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Subject: Canada's role in world politics  
Posted by [Hydra](#) on Tue, 01 Mar 2005 03:45:41 GMT  
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I'd like to know what you Canadians think about this editorial I found.  
I personally think the author has a good point.

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Subject: Canada's role in world politics  
Posted by [Javaxcx](#) on Tue, 01 Mar 2005 03:58:01 GMT  
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Our government is a piece of crap. It is comprised of far left-wing socialists that don't seem to understand when they are owned.

[http://www.ctv.ca/generic/WebSpecials/liberal\\_scandal/main\\_frameset.html](http://www.ctv.ca/generic/WebSpecials/liberal_scandal/main_frameset.html)

That's just one example of how fucked up THIS government is.

Oh yeah, did you know that because of something called the Canada Health Act, it is in fact illegal for any sort of private medical practice (implimented by another far left minority party); and while I have never personally seen an overcrowding in hospitals around here (which is surprising, living in the city that is one of the most polluted and accident prone in north america, thanks to Stelco and Defasco), it is certainly a killer to the medical profession.

Frankly, Paul Martin is a moron, and that is why I did not vote for him or his caucus. His priorities all totally messed up, and he places Canada on pedestals it does not belong on at this time for WHATEVER reason, I do not know.

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Subject: Canada's role in world politics  
Posted by [Sir Phoenixx](#) on Tue, 01 Mar 2005 04:21:25 GMT  
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Quote:we spend a smaller share of our national wealth on military obligations than any NATO nation except tiny Luxembourg and Iceland (which has no military at all).  
Lol...

Canada is just freeloading, I mean why should they spend money on a military when they have the world's largest military next door?

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Careful, if that were the case, we would not have rejected the missile defence shield.

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(the budget was laughable and Harper danced for Martin)

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Subject: Canada's role in world politics  
Posted by [Jecht](#) on Tue, 01 Mar 2005 05:19:12 GMT  
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I dont usually find myself saying this but...I agree with Java, the whole way. While we do tend to poke fun at the Canadien military, they are in fact, capable of their own defense without our help, which is all they need at the moment.

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Subject: Canada's role in world politics  
Posted by [Vitaminous](#) on Tue, 01 Mar 2005 05:33:16 GMT  
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He was being sarcastic.  
(I kind of hope you were too)

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Subject: Canada's role in world politics  
Posted by [Renx](#) on Tue, 01 Mar 2005 12:27:47 GMT  
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independence is probably the reason Renx, Canada doesnt want our help, and I cant really blame them. Great countries are able to defend themselves.

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Subject: Canada's role in world politics  
Posted by [SuperMidget](#) on Tue, 01 Mar 2005 16:15:39 GMT  
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I'm Canadian, proud as hell to be too.

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But when I read this, it makes me angry because I know that people will take on the side of the author.

Canada's military is underfunded but so is over 50% of everything else in our great country! Our government just has too much on their plate regarding the combination of internal and external problems! There just isn't enough money to go around.

Maybe it's time we switch from liberal...

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Missile defense? CANADA?! LMAO

Aside from Canada being a PEACEKEEPING country, we could never afford that. Our military's funds would be even more cut for stupid shit like that which would never be used! Many countries may see that as a threat and break treaties with us.

The only reason why the US government suggested this to us is to protect the USA, not us. Canada is literally the USA's shield in missile warfare...

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Subject: Canada's role in world politics  
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Tue, 01 Mar 2005 17:58:36 GMT  
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Canada is no way America's shield or vice versa. America can hold its own, and has for the past two centuries. Canada doesn't need our help to protect their country, and we don't need Canada to help protect us.

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Subject: Canada's role in world politics  
Posted by [DarkDemin](#) on Tue, 01 Mar 2005 18:04:03 GMT  
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I say the U.S. should just annex Canada, so many headaches would be over!

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Subject: Canada's role in world politics  
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Tue, 01 Mar 2005 18:09:14 GMT  
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And you wonder why I call you an idiot, AJ. :rolleyes:

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Actually the reason they offered it was probably so there wouldn't be a "weak spot" in their system.

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Posted by [Javaxcx](#) on Tue, 01 Mar 2005 20:45:21 GMT

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VitaminousHe was being sarcastic.  
(I kind of hope you were too)

No I wasn't. The liberals in charge are scandalous twits and should not be the minority. Mind you, Harper and his little tea party shouldn't be in either. Both sides are to the extreme, and both are comprised of morons.

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Subject: Canada's role in world politics

Posted by [Renx](#) on Tue, 01 Mar 2005 20:46:48 GMT

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NDP for the win?

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Posted by [Javaxcx](#) on Tue, 01 Mar 2005 20:48:39 GMT

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That's right, it is underfunded... but it is underfunded comparatively. While it is always a necessity for a large nation to have a military, to have a giant military when it is really not needed is a waste of money. Have the Tories say what they will, our military is pretty much fine the way it is in our current situation in the world.

