

## Don't Bring It Here?

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Since the massacre of Israelis by Hamas on October 7, 2023, Canada and many other western countries have seen considerable protest over the Israeli war with Hamas. We have tied up our courts and police with protests. We have seen violence toward our police officers.<sup>1</sup> We have seen people scale Toronto's Mount Sinai Hospital to hang a Palestinian flag on it in an ethnic display of dominance.<sup>2</sup> We have seen Canadian Jewish youth fearing for their safety on Canadian university campuses.<sup>3</sup>

Should these pro-Palestinian protests with their attending violence be tolerated? Does free speech allow people to: assault police officers, target hospitals with political invasion, make Jewish youth feel unsafe on our university campuses? Should our courts be tied up telling squatters to leave?

Our CHP website tells us, "...new immigrants must acknowledge and respect that Canada's cultural heritage is rooted in a Judaeo—Christian world view, which is the foundation of our national identity and laws. The decision to choose to live in Canada must be accompanied by patriotism and loyalty to Canada and our democratic values and morals. Previously held traditions or legal systems incompatible with Canada's culture and law must be abandoned."

So where does that leave our courts and police officers who are spending their time dealing with the results of a conflict almost 10,000 miles away? These Middle East protests, in the 3 months starting Oct 7, 2023, cost Toronto alone \$7.5 million.<sup>4</sup> Can you imagine how much this distant conflict has cost Canadians if you total all of the cities where these protests have been held? What if you were to tally up the court costs? University security costs? Hospital security costs? Other costs?

We are in Canada. Those who have immigrated here from other countries, including the Middle East, have come here and left their previous home country. Why, then, are we investing in security here for something that is regional and far away?

Why is Canada being infected by conflicts half a world away?

I'm sure that we all deplore what happened on October 7, 2023. It was barbaric and carried out by human beings that are acting like vicious animals—cruel and without respect for other human beings. We should all be able to agree that those who perpetrated this vicious, murderous attack should face severe punishment.

With that being said, they should face punishment over there—not here.

We also decry the brutal killing of innocent men, women and children whose crime is to live where they are human shields for those who perpetrated the October 7th massacre. But, we voice our outrage and then leave the war over there—not here.

If we truly care so much, why are we not protesting the breakdown of law and order or the loss of life in Sudan? Haiti? Afghanistan? According to the Geneva Academy, there are currently 35 armed conflicts in Africa. 21 armed conflicts in Asia. Europe—7. Latin America—6.<sup>5</sup> Where are our protests for them? Where is our outrage? More than 170,000 people were killed last year in wars and armed conflicts around the world.<sup>6</sup> Casualties of the Israel/Hamas conflict made up only a small percentage of these. Is it really the slaughter of the innocents that drives these protests OR is it carrying forward the political ideology of one ethnic group in a land far away? Why is it only for select conflicts that we trouble ourselves?

Canada is a vast country that has welcomed people from around the world and offered them safety from the conflicts they are fleeing. But now, it's time for Canadians to say, "We welcome you, but leave your destructive political ideologies where you came from. This is Canada, and we do not want strife from a world away brought here."

Being sucked into these conflicts that are from another place, another world, another life is counter productive. We may deplore the fact that sinful man cannot achieve peace, but our sincere desire to help must not bring conflict and violence to our streets and our universities.

We welcome those who come here to adopt our culture—yes, Mr. Prime Minister, we do have a national culture. We welcome those who want to live in safety and leave violent ways behind them. But those who want to bring regional conflicts to our shores, Canada must screen out.

Canada is a peaceful country that has helped with peacekeeping missions around the world. But, we did not invite the ugliness of centuries of conflict to come to Canada. Canada is a country that has gone to war to protect our allies. When those wars were over, our soldiers did not bring destructive political ideologies back with them.

We must use the same measured response we used moderating these past conflicts to protect ourselves from those who seek to destroy the freedoms and rights that Canadians fought and died for.

Our heritage of integrity and respect has protected the freedoms of religion, opinion, speech, and all the other freedoms and rights that we enjoy. We welcome those who cherish our heritage. We do not welcome those who want to destroy or limit our God-given rights and freedoms.

I deplore what happened Oct 7, 2023. I've made my opinion known. I don't need to cost other Canadians millions of dollars to belabour the point. I deplore the violent conflict that has killed many men, women and children in Palestine. I've said it. I don't need to climb up onto a place of healing—a hospital—and belabour the point by expressing hatred for the ethnicity of the hospital's founders. I am outraged by the gang violence in Haiti, by the abandoning of Afghanistan to ISIS, by Russia's attack on Ukraine. Around the world, I see death and destruction. I do not need to injure Canadian police officers to yell my horror at the results of other world views. I can just say it. We are in Canada, saying it is all I need to do.

Speak your piece. Protect our way of life! Make a stand! Join CHP today.<sup>7</sup>

## **Footnotes**

<sup>1</sup> [www.thestar.com/news/gta/several-people-arrested-at-pro-palestinian-protest-saturday-as-some-allege-excessive-force-by-toronto/article\\_b357528e-eefd-11ee-b471-eb4433aae3d9.html](http://www.thestar.com/news/gta/several-people-arrested-at-pro-palestinian-protest-saturday-as-some-allege-excessive-force-by-toronto/article_b357528e-eefd-11ee-b471-eb4433aae3d9.html)

<sup>2</sup> [www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/mount-sinai-hospital-protest-1.7114042](http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/mount-sinai-hospital-protest-1.7114042)

<sup>3</sup> [www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-jewish-students-testify-that-they-feel-unsafe-on-canadian-university/](http://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-jewish-students-testify-that-they-feel-unsafe-on-canadian-university/)

<sup>4</sup> [globalnews.ca/news/10253211/toronto-police-cost-pro-israeli-palestinian-demonstrations/](http://globalnews.ca/news/10253211/toronto-police-cost-pro-israeli-palestinian-demonstrations/)

<sup>5</sup> [geneva-academy.ch/galleries/today-s-armed-conflicts](http://geneva-academy.ch/galleries/today-s-armed-conflicts)

<sup>6</sup> [www.usnews.com/news/best-countries/articles/countries-with-the-deadliest-conflicts-of-2023](http://www.usnews.com/news/best-countries/articles/countries-with-the-deadliest-conflicts-of-2023)

<sup>7</sup> [www.chp.ca/get-involved/](http://www.chp.ca/get-involved/)

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