts

We're an evidence-based organization, and that evidence equips us to comment with genuine insight on a broad range of issues of importance to the West and all of Canada. Our experts have commented recently on everything from Canada's trade deal with the EU to renewable energy resources, the Port of Churchill, temporary foreign workers – and even Vancouver's bike share plan. Scan our recent commentaries on [our web site here](#).



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POLL: Do you believe the 6 new senators just announced are truly non-partisan? [Take our one-click poll](#).

Results from last month's poll:

**The U.S. will elect a new president next month. What should be the new leader's first priority with Canada?**

Trade: 63 %

Foreign Policy: 18%

Environment: 14%

Taking a selfie with Justin Trudeau 4.5 %

*What you told us: While financial and political observers are monitoring perhaps the imminent break-up of the European Union with the rising popularity of an anti-Euro party in Italy, there may be similar pressures within the U.S., notably Texas and Hawaii. As more than one pundit has noted, the U.S. has not shown such volatile instability in perhaps a century.*

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## We welcome your comments

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