

An On-going List of Denunciations Against the Harper government

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Since 2006, the Harper government has caused Canada to be perceived as an international Pariah. On Canada Day we have the opportunity to denounce the Harper government for years of transgressions; Here is a beginning list.

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THE HARPER GOVERNMENT CAME TO POWER, FOR INCREASINGLY ABUSING ITS CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS AND CAUSING CANADA TO BECOME AN AUTOCRACY WITH FEW CHECKS AND BALANCES

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THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR USING FRAUDULENT MEANS FOR ACCEDING TO POWER: FROM THEIR 2006 IN-AND OUT FUNDING SCHEME TO THEIR USE, IN 2011, OF ROBO CALLS

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THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR DISSOLVING PARLIAMENT TO EVADE THE INVESTIGATION INTO HIS IN-AND OUT SCHEME, FOR PROGUING PARLIAMENT TO AVOID AN INVESTIGATION INTO CANADIAN COMPLICITY IN TORTURING AFGHANI REFUGEES, AND FOR PROGUING PARLIAMENT TO PREVENT THE OPPOSITION FROM

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FORMING A COALITION

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THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR USING OMNIBUS BILLS

WHICH HAVE PREVENTED IN DEPTH, MEANINGFUL DEBATE

ON KEY ISSUES

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**THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR SHOWING CONTEMPT OF PARLIAMENT AND FOR
PARLIAMENTARY INSTITUTION SUCH AS PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES**

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FOR MUZZLING FEDERAL SCIENTISTS, BY PREVENTING THEM FROM PRESENTING OF THEIR RESULTS WHICH WERE PAID FOR BY TAXPAYERS

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THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR PROVIDING LISTS OF PEOPLE AND BUREAUCRATIC INTERESTS TO AVOID AND SENDING A MEMO ASKING FOR LISTS OF ENEMY STAKEHOLDERS (according to a PMO email obtained by the Star).

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THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR MARGINALIZING OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL

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SCIENCE ADVISOR, CUTTING OF FUNDING FOR SCIENCE

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THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR, CUTTING OFF FUNDING FOR SCIENCE AND CLOSING LABS WHOSE RESULTS THREATEN CORPORATE INTERESTS

WE DENOUNCE

THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR SCRAPPING THE MANDATORY LONG-FORM CENSUS DESPITE BEING TOLD BY STATISTICS CANADA OFFICIALS THAT IMPORTANT DATA WOULD LIKELY BE LOST OR IMPAIRED AS A RESULT.GOOD DATA IS ESSENTIAL FOR DEVELOPING GOOD POLICY

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THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR IMPEDING ACCESS TO INFORMATION, FOR DENYING AND DELAYING REQUESTS, FOR SUPPRESSING RESEARCH, AND FOR INTIMIDATING LIBRARIANS AND ARCHIVISTS

WE DENOUNCE

THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR EMBARKING UPON INCREASED INTRUSIVE SURVEILLANCE OF CANADIAN CITIZEN AND FOR SHARING “INTELLIGENCE WITH OTHER STATES

WE DENOUNCE

THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR REFRAMING CANADA AND CANADIAN HISTORY

AT THE 2013 CONGRESS, HISTORIANS AND POLITICAL SCIENTISTS EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN ABOUT HOW THE HARPER GOVERNMENT WAS REFRAMING CANADA AS A MILITARISTIC NATION, ALSO CONCERN WAS EXPRESSED ABOUT HOW THE CITIZENSHIP TEST WAS BEING REFRAMED AS WELL

FOSTERING MILITARISM

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THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR INCREASING INTEGRATION WITH THE UNITED STATES

CANADA, UNDER HARPER GOVERNMENTS, HAS INCREASINGLY CLOSE MILITARY INTEGRATION WITH US POLICY, AND ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT, CUTELY CALLED "SHIPRIDER PROGRAM"; THIS PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO INCREASE BORDER SECURITY BY ALLOWING THE RCMP AND THE U.S. COAST GUARD TO TEAM UP AND RIDE IN EACH OTHERS VESSELS DURING BORDER PATROLS. THE HARPER GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO AN ENHANCED ROLE FOR NORAD. HARPER IS TO GO ANYWHERE, ANY PLACE AND AT ANY TIME AT THE BEHEST OF THE US POLICY OF PREVENTIVE/PRE-EMPTIVE AGGRESSION.

