

War Measures

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Canadians want to live in peace...at least, most of us do. We've just gone through a bloodless civil war in Canada (we politely called it an "election") and most of us want to move on, to get back to the work we were doing when the writ was dropped. Unfortunately, we don't always get to write the script for our lives. World events have pressed in upon us and the blood-letting in Paris, Brussels, Mali and Beirut—never mind Syria, Iran, Israel and Iraq—is now compelling us to address world issues and desperate wars "in far-off places".

During the election, one of the media stories designed to distract and confuse voters was the one about the "Syrian refugee crisis". Beginning with the tragedy of a boy drowned in the sea while attempting to escape to Europe, public sentiment was pushed and pulled and the ensuing social narrative implied it was Canada's responsibility to provide transportation, food, clothing, shelter and, above all else, a welcome within our borders.

This clever manipulation of world opinion had its effect. In Canada, it became a battle between genuine compassion for true refugees, the suffering victims of ideological clashes in the Middle East and the no less responsible concern for protecting Canadian lives and security. The sound bites and debate takeaways regarding niqabs, citizenship, immigration and military intervention translated into a plea for voters to align themselves with either the suffering masses of humanity seeking refuge from the storm or the citizens and type of civilized society represented by Canada and other "Western" nations.

As is the case with many other election issues, the public was given only part of the story and the genuine compassion felt for suffering strangers was moulded into general acceptance of a massive and sudden influx of Middle Eastern refugees, mostly Islamic. In the afterglow of the election and "coronation" of our new PM, the refugee crisis faded from public attention. Until Paris.

The events on Nov. 13 and since then have awakened citizens in the US, Canada and Europe to the perilous situation we now face against invisible assailants and implacable foes. We are at war. We are no longer a secure country at peace with the world. This is not the Canada of wide open spaces and opportunity that beckoned to hard-working European and Asian immigrants in the 50s. Nor are those demanding our help of the same mindset as the immigrants of decades past.

The Paris attacks (and the subsequent incidents in Mali, threats in Brussels, etc.) have startled many in the West who had assumed that our generosity and good will would be returned in kind. To learn that one of the Paris attackers was a recent "refugee" raised the obvious question: how many more attacks of this kind might we be inviting with every boatload of newcomers?

I'm not saying that there are no legitimate refugees—men, women and children who desperately need help—but there is compelling evidence that a significant segment of the "refugee" crowd flowing into Europe are radicalized young men; mob violence and brutal rapes perpetrated by Middle Eastern males have become serious problems in many European cities. It is not "racist" to point this out. It is not "bigoted" to want to protect our own women and children from rape and murder. Jihadists have brazenly stated their aims: to conquer the West and to make it a part of their caliphate. We should state ours: to protect our loved ones and our society from brutal destruction.

Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall has called on the federal government to halt its plan to receive 25,000 refugees before the end of the year. We commend him for his courage and we support his request. He has been and will be criticized for his efforts. Many want to believe that there is no danger in opening our borders to thousands of desperate people, many of whom share a deep hatred for the democratic institutions of the West and for our Christian heritage of equality and personal freedoms. But what if the concerns are true? What if only 1% of the 25,000 are terrorist-minded? What if only 1% are seeking refugee status so that they can launch attacks in our schools, legislature buildings, business centres and transportation hubs? That would still be 250 potential suicide bombers. What if it's not 1% but 10%? How can a responsible government bypass the safety concerns of its own citizens in order to appear compassionate to those across the seas?

There is much that could be done and should be done. Saudi Arabia and other Middle Eastern Arab countries could be offering shelter to the displaced. They are close to the countries from which the refugees are fleeing. They speak the same language and have similar beliefs. They don't have the winter weather challenges shared by both Canada and Europe. China has a number of brand-new cities, currently unoccupied. Perhaps they'd be willing to share their space? Has anybody asked? The best way we can help these displaced people is to push back hard on the brutal ISIS military machine, force them back from the territory they have illegally seized and let the refugees return to their own homes.

The US House of Representatives has already acted to defend American citizens from the possibility of ISIS terrorists using the refugee program as a Trojan Horse. They passed a bill halting the refugee program proposed by President Obama. Speaker of the House, Paul Ryan explains why: "Let me explain why we passed this bill in two days," he began. "Our own law enforcement experts are telling us they don't have confidence that they can detect or block, with the current standards in place, that ISIL or ISIS is not trying to infiltrate the refugee population. This is an urgent matter and that is why we're dealing with this urgently."

At the beginning of this article, I referred to the Canadian election as a bloodless civil war. That's not quite true. While no candidates for office drew swords and no shots were fired during our candidate debates, the result of the election points to further bloodshed and shortened lives in hospitals, abortion clinics and nursing homes across this nation.

Canada already allows targeted assault on our youngest and most vulnerable: the pre-born. In February, unless the new PM intervenes and calls for more time, we will begin to see the consequences of the Supreme Court decision on assisted suicide; on February 6, 2015, the SCOC opened an assault on our handicapped and seniors by replacing their right to live with a "right" to die. Once the practice becomes commonplace, the right will become a duty. We need to clean our own house by protecting the innocent already within our borders; let's not put even more Canadians at risk by bringing in radicals who call for the death or subjugation of all non-Muslims.

We have four years to rally Canadians, who believe in free speech, to join CHP Canada and let their voices be heard on this and many other issues. Join today!¹ The cause was never more pressing!

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