If Canada got into a major war, this would be a different story-- but since we haven't been in one since world war 2, it is only logical to downsize the military. Call it pre-9/11 thinking if you will, but if you live in post-9/11 world forever, you'll burn yourself out. Especially when your country's size is bigger than that of America.

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Subject: Canada's role in world politics  
Posted by [Renx](#) on Tue, 01 Mar 2005 20:51:45 GMT  
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It would be fine as it is...if our subs weren't catching fire, and our helicopters falling out of the sky. The size is fine, but the equipment is not really up to par.

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Subject: Canada's role in world politics  
Posted by [Sir Phoenixx](#) on Tue, 01 Mar 2005 20:56:14 GMT  
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Quote:Especially when your country's size is bigger than that of America.  
In land area yes, but most of that is uninhabitable.

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Subject: Canada's role in world politics  
Posted by [Vitaminous](#) on Tue, 01 Mar 2005 21:34:32 GMT  
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Blame the land's geology.

RenxNDP for the win?

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Subject: Canada's role in world politics  
Posted by [Doitle](#) on Tue, 01 Mar 2005 21:39:38 GMT  
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They probably wanted Canada to take more of a role in our mutual defence. We are defended

from threats in the air by NORAD. A joint operation between the US and Canada. It is comprised of both Canadian parts and American parts. I am betting this was just an attempt to try to get Canada more involved so it wasn't so American dominated. Maybe they wanted to build a second super command center like at Cheyenne Mountain somewhere in Canada. A Canadian missile defence system is a stepping stone towards better defence for both America, Canada and our allies.

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Sir PhoenixxQuote:Especially when your country's size is bigger than that of America. In land area yes, but most of that is uninhabitable.

It's only uninhabitable because it hasn't been made habitable. Pretty much all of the west was how our NWT is now. At least until it was urbanized.

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Subject: Canada's role in world politics  
Posted by [Vitaminous](#) on Tue, 01 Mar 2005 21:49:16 GMT  
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It's a known fact: the Canadian Shield area sucks.

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Subject: Canada's role in world politics  
Posted by [Spoony\\_old](#) on Wed, 02 Mar 2005 00:15:19 GMT  
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Renxif our subs weren't catching fire  
you'd think all the water would put the fires out.

Before you flame me, yes, I know I just said something really retarded.

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Subject: Canada's role in world politics  
Posted by [Jecht](#) on Wed, 02 Mar 2005 02:33:22 GMT  
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or are useful for sarcastic comments

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Subject: Canada's role in world politics  
Posted by [warranto](#) on Wed, 02 Mar 2005 03:28:36 GMT

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Meh, Canadian politics is a necessary evil. There are NO good choices available. Harper, umm no. I've never much cared for the Alliance. Martin is our former finance minister when it wasn't his fault that finances were misappropriated. And the NDP is, well, the NDP. Meanwhile, Canada's richest province (Alberta) has a premier who love to screw with us. 11 billion surplus last year, and an additional 4 billion this year (16 billion), yet nothing good is coming from.

Canada is a great place to live, but the politics need an overhaul.

And if people can live in Alberta, they can live anywhere in Canada....

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Subject: Canada's role in world politics  
Posted by [Javafx](#) on Wed, 02 Mar 2005 03:46:06 GMT  
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How did Paul Martin become Prime Minister again? :)

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He became a Communist.

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It's not an issue whether or not Canada gets into a major war... Its mainly to lead aid quickly/effectively and to defend against attack!

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Posted by [SuperMidget](#) on Thu, 03 Mar 2005 19:09:00 GMT  
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VitaminousIt's a known fact: the Canadian Shield area sucks.  
You're an idiot.

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Subject: Canada's role in world politics  
Posted by [Sir Phoenixx](#) on Thu, 03 Mar 2005 20:30:51 GMT  
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Quote:You're an idiot.

Canadian Shield's ClimateSince the Canadian Shield is so large the climate varies. In the southern parts of the Canadian Shield such as southern Ontario the climate is seasonal. In the winter the average temperature is about -18 degrees Celsius and in the summer it is about +25 degrees Celsius. The growing season is about 120 days. The south has about 15 hours of daylight in the summer and 8.5 hours in the winter. The average temperature in the northern part of the Canadian Shield is about -35 in the winter and about +15 in the summer. The growing season is only about 60 days and in the winter the north only has about 5.5 hours of daylight. In the summer the northern part has 18.5 hours of daylight everyday.  
Do you actually think that the Canadian Shield area doesn't "suck"?

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SuperMidgetIt's not an issue whether or not Canada gets into a major war... Its mainly to lead aid quickly/effectively and to defend against attack!

We do give aid effectively. Now, before you retort, the dispatching of our military has just about nothing to do with how it is funded. The necessary forces can be sent in a matter of days; processed in a number of hours upon request (depending on severity). You can blame the liberals for the shoddy show in Sudan, it is pretty much their own fault.

As for defending against an attack; well, we need an attacker to defend against. The last "terrorist" attack in Canada was during the October Crisis, and it was hardly a matter worthy of 20,000 soldiers armed with golden C7A1s. The FLQ was a few men with fewer followers, and the political upheaval they caused was because of their select actions against select politicians.