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THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR USING OF THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT DOCTRINE TO JUSTIFY THE INVASION OF LIBYA

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THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR ABANDONING CANADA'S LONG STANDING ROLE OF A SANCTUARY FOR THOSE OPPOSED TO WAR AND REJECTED us WAR RESISTERS

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THE HARPER GOVERNMENT TRIPPLING OF THE MILITARY BUDGET HAS INCREASED 3 FOLD SINCE 2000; THE CURRENT BUDGET IS 30 BILLION. AND THE FAR REACHING EXPENSES OF CANADAFIRST

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THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR ENGAGING IN MILITARY EXERCISES SUCH AS NATO'S EXERCISE TRIDENT FURY, AND NORTHCOM'S EXERCISE THE INCREASED NORTHWEST TRAINING RANGE COMPLEX

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THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR PERMITTING THE INFAMOUS CHILEAN TORTURE SHIP THE ESMERALDA TO BERTH INTO THE GREATER VICTORIA HARBOUR. IN 1973,

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THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR PERMITTING THE CONTINUED BERTHING AND CIRCULATING OF NUCLEAR POWERED AND NUCLEAR ARMS CAPABLE VESSELS IN THE GREATER VICTORIA HARBOUR

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THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR CONTINUING TO HOST AND EXPANDING CANSEC-THE INTERNATIONAL ARMS TRADE FAIR

,

“CANADA’S LARGEST WEAPONS BAZAAR. THOUSANDS OF BUYERS, SELLERS, USERS AND PROMOTERS OF THE LATEST TECHNOLOGIES FOR WAR AND REPRESSION WILL BE RUBBING SHOULDERS AT THIS HUGE, PRIVATE EVENT. CLOAKING THEMSELVES BEHIND A WALL OF DECEPTIVE EUPHEMISMS, LIKE “DEFENCE” AND “SECURITY,” HUNDREDS OF HIGHLY-PROFITABLE CANADIAN CORPORATIONS WILL SHOWCASE THEIR DEADLY WARES”. (COALITION AGAINST

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THE ARMS TRADE

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THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR IGNORING THE BUDGET OFFICER ASSESSMENT OF THE COST OF THE F-35 JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER (JSF) AND FOR FAILING TO BE TRANSPARENT WITH THE OPPOSITION

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THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR FUNDING, UNDER THE WESTERN DIVERSIFICATION PROGRAM, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA, A PROGRAM TO CARRY OUT RESEARCH AND PRODUCE DRONES

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THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR REVERSING CANADA'S LONGSTANDING SUPPORT FOR NUCLEAR ARMS FREE MIDDLE EAST

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THE HARPER GOVERNMENT DISMISSING THE ISRAELI ATTACK ON LEBANON AS A BEING "A MEASURED" RESPONSE. IN ADDITION, CANADA WAS ONE A FEW COUNTRIES THAT DID NOT CONDEMN THE DEADLY ISRAELI ATTACK IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS, ON THE HUMANITARIAN FLOTILLA.

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THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR SUPPORTING THE MURDEROUS CAST LEAD ATTACK BY ISRAEL ON GAZA IN GAZA IN 2008-9, AN ATTACK WHICH KILLED OVER 1400 PALESTINIANS, MOSTLY CIVILIANS, AND WHICH WAS DENOUNCED IN THE GOLDSTONE REPORT TO THE UN AS VIOLATIONS AGAINST INTERNATIONAL LAW

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THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR FAILING TO CONDEMN THE ILLEGAL BLOCKADE OF GAZA BY ISRAEL, A VIOLATION ON INTERNATIONAL LAW AGAINST COLLECTIVE PUNISHMENT.

DESTROYING THE ENVIRONMENT

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THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR USING THE OMNIBUS BILL 45 AND CHANGING THE NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION ACT

THIS CHANGE REMOVES THOUSANDS OF LAKES AND STREAMS FROM FEDERAL

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PROTECTION UNDER THAT LAW. "MEANWHILE, MILLIONAIRES' PLAYGROUNDS AND CONSERVATIVE HACK'S RIDINGS ARE PROTECTED WHILE LAKES THAT SUPPLY DRINKING WATER ARE NOT.

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THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR TOLERATING CLIMATE CHANGE DENIERS AND FOR SACRIFICING HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT IN CANADA FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE TARSANDS PIPELINES AND TANKERS.

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THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR CALLING THOSE WHO SEEK TO PREVENT THE SENDING OF FOSSIL FUELS ACROSS BC AS "EXTREMISTS".

