

# France as seen by...

**Tuesday, November 27 - 7:00 PM**

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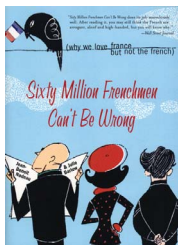
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## Hot Issues for France From the Veil to Europe

A Lecture by

**Jean-Benoît  
Nadeau**

Award-winning  
Journalist & Author



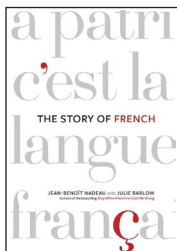
Based in Montreal, Jean-Benoît Nadeau has published six books and some 900 magazine articles, and won more than 30 awards in journalism. He is a regular contributor to Canada's national French language magazine, L'Actualité, and publishes in French and in English.

With his wife and colleague, Julie Barlow, he published a study of the French, **Sixty Million Frenchmen Can't Be Wrong** (2003). Both a critical and public success, it has sold more than 200 000 copies in English, French, Dutch and Chinese. Their new book, **The Story of French**,

published in 2006, was reviewed in the New York Times, The Independent, the Globe and Mail and more. The French edition was released in September 2007 with the title *La Grande Aventure de la langue française*.

**A popular speaker known for his humorous style**, Nadeau has given seminars and lectures about France, the French, the French language and professional writing. In October 2004, he was already our guest.

**The lecture:** Riots in the suburbs, laws banning religious symbols, rejection of the European Constitution, strong anti-capitalism, the rise of the far right... What's got into the French? Often accused of anti-Americanism, anti-Semitism, racism and anti-European feelings, the French consider the challenges of today's world with a look that is theirs, and very distinct from that of Americans. The evolution of France was such that words like Liberté, Égalité and Fraternité actually took on different meanings than the words liberty, equality and fraternity have in the United States – and the French words can only really be understood in the French context. Combining their own observations with analysis, the authors of *Sixty Million Frenchmen Can't Be Wrong* explain how the French deal with minorities, Europe and the United States. Because the **“problem with the French” is not necessarily what we think...**



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