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Chantal Hébert is a political columnist whose work appears in the Toronto Star and the magazine L'Actualité. She is a weekly participant on the political panel at Issue on the CBC's The National as well as Radio-Canada's Les Coulisses du pouvoir on television and Tout un matin on Montréal radio. Hébert 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. Hébert 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. She is a recipient of two Asia-Pacific media fellowships (Malaysia and Japan). Hébert 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, Hébert 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, her peers in the Parliamentary Press Gallery awarded her the Charles Lynch Award for her longstanding coverage of national issues.