Now, that isn't to say Bin Laden and his cronies won't try and attack here. They could probably do so pretty effectively-- but why would they? So they can get another 20,000 or so people with assault rifles angry at them? Even terrorists have some kind of reasoning, often fallaciously deduced, behind their attacks. It's why they attacked the world TRADE centre, and the pentagon, and hopes of taking out the main political points of the American system. There just simply aren't



any targets of interest of that proportion in Canada shy of Parliament... and MOST of the time it's EMPTY!

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Subject: Canada's role in world politics  
Posted by [Javaxcx](#) on Thu, 03 Mar 2005 20:43:03 GMT  
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SuperMidgetYou're an idiot.

Well, coming from someone who LIVES in the shield, I can vouch for it's discipline lackage. The 403 is ridiculously overcrowded, the entire region is misty with pollution, and the great lakes are disgusting to even look at from the beaches (at least Lake Ontario is).

That isn't to say it doesn't have it's high points... The trails near my place are lots of fun. They are quite limited as to where you can actually go to, but they do allow for a small bit of bushwhacking before you hit more civilization again.

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Posted by [splnwezel](#) on Thu, 03 Mar 2005 21:32:47 GMT  
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How did the Liberals win the last election? Well, when you screw over half the country and lavish the other half with tax breaks, you're bound to return. I'm from Saskatchewan, where most people here voted Conservative.

And while many will say that the military is drastically underfunded... I will say that they are underfunded, but not nearly as bad as everyone thinks. Their recent acquisition of submarines was a PR nightmare. Their equipment is more likely to be the source of soldier fatality than enemy fire.

And when a liberal government is running the show, you will undoubtedly find that money that should be spent on more important matters is spent on crap that noone cares about (ie: gun registry).

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Posted by [Javaxcx](#) on Thu, 03 Mar 2005 21:58:04 GMT  
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The gun registry is a good idea. It keeps most of the population in situations where their firepower is limited, or if you can afford it, expensive.

If you want to play with big fun guns, join the military. I would rather not have my neighbours armed with 10 pistols and a grenade launcher when I subscribe to the theorem that most people are morons.

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Posted by [Vitaminous](#) on Thu, 03 Mar 2005 23:17:10 GMT  
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Cities are built on flat land, Canadian Shield =! flat land.

That's why the population is concentrated on the border.

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the gun registry is a good idea in theory... but when it comes to implementation... that's why it's costing us so much.

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My thoery on people is much like Java's:

People are stupid and greedy.

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And who are these people?

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you, me, and everyone else.

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Yay, so we're all stupid.

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\*claps\* Good Answer! Good Answer!

"Is it up there?! You said 'You me and everyone!'"

\*BZZZT\*  
X

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I 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:

Quote:The recent deployment of our Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) to tsunami-stricken Southeast Asia was a telling example. Our deployment was tiny and came almost two weeks after the Americans and Australians sent in their own larger forces. The spectacle mocked the government's boast that "Canada is among the most generous international donors to respond to this disaster with humanitarian and early recovery assistance."

Why were we so late compared with other nations? Like the rest of our military, DART is underfunded. Lacking their own transport planes, the team's members had to wait while a deal was struck to rent Russian aircraft. As the chart below shows, we spend a smaller share of our national wealth on military obligations than any NATO nation except tiny Luxembourg and Iceland (which has no military at all).

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

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.

Quote:Call it pre-9/11 thinking if you will, but if you live in post-9/11 world forever, you'll burn yourself out. Especially when your country's size is bigger than that of America.

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.

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I was referring to the Tories in general, actually.

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

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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.

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Equally valid.

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Paul Martin A.k.a. Mr Dithers is a Fucking Moron and The Fact I Worked for The Liberals this Past Year and has been a Supporter for 10 Years and Seeing Paul Cause a Mass Infighting in the party, Making Huge Divisions in it Was a Complete Mistake Letting Him be Leader and a Waste of The Liberal Party's time. I Personally Liked Jean Chretien He was Candid and More Truthful on shit and The Fact Paul Fucking Lied to people's faces at The Liberal Policy Convention on the Issue of BMD while his Friend and US Ambassador Continues to say "We Are" in Missile Defence. I Hope Mr. Dithers Doesn't Last Long as Leader and Prime Minister. I Hope John Manley Will Return and Helm The Party in a Chretien/Trudeau Direction.

Some FACT on Paul Martin

1. He Runs Liberal Party of Canada Like Hitler and dosen't let anyone criticize Him on Anything.

2. He Fucking Split the Liberal Party of Canada.
  3. He Supports BMD but Lies to People Saying No To It.
  4. He Took Over Riding Associations and Provincial Executives.
  5. Kisses Young Liberals Asses for Votes and Uses Them as Tools at Leadership and Other Conventions.
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Yeah, damn him and his native death camps in nunavut!!

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wow, I heard he had said no to BMD but i didnt know he was lying about it. Thanks for the news update.

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NAZIS, GO NORTH.

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