Subject: Re: New World Order Posted by nikki6ixx on Tue, 01 Jul 2008 21:12:45 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

The other thing too, is strategically, I'm not sure if it's in America's best interests to even consider joining with Canada.

For example, with the Arctic ice caps melting, various countries including Denmark, Canada, Russia, and the United States all want a big piece of the resource pie, and superiority over a 'northwest passage'. If an 'AmeriCanadian' nation were to contest Russia, political tensions could run very high, and possibly escalate to a situation not unlike the Cold War. Russia would view it mainly as an American challenge.

However, an independent Canada is seen more as a 'third party', and one that treads neutral ground. Many Canadians are of Eastern European descent, and do share quite a few commonalities with the Russian population. Russia would be less inclined to engage an independent Canada, and the Americans would still have a close ally that will guarantee fair passage through naval waterways, and allow American companies to exploit resources under the Arctic ice.

In terms of foreign policy these days, America needs allies. Although President Bush touts countries like Hungary, and Poland as modern allies of America, and Western ideals, Canada is a member of the G8, and is a counterpoint to Russia, France and Germany, as well as the O5 members like China, and Brazil. We might not agree on a few things, but in many cases, Canada and the U.S. see eye to eye on many issues, and Canada still has considerable clout in international affairs.

Uniting Mexico, Canada, and the States would not only be an economic disaster, but a social one too. The U.S already has a considerable poverty rate, and inheriting Mexico's problems would break any system in place. Mexican's would be demanding a system equal to Canada's E.I., and Welfare system, and many American's will be too. However, Mexico's tax base would not be able to support such a venture, meaning Canadian's, and American's would have to pay higher taxes to subsidize Mexico. Therefore, Canadians would likely end up losing their system of public healthcare, and reasonable welfare benefits, which would cause a LOT of problems, especially for those Canadians that live in rural areas, and up in the Territories.

This discussion is timed pretty well too, seeing as it's taking place on Canada Day, and just before Independence Day.