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LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

NDP Supports Terrorist Groups

I am astonished and deeply concerned with the message that has come out of the NDP National Policy Convention. Meetings such as these are an important measure of a Party's grassroots and ambition for the future. It is constructed to create a dialogue and an exchange of ideas and values within their membership.

At their policy convention over the weekend in Quebec City, the NDP adopted a motion that stated, "Hezbollah is a recognized political party and that there should be a comprehensive peace process that brings all state and non-state parties to the table". Astonishingly, the motion received over 90% support from the NDP faithful. There was no mention in the motion that Hezbollah is listed as a terrorist organization in Canada and other democracies around the world and there was certainly no mention that Hezbollah has stated unequivocally since its inception that it does not recognize the democratic State of Israel and calls for its complete destruction. Are we to accept that the genocidal ideology espoused by Hezbollah, Hamas and Iran as legitimate doctrine?

On September 11th, as we commemorate the largest, deplorable terrorist tragedy of our times, I am astonished at the naïve and dangerous view being expressed. One that shows a complete and gross lack of understanding of the situation. Terrorism should never be rewarded and above all terrorist groups must never be legitimized as is being done in this case.

Are we to take from this NDP convention that terrorist groups are legitimate entities and that we should now be in the business of brokering peace deals with known terrorist organizations? This overwhelming endorsement of the motion by the members of the NDP party should be very troubling to and denounced by all Canadians.

Mr. Layton may have gotten a 92% approval rating from his membership at this convention, but I seriously doubt he'll achieve anywhere near that kind of support from Canadians in the next election. The New Democratic Party of Canada has clearly shown Canadians where they stand. What I find most troubling is their acceptance and support of groups who grow and thrive on their hate and contempt for other people.

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