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Canada's Economic and Political Future – a presentation by Andrew Coyne, National Editor, *Maclean's* magazine.

[London, ON] - With the Federal Liberal party struggling to rebuild itself in almost every area of the country, and the Conservatives veering off their traditional stand, who is going to lead Canada through the current economic turmoil?

This was the question that Andrew Coyne, National Editor of *Maclean's* magazine strove to answer during his recent appearance at the William A. Stewart Public Lecture & Reception in support of the Advanced Agricultural Leadership Program. While discussing the economy throughout North America, Coyne despaired the lack of a realistic long-term plan from any political party. "Where is the plan to get us out of deficits?", said Coyne, reiterating the point by reminding the crowd that before billions can be injected into the economy, billions have to be borrowed from foreign investors or withdrawn from the economy in the form of taxes. Rather than subsidizing one industry through increased taxation of another, Coyne suggests lowering the tax rate of Canadians and ending subsidization of industry altogether. "Giving people what they want is not the answer. The real prize is introducing ideas that were never thought of before, and then the art is to persuade the public to follow you for the long-term goal," said Coyne. He then encouraged the audience to build trust amongst the public it serves, whether in business or politics, through truth and tact. "Trust in politics is gold," Coyne emphasized, "and people will stick with you through the long haul."

The William A. Stewart Lecture & Reception has been held every two years since 1995. The event is sponsored by the Wm. A. Stewart Endowment. The endowment was initiated in 1991 as a tribute to the late Ontario Minister of Agriculture and Food, Honourable William. A. Stewart.

The William A. Stewart Lecture & Reception is a friend raising and fund raising event in support of the Advanced Agricultural Leadership Program (AALP), an executive leadership and personal development program of The Centre for Rural Leadership.

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