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SPECIAL PRESENTATION

DIEFENPEARSON: *Reluctant Partners in the Birth of Modern Canada*

Conventional wisdom holds that John Diefenbaker presided over three chaotic and ultimately failed governments, while his successor, Lester B. Pearson, established the foundations of Canada's welfare state. This isn't true. While Diefenbaker struggled with his personal demons, his governments launched major reforms in immigration, health care, pensions, equalization and human rights that Pearson's governments then built on, even as Pearson delivered a new national vision of Canada beyond Diefenbaker's grasp. Though the two men fought for a decade in Canada's most bitter political rivalry, each needed the other to create the Canada we live in today.

Following his presentation, Mr. Ibbitson will be joined by renowned scholar and University of Saskatchewan Professor Emeritus, Dr. John Courtney, for further discussion.



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