

Stand on Guard for THEE

Do you hate the libs? Do you believe liberals are responsible for the destruction of your country? Do you actually believe your country is being destroyed? Or, are you a liberal and believe these things about conservatives?

I believe you truly feel that way, if you do. I also know you are good, decent people and that you didn't used to think this in Canada. We used to disagree on some points but fall back to the position of 'love thy neighbour and live and let live'. Do you remember those days?

Now, we can't seem to get past even small differences without blaming it on political divisions, holding up some 'other' group of people as an example of all that is wrong in MY society, and/or accusing each other of being idiots.

I trust you - my conservative family, friends and community members – to not let anything separate us as Canadians or to take our humanity. All I ask is that you trust me back and REALLY listen to what I have to say...and I'll do the same.

Deal?

Do your very best to read this without thinking I'm saying something I'm not. This is NOT about fine details of policy in Canada where the differences are actually very small...and, yes, worthy of healthy discussion to make things work better for all of us. But, while the actual policy differences are small, the 'discussions' are nothing less than hateful.

One example of this phenomenon is immigration policy. There are many other examples, but the very essence of our humanity is illustrated in this example & perhaps will make you stop for a moment and wonder where you are on the 'humanity spectrum' and why you are there.

You can believe me or do the research yourself – the immigration POLICY differences between the Canadian conservatives and liberals are tiny. But, somehow, many of us believe immigrants are a huge problem – stories have been told that make us believe this.

When there are some instances of wrongdoing, those stories are amplified while hundreds of thousands of decent human beings are demonized and sacrificed. We could, instead, amplify THOSE stories while we work *together* to reduce the instances of wrongdoing.

This is NOT about partisanship! It's about making us think about what we hear, read and have allowed ourselves to tolerate – and some of us even condone. It's about humanity and decency and drawing a line in the sand about what we... as friends, family and communities... will tolerate in the name of fighting a caricatured version of some 'enemy'.

In Canada, we are still holding that line in the sand. But that line is gradually being pushed back without us recognizing what is happening. A not-insubstantial number of us are willing to fight certain enemies because we are told they are responsible for what ails us.

We can't let this gradual, steady backslide into dispassionate self-interest continue. Every inch we slide toward this is pushing the line of humanity backward... until one day there are enough of us who don't remember anymore the days when we cared about each other, stood up for each other, and did our very best to 'live and let live'. When that day comes, it's too late to push back and it's heartbreaking how close we are now. Liberals **and** conservatives are sliding in this direction.

We are being convinced to sacrifice actual human beings if they place a strain on our resources here in Canada – rather than buckle down and fix things to make our incredible country with its vast resources work FOR all of us.

And if you believe that's not possible, you have been lied to and need to question that belief.

THAT'S WHAT THIS IS ABOUT!

10 years ago, I would never have believed the things that are happening in the USA would happen. **It didn't start this way.** It started the way things started here about 3 years ago...language, demonization, blame...until enough people were convinced to look the other way – at the very least. We can't let things in Canada get this far – but we're on the same trajectory.

Look at these pictures in the context of the truth – these human beings were plucked off the street and given life sentences in a foreign gulag. They weren't indicted, let alone convicted of a violent crime of any sort.



Sure, some were driving without a license, had shoplifted, or had entered the country illegally – SOME of them. But some were in the US legally, some had citizenship hearings scheduled already, some had strong ties to their communities (jobs, family, friends).

But MOST of them, we have no idea about...**because they were not permitted to call anyone, find a lawyer, or defend themselves in any way.** We are expected to accept that these are all violent criminals, without any evidence at all.

We do know that **NONE** of them were taken after a shoot-out with police, surrounded by their fellow gang-members and with an arsenal of weapons that one might expect from violent terrorist gangsters. And we also know that the president of the USA is on video saying “home-grown are next.”

