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dialogue with Canadians is the vision of Quebec as a jurisdiction that is not just the homeland of French Canada but a nation within Canada that cherishes its deep diversity. The authenticity of that “pitch” will be enhanced by showing that such a view of the province extends beyond the Province’s Francophone majority.

The other point I want to share with you that comes out of my numerous book talks is that the questions and comments in the question and answer period are always primarily – sometimes solely – about relations with Indigenous peoples. English-speaking Canada right now seems to be fixated on improving relations with Indigenous peoples. Try as I do to arouse interest in past relations with French Canada and Quebec, and the current effort of the Quebec Government to promote a dialogue about *Quebecers our way of being Canadian*, there is virtually no take-up. If Quebec could publicize some important break-through in improving relations with Aboriginal peoples in Quebec, that might stimulate more interest in English Canada.

Finally, allow me to make my pitch for a project Quebec could undertake that would attract a good deal of interest in the rest of Canada. This is a proposal that I and a group of scholars, representatives of