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Subject: Canada's role in world politics

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Hydral think the author's point was that Canada's current situation in the world is, quite frankly, meaningless (that's just my interpretation of what he said and certainly mean no offense by it), and one of the reasons for that was a vastly underfunded military characterized in the editorial this way:

I was referring to the Tories in general, actually.

Quote:It's simultaneously funny and not funny. The Canadian military had to rent Russian transport planes just to deliver aid two weeks late.

That's right. It is disgraceful, and I just about entirely blame our current government for it.

Quote:Canada's role in international politics is, again, frankly but with no offense intended, quite inconsequential. About the only thing it may have going for itself is economic ties to the U.S.; correct me if you feel I'm wrong, though.

I would like to think that our country holds a kind of standard that other countries who are not super powers would try and strive for. Canada isn't a world superpower, but we do PRETTY damn good for one who isn't, and that is generally the goal the Canadian government, regardless of bias, strives for on the international level.

Quote:Call it post-9/11 thinking if you will, but if you live in a pre-9/11 world forever, you'll get blown up by state-sponsored Islamic terrorist groups. Especially when your country is one of America's biggest trading partners and believe in many of the same freedoms that make those terrorists so angry at your nation in the first place.

Equally valid.

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