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We need stronger policies to keep Canadians from being drowned out by U.S. culture. We're losing our jobs, our identity and our voices. We need long-term, stable funding and a commitment for arts and Canadian culture. Speak out. Ask your candidates where they stand when they knock on your door!

## ACTRA's three questions for election 2006:

1. **Will your party issue an order to the CRTC to impose both content and spending requirements on private broadcasters?** ISSUE: Telling our stories. Canadian content rules for TV broadcasting were diminished in 1999. Now broadcasters are doubling their profits by feeding Canadians a steady diet of cheap U.S. content while Canadian drama disappears from our screens.
2. **Will your party commit to increased, stable support for the Canadian Television Fund, Telefilm and the CBC?** ISSUE: Funding for culture. The film and television industry needs Telefilm and CTF funding to get shows greenlit, yet it's still considered a temporary arrangement. The CBC has been dying the death of a thousand cuts.
3. **Will your party keep the current limits to foreign ownership of our airwaves to ensure that Canadians control our broadcasting industry?** ISSUE: Owning our airwaves. Foreign companies can already own 47% of Canadian airwaves – but they want more. If we don't own our airwaves, we don't own our culture.



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