

## Choosing Our Battles

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Canada's troops are home from Afghanistan. It was a noble impulse that took us there; but what did we accomplish?

The purpose of sending Canadian (and American, and British, and European) troops to Afghanistan was, we were told, to "rescue" Afghans—especially the women—from the Taliban.

Did we succeed?

We liberated some parts of the country, and we tried to help them establish the kind of institutions and infrastructure that could sustain a democracy after we left. But there are pockets where the Taliban still rules, and their malign influence is fed and supported all along the border with Pakistan. Where we pulled out, the ancient Pashtun creed of *Pathanwali*—a "law-code" older than Islam—still prevails.

The border regions between Afghanistan and Pakistan are still the "wild west of the east," but then, the border regions between the American Southwest and Mexico aren't much better. And Taliban-like radical Islamists are streaming through *that* porous border, too.

Iraq now has a so-called "independent" government—and it is falling into the sphere of influence of Iran; Syria is a basket-case; Lebanon—where Beirut was once called "the Paris of the Middle East"—is a war-torn ruin; Egypt has escaped from the rule of the Muslim Brotherhood, but once the army relinquishes control, no one knows who will take over; in Libya and Tunis, the "Arab Spring" has turned to Arab Winter. The Gulf States seethe with the menace of Salafist and Wahhabi undergrounds.

An old saying applies here: "We don't have a dog in that fight."

Meaning, if there's no one worth supporting in all those civil wars, is it worth expending our treasure and our blood to support the overthrow of one tyrant, just to enable a possibly worse oppressor to take over?

Perhaps the resources we expend on behalf of others—with the best of intentions!—would be better used to clean up our own act, and enable us to present the world with an example of what a modern democracy *should* look like.

We have issues a-plenty, and multiplying almost daily.

How can we send troops to protect other people's children, when we, as taxpayers, are compelled to spend billions to kill more than 100,000 of our own babies every year?

How can we “protect” the right of girls and women to get an education in some far-off land, when our own education systems have been so riddled and infiltrated with the cultural terrorism of radical sex activists, that the quality of education in Canada declines year-by-year, replaced by the dogma of political correctness that now dominates virtually every university, college campus, and high school? It is making headway into our middle and elementary schools—and even kindergartens—and being extended to younger and younger ages, and all our schools are now being abused to “data-mine” private information about our families.

Our courts and legislatures, influenced by our Left-leaning media, render decisions that erode the core values that once made Canada “the true north, strong and free”—but no longer.

Why? Why do we allow it?

As Cassius says, in Shakespeare’s *Julius Caesar*: “The fault, Dear Brutus, is not in our stars, but in ourselves.”

Only one federal political party in Canada, the CHP, stands ready to set aside special-interest pleading and personal ambition, and deal with these problems... and with the economic and social upheaval they will inevitably bring down on our heads. That’s why I took out a lifetime membership<sup>1</sup> and support<sup>2</sup> CHP Canada.

I urge you to become part of the solution and put your finances and energy into supporting the Christian Heritage Party also. This is a good investment with returns that will reach well beyond our lifetimes.

## **Footnotes**

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