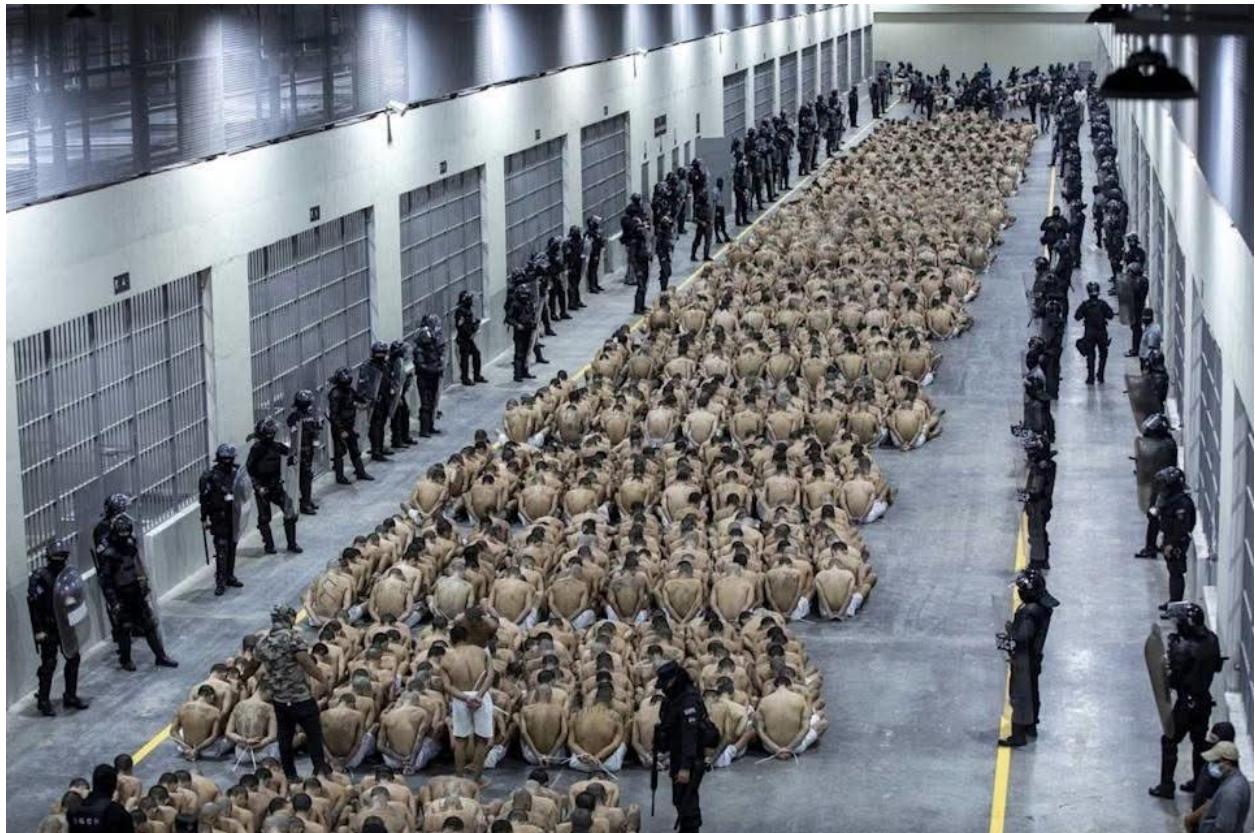


These ‘innocent-until-proven-guilty’ human beings are now in a place where they sleep stacked together closer than we tolerate for our cattle, with no mattress or bedding. They have no windows and the artificial light shines 24 hours a day. They aren’t allowed to speak to or look their guards in the eye, aren’t allowed visitors, phone calls to family or lawyers, aren’t allowed to have books, music, or any other entertainment. They are fed a diet of eggs, beans and rice.

This is a place where the leaders of both countries brag that no one comes out alive.

These humans are trapped in a place where the leaders of both involved countries claim, without evidence, that they are terrorists and say they have no way to bring them back...all while they are completely isolated and have zero idea of what is going on, why they are there, or how long they have to stay. Imagine it being someone YOU care about.

Now ask yourself why you DON'T CARE.



If there is evidence, beyond a weird tattoo or social media post – show it to a court.

They have LIFE SENTENCES in a foreign torture gulag, FFS!!

Law and Order has 2 distinct parts – without both of them, there is lawlessness.

If you condone this, how far have you fallen? You are **zero** degrees of separation from the Germans watching the holocaust happen. Don't believe me? Here is the definition of a concentration camp:

“Internment centre for political prisoners and members of national or minority groups who are confined for reasons of state security, exploitation, or punishment, usually by executive decree or military order. **Persons are placed in such camps on the basis of identification with a particular ethnic or political group rather than as individuals and without benefit of either indictment or fair trial.**”

If you **don't** condone this, don't let the backslide happen here – demand more from your leaders. Jump on social media to condemn every instance YOUR favoured politician or community leader takes the tiniest of steps toward demonizing an 'other' group. Call, email, write YOUR local representatives when they hint at extra-judicial processes being acceptable, or when they are willing to compromise ALL of our rights to justify some process or another for a chosen, demonized few. Demand better.

Be watchful! When you feel yourself not giving a shit because it doesn't impact YOU, notice **that** feeling. When you hear yourself blaming an entire group of people for the wrong actions of a few, ask yourself why you only heard about the wrong stuff in the first place.

This is Canada...the True North Strong and Free. We **MUST** not bend, must not give an inch of that line in the sand to mass-hatred - not of political parties, genders, sexuality, races, or any other entire group of HUMANS.

There's a reason our anthem says "Stand on Guard for Thee" – not ME.