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ABSTRACTS

Jocelyn LÉTOURNEAU : *La production historique courante portant sur le Québec et ses rapports avec la construction des figures identitaires d'une communauté communicationnelle*

Current historical production dealing with Québec is one of the central aspects and expressions of the enterprise of redefining the identity of the Québécois subject. In this article, we seek to identify the general parameters of the broad collective picture currently presented to Quebecers who wish to know a little more about themselves, their origins and their historical background. This process will enable us to delve right to the heart of the process of redefining *Us Québécois* and to assess its impact on the reinterpretation of the major episodes of Québec history and the remodeling of the historical path followed by this communicational community.

Hélène DESROSIERS, Céline LE BOURDAIS et Benoît LAPLANTE : *Les dissolutions d'union dans les familles recomposées : l'expérience des femmes canadiennes*

Recent studies reveal the increasing numbers and diversification of reconstituted families in Canada, and their growing instability. Through an analysis of transitions, one can estimate the effects of various characteristics on the duration of the conjugal life in families of this type, and thus bring to light the increased fragility of the family recompositions that have been formed since the 1970s, as well as the greater instability of couples living in common-law relationships rather than marriage. Conversely, we discover that the presence of children of pre-school age at the time when a family unit is formed, or the arrival of a child born to the couple reduce the risk of the family's splitting apart. The type of family recomposition also influenced the duration of the unions; those composed of a father with custody and his new spouse were considerably more stable.

Daniel GUÉRIN et Richard NADEAU : *Conjoncture économique et comportement électoral au Québec*

The authors seek to establish whether there exists a relationship between the Québec economy and support for the Québec government. For this purpose, they have analysed a popularity function based on fundamental economic variables and on certain political variables. The main results indicate the existence of an economic vote in Québec, which confirms observations made in previous studies on certain Québec elections. In addition, Québec voters seem to be more sensitive to the problem of unemployment than to that of inflation, when the time comes to translate their economic perceptions into judgements of government performance.