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HARPER GOVERNMENT, FOR MISREPRESENTING, TO THE UN, AND TO THE US OF

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THE CONTRIBUTION TO GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS EMANATING FROM THE TAR SANDS □

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THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR UNDERMINING THE RESOLVE IN THE RIO+20 CONFERENCE TO ELIMINATE SUBSIDIES FOR FOSSIL FUELS

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THE HARPER GOVERNMENTS WITHDRAWING FROM THE KYOTO PROOCOL

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THE HARPER WITHDRAWING FROM THE CONVENTION TO COMBAT DISERTIFICATION

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**HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR OPPOSING A MINING BILL WHICH WOULD REQUIRE
CANADIAN MINING COMPANIES TO ABIDE BY STANDARDS WHEN THEY OPERATE
OUTSIDE OF CANADA.**

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**THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR BLOCKING THE PLACING OF ASBESTOS ON THE
ROTTERDAM LIST OF DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES LIST.**

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THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR GUTTING THE FISHERIES ACT THROUGH REMOVING THE STRONGEST SECTION 35 , WHICH STATED THAT IT WAS A CRIMINAL OFFENCE TO DESTROY FISH HABITAT AND WE DENOUNCE SPENDING MONEY ON RESTORATION OF HABITAT RATHER THAN PREVENTING THE DESTRUCTION OF HABITAT.

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THE HARPER GOVERNMENT, FOR OBSTRUCTING THE BIODIVERSITY PROTOCOL, INDIGENOUS GROUPS ALLEGE CANADIAN OBSTRUCTIONISM ON THE BIODIVERSITY ABS PROTOCOL

WE DENOUNCE

THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR INCREASING PRODUCTION OF GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOOD AND CROPS, FOR PERMITTING , A STRAIN OF MONSANTO ALFALFA GE SEED TO BEING APPROVED.AND FOR COMPROMISING FOOD SECURITY

WE DENOUNCE

THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR FAILING TO INVOKE THE PRECAUTIONARY PRINCIPLE, AND INSTITUTE A BAN ON THE USE OF NEONICOTINOID PESTICIDES WHICH HAVE BEEN DEMONSTRATED TO BE KILLING THE BEE POPULATION

WE DENOUNCE

THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR CONSIDERING DIFFERENT DELIVERY SYSTEMS FOR HEALTH CARE

IN THE 2011 LEADERS DEBATE HARPER SAID; “GOVERNMENTS ACROSS THIS COUNTRY HAVE EXPERIMENTED WITH ALTERNATIVE SERVICE DELIVERY....WE’RE NOT GOING TO WAVE THE FINGER AT PROVINCES BECAUSE THEY EXPERIMENT WITH DIFFERENT DELIVERY.”

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▯ *THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR* ▯ ABDICATING RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO SUPPORT THE CANADA HEALTH CARE ACT.

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THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR IGNORING THE PLEAS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ▯ FOR CANCELING THE DEBT, AND THE PLEAS OF ▯ DEVELOPING NATIONS FOR CLIMATE ▯ JUSTICE AND ▯ FOR COMPENSATION OF THE DESTRUCTION OF THEIR ATMOSPHERIC SPACE

CONTRIBUTING TO IN ENVIRONMENTAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS NEGLIGENCE

WE DENOUNCE

**THE HARPER GOVERNMENT ▯ FOR : APPROVING HAVING ONLY ONE ENGINEER ON TRAINS; ▯ THIS COULD HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE ILL-FATED TRAIN
N
DISASTER IN ▯ LAC MEGANTIC**

VIOLATING HUMAN RIGHTS

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THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR VIOLATION THE CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE IN FGHANISTAN THROUGH TRANSFERRING THE AFHAN DETAINEES

EVEN THOUGH A CANADIAN AMBASSADOR ADVISED THE GOVERNMENT ABOUT THE FACT THAT THE PRISONERS TRANSFERRED BY CANADA TO AN AFGHAN PRISON WERE BEING TORTURED, THE HARPER MINORITY GOVERNMENT IGNORED THE WARNING. THE HARPER MINORITY GOVERNMENT DENIED THAT THEY HAD BEEN INFORMED AND DISCREDITED HIM, AND NOW IN JUNE, THE DOCUMENTS INDICATE THAT HARPER HAD BEEN INFORMED.

