



## Chantal Hébert, OC, CQ

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Chantal Hébert is a freelance political columnist whose work is featured on radio, television and in print in both French and English. She is a weekly participant on the political panel at Issue on the CBC's The National as well as on Peter Mansbridge's Good Talk podcast on Sirius XM Radio. Chantal began her career in Toronto as a reporter for the regional newsroom of Radio-Canada in 1975 before moving on to Parliament Hill for Radio-Canada radio. She has served as parliamentary bureau chief for *Le Devoir* and *La Presse* before moving on to become a political columnist for the *Toronto Star*. Chantal is a graduate of Glendon College, York University. She is a Senior Fellow of Massey College at the University of Toronto and holds honorary degrees from a dozen Canadian universities. Chantal is a recipient of two Asia-Pacific media fellowships (Malaysia and Japan) and is the 2005 recipient of the APEX Public Service Award. In 2006, she received the Hy Solomon award for excellence in journalism and public policy as well as York University's Pinnacle Achievement Bryden Alumni award. In 2012, Chantal was appointed to the Order of Canada. Her second book, *The Morning After*, dealing with the 1995 Québec referendum, was published simultaneously in both official languages in 2015. In 2019, Chantal's peers in the Parliamentary Press Gallery awarded her the Charles Lynch Award for her longstanding coverage of national issues. In 2024, she received the Michener-Baxter award for excellence in journalism and was appointed to l'Ordre national du Québec in 2025.