

Canada's betrayal

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It seems that the Canadian Liberal Party's concern to maintain a parliamentary majority by combining its votes with those of the New Democratic Party has led it to sacrifice its fundamental values, particularly with regard to its Middle East policy. Panic-stricken amendments included limiting arms deliveries to Israel and renewing aid to the UN refugee agency UNRWA.

The stakes in the current war

The humanitarian situation in Gaza is catastrophic. To underline this reality, we constantly quote the communiqués of the Minister of Health of a terrorist party dedicated to the elimination of Israel, a party which educates children to become suicide assassins. This is the source of credibility that the media are quick to highlight, without even taking note of the fact that these communiqués follow a rigorously linear algorithm and that, as chance would have it, the majority of victims are women and children.

What the media fail to point out is that Israeli military operations in Gaza are aimed at eliminating the danger posed by the thousands of rockets fired indiscriminately at civilian populations. The bombardments are preceded by the dropping of leaflets and announcements urging the population to leave the area, without which the war would have been over long ago, disregarding the presence of civilian hostages in the hundreds of Hamas fortified kilometers in Gaza. Remember that during the Second World War, Canadian pilots bombed German cities at night and without warning...

When Canada calls for a ceasefire in Gaza, it is preparing to give Hamas a license to continue its massacres - which it promises to do - and to forbid Israel to defend itself. At a time when the Center of Strategic International Studies (CSIS) is coming to the conclusion that Hezbollah has 120,000 to 200,000 missiles at its disposal, and that Iran continues by all means to

transfer more precise and powerful missiles to Lebanon, restricting the supply of weapons to Israel is tantamount to complicity.

UNRWA serves to perpetuate the refugee problem

Canada renews its support for UNRWA. Helping civilian populations is laudable. But this is not the first time UNRWA has been called to order, when its schools are named after suicide bombers, when incitement to hatred is permanent, and when the basement of its administrative center is the underground headquarters of the Hamas.

But there's more. UNRWA is a UN organization that deals exclusively with Palestinian refugees (not even Jewish refugees from the 1948 war) who never lose their status "from generation to generation", which is not the case for over 100 million refugees who are served by a parallel organization (excluding Jewish refugees from Arab countries). UNRWA simply perpetuates the refugee problem, and Middle Eastern countries with no shortage of resources leave Western countries to grapple with it.

But given the hundreds of kilometers of underground fortifications built by Hamas and the quantity of missiles and armaments that have been transported there, it's pertinent to ask who is benefiting from international aid to Gaza. UNRWA is not the best tool to help the Palestinians' deplorable living conditions.

The drift of the demonstrations

The day after October 7, even before the Israeli military intervention, demonstrations in support of the Hamas massacres "spontaneously" erupted among demonstrators, without even calling for the release of Hamas's Israeli civilian hostages... Accusations of genocide, which are an insult to intelligence, ignore the fact that Palestinians have been seeking medical care in Israel for decades, and that they have one of the highest birth rates in the world, rising from 700,000 in 1948 to almost 6 million in 2023.

It's worth asking where those who denounce Israel have been, considering the human losses in conflicts that have claimed tens of millions of lives around the world in recent decades. Even today, hundreds of thousands of

Sudanese, Afghans, Yemenites and Rohingyas are suffering war and famine. And the media are hardly concerned. For years, the media have accused Israel of boycotting the Gaza Strip, omitting to mention that the latter shares a border with Egypt. Selective oversight?

As for the United Nations, this organization is too busy passing resolutions on Palestinian refugees (215 to date, and none on Jewish refugees from Arab countries, who are far more numerous) to worry about the planet's problems.

From Charybdis to Scylla

Canada's Sephardim, who tried to forget the exactions of their ancestral roots in Arab-Muslim countries, and remember only the good memories, have had a rude awakening as the intolerant drift of hate speech is endangering individual freedoms in Canada. The disturbing trend of invidious speech observed among certain segments of society, particularly during protests or rallies concerning Israel stir up painful recollections of historical oppression, echoing a time when Jews endured systematic humiliation as second-class citizens under Islamic rule. Their sense of freedom experienced in Canada seems tainted.

The anti-Israeli drift has also touched an anti-Semitic nerve that was thought to be a thing of the past. Serge Chapleau's cartoon of Nazi propaganda was withdrawn with an apology by La Presse, stressing that the newspaper had nothing against the Jewish people, but only against the Israeli government. This allegation lacks credibility when considering the actual realities within Israel, particularly when attempting to equate the policies of the Israeli government with the viewpoints of its extreme right-wing minority.

I've just returned from a trip abroad. When I was asked the usual question about my country of origin, I felt embarrassed for the first time.

I wasn't proud to be Canadian.