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Dominion Institute Co-Founder Publishes Book on History and Citizenship

Who We Are: A Citizen's Manifesto Lands in Bookstores Across Canada March 16, 2009

Toronto, Feb. 23, 2008 – Rudyard Griffiths, the co-founder of the Dominion Institute will publish his first book this month with Douglas and MacIntyre. *Who We Are: A Citizen's Manifesto* critiques the argument that Canada is a “post-national” state and that the country’s lack of a strong national identity is an asset in a world of economic globalization and value change. *Who We Are: A Citizen's Manifesto* questions whether this “Canada lite” vision of country equips us with the reserves of cultural and social capital we will need to meet the interconnected challenges of rapid climate change, a failing immigration system and a fast aging society. Rudyard Griffiths argues that proponents of a post-national Canada are leading the country into a dead end: irrelevancy on the world stage and potentially divisive strife at home.

As a way forward, *Who We Are: A Citizen's Manifesto* calls for the rediscovery of the nation’s founding principles so that Canadians can fashioning a powerful civic creed for their own time. In a passionate call to revitalize the institutions and symbols of our shared citizenship, including the marrying its responsibilities to its privileges — Rudyard Griffiths reminds us of who we are as a people, what we’ve accomplished together and why a loyalty beyond the local and personal is essential for our survival.

Who We Are: A Citizen's Manifesto is available in bookstores across Canada as of Monday, March 16.

Rudyard Griffiths is the co-founder of the Dominion Institute. He is also the co-organizer of the semi-annual Munk Debates and an advisor to the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, DC. A regular television commentator on national affairs and a columnist with the *National Post*, he has edited seven collections of essays on Canadian political and historical themes, including *101 Things Canadians Should Know About Canada* (2008). In 2005, the *Globe and Mail* recognized him as one of Canada’s “Top 40 Under 40.” Rudyard Griffiths lives in Toronto, Ontario.

For a sample chapter of the book visit: <http://www.dominion.ca/WhoWeAre/Cover&Intro.pdf>

For more information on the book visit: <http://www.dmpibooks.com/book/9781553651246>

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