

If Trudeau Went to ___ What Would He Wear?

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If Trudeau went to Africa, would he put black make-up on his face and wear traditional clothes to “respect their culture”? He would be called racist if he did. A number of people, celebrities included, have offended others for “cultural appropriation.” They have worn the traditional clothing and accessories of a cultural group of which they are not a part.

It seems that our Prime Minister never noticed that people can be quite sensitive about their culture. To dress in the traditional clothing of a country that you are visiting is not always appropriate — and can be considered disrespectful¹. (Even by the leftist Toronto Star!)

I remember growing up and reading Tintin books; there were two detectives in this series who often dressed in the traditional clothing of the country that they were visiting and drew laughter from the other characters in the stories, and also from the reader. Dressing up in fancy traditional clothing is not usually something you do if you want to be taken seriously. Maybe Trudeau should have read more Tintin in his younger years.

In the words of Rex Murphy², “Mr. Trudeau varied his image with the dexterity of a chameleon in a paint factory...”

Not only did the whole Trudeau family dress up for many photo-ops, but they also took part in religious ceremonies that are not Catholic—the faith that Justin claims to hold. He was videoed in a Hindu temple³ with his family in a pose of prayer in front of a golden idol. He was also photographed in a praying pose⁴ in front of the Golden temple of the Sikh religion. His first visit in India was to the Taj Mahal, an Islamic site, and his itinerary included a stop at another Mosque and a Catholic church. Each of these showy performances disrespects the religions affected ... his own and those that he mimics.

For Trudeau, insensitive to the feelings of true adherents, this is a matter of showing respect, or at least having people believe that he respects these religions. Perhaps even more, he wants Canadians of Indian descent to notice him and vote for him in the future. But that is where things get a bit trickier...

Other than the clothes, the other big story of Trudeau’s time in India was that an invitation to a reception was sent to Jaspal Atwal, a Sikh separatist who was convicted of attempted murder in 1986⁵. While his invitation was rescinded for the reception, he had managed to get his picture taken a few days earlier with the PM’s wife, Sophie Gregoire Trudeau.

Sikh separatism is a big issue in India, and one that the Indian government is opposed to, but there are a number of Canadian Sikhs who agree with this movement. Trudeau seems to be trying to maintain friendships with people on both sides, but this incident will make it harder to keep everyone happy. When you say yes to too many people, you will eventually contradict yourself.

Trudeau, it seems, is capable not only of wearing many different outfits, but also many different faces. However, there are limits to that as well.

If Trudeau went to Alberta, would he dress like an oil sands worker? Not likely. He does not respect them. If he went to Prince Edward Island, would he dress like a fisherman? Probably not. Would he dress like a coal miner in Estevan or a construction worker in Toronto? And if he did dress like them, would it really show respect? Not exactly. He has shown time and again that he does not respect the hard-working Canadians who do the cold and dirty work that it takes to keep our economy going. If he did, he would lower their taxes and praise their efforts. He says he is all for the “middle class,” the men and women who foot the bill for his high-priced outings. But as a middle class taxpayer, the closest you’re likely to get to going on a fancy trip to India is watching Trudeau’s choreographed visit, which you helped to pay for!

When Trudeau returns from his foreign mis-adventures, will he act like the typical “apologetic Canadian” and say he’s sorry for his over-the-top costumes and photo-ops in India? Maybe, but the bigger question is, will Canadians believe him?

Canadians must stop believing and voting for politicians that put style over substance. CHP is here to serve when Canadians finally tire of ridiculous shows like Trudeau’s trip to India.

CHP has been putting substance over style and principle over popularity for over 30 years. Trudeau would not fit in very well with us. He would not know what to wear or how to act if he wanted to show respect to Christians.

What should Trudeau wear? Some real humility would be a good start.

Canada doesn’t need a dress-up show to impress other countries. We need leaders who will put honesty ahead of other considerations. This is what CHP Canada offers Canadians.

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Footnotes

¹ www.thestar.com/opinion/star-columnists/2018/02/23/trudeau-with-his-indian-culture-overkill-came-across-as-patronizing.html

² <http://nationalpost.com/opinion/rex-murphy-catwalk-criminal-collide-in-trudeaus-multi-costumed-passage-through-india>

³ www.youtube.com/watch?v=a2DMnh2QhTA

⁴ www.youtube.com/watch?v=SJT1uG_QCg

⁵ www.cbc.ca/news/politics/trudeau-india-atwal-controversy-1.4546502

⁶ www.chp.ca/get-involved/

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