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THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR EXTENDING THE ANTI-TERRORIST ACT AND FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS

WE DENOUNCE

THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR THE PUTTING UNDER SUREILLANCE CITIZENS ENGAGED IN LAWFUL ADVOCACY; THIS PRACTICE VIOLATES SECTION 1 OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS- THAT AFFIRMS THAT THERE MUST BE NO DISCRIMINATION ON THE GROUND OF POLITICAL OR OTHER OPINION

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**THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR PERMITTING EXCESSIVE VIOLENCE AGAINST
PROTESTORS. □ AT THE G8 - 20**

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THE HARPER GOVERNMENT' FOR VIOLATING LABOUR RIGHTS

ESPECIALLY FOR CHALLENGING THE RIGHT TO STRIKE

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**THE HARPER GOVERNMENT HAS CHANGED THE EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY RULES.
THESE CHANGES □ WILL INCREASE THE PRECARIOUSNESS OF JOBS AND
JEOPARDIZE THE BARGAINING □ POWER OF WORKERS IN cANADA.**

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THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR THE DENYING OF RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLESARTICLE 19 OF THE UNDECLARATION OF THE RIGFHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES WHICH REQUIRES FAIR PRIOR INFORMED CONSENT; HARPER HAS STATED CONSENT DOES NOT REALLY MEAN CONSENT IT MEANS CONSULTATION. HE ALSO HAS DECLARED THAT UNDRIP IS ONLY INSPIRATIONAL.

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A FEDERAL TRIBUNAL HAS REBUKED THE GOVERNMENT FOR HIDING DOCUMENTS IN A CHALLENGE OVER FUNDING FOR FIRST NATIONS CHILDREN.

THE CANADIAN HUMAN RIGHTS TRIBUNAL SAYS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT KNEW ABOUT 50,000 DOCUMENTS "PREJUDICIAL TO ITS CASE AND HIGHLY RELEVANT" IN 2012, BUT DIDN'T DISCLOSE THEM UNTIL THEY WERE REVEALED THIS YEAR IN A REQUEST UNDER FEDERAL ACCESS TO INFORMATION LAWS. (CBC

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THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR FAILING TO RATIFY THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF MIGRANT WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THE ABUSES AND EXPLOITATION OCCURRING IN THE TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKER PROGRAM,

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THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR "MOVING AWAY FROM A COUNTRY OF MULTIFAITH, AND NO FAITH TOWARDS A FORM OF CHRISTIAN FUNDAMENTALISM" WITH LINKS TO Israel

WE DENOUNCE

THE HARPER GOVERNMENT'S BILL C10: TOUGH ON CRIME BILL VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE CRIME LEGISLATION IS DIRECTED TOWARDS INCREASING PUNISHMENT BY WAY OF MORE PRISON TERMS FOR MORE PEOPLE AND FOR LONGER. VIRTUALLY NOTHING IN ANY OF THE LEGISLATION DOES ANYTHING TO PREVENT CRIME

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THE HARPER GOVERNMENTS FAILURE TO CONDEMN ISRAEL FOR THE TREATMENT OF THE PALESTINIANS

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THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR VIOLATING SECTION 1 OF THE 1951 REFUGEE ACT BY MAKING A DISTINCTION BETWEEN ‘SAFE’ AND ‘UNSAFE’ COUNTRIES; ‘THERE SHOULD BE NO DISCRIMINATION ON GROUNDS OF COUNTRY OF ORIGIN ART. 1, REFUGEE ACT)

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THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR IMPRISONING OF REFUGEES ARRIVING BY SHIP AND FOR CUTTING OFF HEALTH CARE FUNDING FOR REFUGEES TO CANADA.

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ENTRENCHING CORPORATISM

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THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR BAILING OUT THE BANKS AND LOWERING CORPORATE TAXE YET CUTTING BACK ON FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.

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THE HARPER GOVERNMENT FOR THE INCREASING SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

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THE HARPER GOVERNMENT HAS INCREASED TO GLOBALIZATION, DEREGULATION AND PRIVATIZATION THROUGH ITS SUPPORT FOR TRADE AGREEMENTS, SUCH AS THE WTO/FTAA/NAFTA, SPP, CETA, TTP, FIPA WHICH SHOULD BE DECLARED NULL AND VOID FOR VIOLATING INTERNATIONAL PEREMPTORY NORMS

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THE UNDERMINING OF POST SECONDARY EDUCATION

CANADA HAS REDUCED FUNDS FOR UNIVERSITIES, CAUSING UNIVERSITIES AND RESEARCHERS TO GROVEL FOR CORPORATE FUNDING, SUCH AS FROM GOLD CORP AND DEFENCE FUNDING.

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