During a news conference last April, in the wake of a foiled plot to blow up a Via Rail train, Prime Minister Harper said, “this is not the time to commit sociology.” Why not? Why does the Prime Minister consider it an offence, or perhaps a sin, to use sociology to help shed a light on the roots of pressing problems in contemporary society?

Four panelists from academic and activist backgrounds explain why critical, well-grounded social analysis, from sociology or other perspectives, is indispensable in reviving democracy in our troubled world.

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