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Tyrants living in their ivory tower echo chambers are panicking as they have no idea how to interact with actual human beings organizing themselves around such non-mathematical principles as "freedom", "justice" and "rights".

*No, there is a limit to the tyrant's power!
When the oppressed man finds no justice,
When the burden grows unbearable, he appeals
With fearless heart to Heaven,
And thence brings down his everlasting rights,
Which there abide, inalienably his,
And indestructible as stars themselves.*

-Friedrich Schiller, Wilhelm Tell's Rutli Oath

Who would have thought that Canada would ever be a spark plug for a freedom movement against tyranny?

As the editor of a [Canadian geopolitical magazine](#) for over 10 years and author of [four books on Canadian History](#), I am a bit

embarrassed to say that I certainly didn't think that Canadians had this in them.

The "monarchy of the north" certainly isn't something that exudes revolutionary sentiment- having been founded on such non-revolutionary principles as "Peace, Order and Good Governance" which have stood in stark contrast to the significantly more inspiring "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness" enshrined in the founding documents of our southern cousins. Even our [founding 1867 document](#) (drafted over a champagne fueled month of hedonism in 1864) explicitly calls out the purpose of confederation not as a means of "supporting the general welfare" as was the case of the USA's constitution in 1787, but rather "to promote the interests of the British Empire".

But here it is.

Countless thousands of patriots have driven across the country to bunker down in Ottawa in peace and high festive spirits [which I had to see with my own eyes to believe](#) demanding something so simple and un-tainted by ideology: freedom to work, provide for families and a respect for basic rights as laid out in the [Charter of Rights and Freedoms](#) (a 1982 upgrade to the embarrassingly oligarchical British North America Act of 1867).

Mainstream media and political hacks have been working overtime to paint the Freedom convoy that converged on Ottawa on January 29 as an "insurrectionist movement" full of "white supremacists", "Russian stooges", and "Nazis" out to "overthrow the government". Even the Bank of England's former governor (and World Economic Forum Trustee) [Mark Carney chimed in on February 7](#) stating that "this is sedition" and that "those who are still helping to extend this occupation must be identified and punished to the full force of the law". Carney, the perennial financial darling of Goldman Sachs and the City of London (and Prime Ministerial hopeful) called for a

targeting of all those who donated money to this domestic terror operation.

Faced with an organic civil rights movement of blue-collar truckers, farmers and tens of thousands of supporters who have convened on Canada's capital to demand a restoration of their basic freedoms, the current Liberal government has failed to show even an ounce of humanity or capacity to negotiate. This shouldn't be a surprise for those who have seen the hypocrisy of neo-liberal "rules-based" order ideologues in action over the past few years who are quick to celebrate the "liberty" of citizens of Ukraine, Hong Kong, or Xinjiang when the outcome benefits the geopolitical aims of detached technocrats hungry for global hegemony. The moment genuine self-organized labor movements arise demanding basic rights be recognized, then the masks comes off and the rage of tyrants show their true faces.

So instead of negotiation and discussion around principled constitutional issues as the protestors have requested, we have instead seen only threats, slander and more threats ranging from cutting off \$10 million of funding raised on GoFundMe [on February 4](#), and then another \$8 million raised on GiveSendGo on February 10. We have seen the government impose a state of emergency first in the city of Ottawa followed by a full [province wide state of emergency](#) on February 11 justifying cutting off vital supplies of fuel to those truckers and their families who have been camped out in -22 degree Celsius temperatures. Edicts making it illegal to provide supplies to the protestors under threat of fines ranging up to \$100 thousand dollars and one year in prison have been drafted and the patriotic citizens who have organized for their right to not live under a dictatorship have been stigmatized by the media relentlessly as "insurgents".

Emergency Measures Act invoked

Then on February 14, Justin Trudeau, followed by Deputy Prime

Minister and WEF-Trustee Chrystia Freeland took turns announcing the invocation of the Emergency Measures Act which itself had formerly been known as "The War Measures Act" last invoked nearly 50 years earlier by Justin's father Pierre Elliot Trudeau as a "solution" to [the RCMP-directed terror cells deployed across Quebec and culminating in the month-long 'October Crisis' of 1970.](#) The name was changed in 1988 although it is in function entirely identical.

Under the Emergency Measures Act, the Deep State of Canada managing Trudeau has adopted the Mark Carney program outlined on February 7 of targeting bank accounts of all Canadians either involved with the convoy directly or having supported the convoy via online donations or cryptocurrencies. What might those individuals suffer for the crime of having offered support or participation in the protests? Those 'deplorable insurgents' are facing the threat of seeing their bank accounts indefinitely frozen, and if they own businesses, having their insurance policies cancelled. The 'big 5' banks of Canada have thus been "deputized" and given full legal protections from being sued by those whose lives will be damaged by the shutdown of bank accounts.

One thing has become apparent thus far: the threats are not working with truckers and other protestors renewing their commitments to remain in place and even four Provincial Premiers (from Alberta, Saskatchewan, Quebec and Manitoba) denouncing the emergency measures.

The Canadian Civil Liberties Association [has also loudly denounced the Act saying](#) *"the federal government has not met the threshold necessary to invoke the emergencies act. This law creates a high and clear standard for good reason: The act allows government to bypass ordinary democratic processes... Emergencies Act can only be invoked when a situation 'seriously threatens the ability of the government of Canada to preserve the sovereignty, security and territorial integrity of Canada' and when the situation 'cannot be*

effectively dealt with under any other law of Canada”.

Fissures Across the Establishment

Due to the inflexible Borg-like inability to negotiate with an organic civil rights movement suffered by all technocratic Davos-creatures, major fissures have begun to break throughout the political establishment of Canada.

Already two members of the Liberal Party have gone renegade breaking with Canada's holy system of whips and loyalty to party above conscience demanding that Trudeau repeal the immensely unpopular and useless covid measures. [On February 8](#), Liberal MP Joel Lightbound commented that Trudeau's vile generalizations of the protestors have only served to “wedge divide and stigmatize” Canadians making the point that he has only seen a wide diversity of races attend the freedom convoy in Ottawa and across the provinces. One day later, a second Liberal MP Yves Robillard [broke party ranks](#) re-emphasizing his support for Lightbound's statements and warned that many others within the party share these dissenting views and will soon speak out if changes are not effected soon.

In the Conservative Party, [a coup of sorts took place on February 3](#) when opposition leader Erin O'Toole was ousted by his own caucus for sounding too much like a World Economic Forum ghoul and for the first time in over two years, an actual counter voice of opposition can be heard in the halls of parliament with demands by every single Conservative member of parliament to end the lockdown mandates and support the nation-wide protest movement.

On provincial levels, [Alberta, Saskatchewan, Quebec and PEI](#) have announced a repeal of their covid mandates including vaccination passports, while Quebec has stepped back from the anti-vaccination tax which was threatened by Premier Legault until only a week ago.

Even NDP head Jagmeet Singh who had labelled all protestors

white supremacists just a few days ago reversed his tune- perhaps due to the overwhelming presence of Sikhs in the federal and provincial convoys.

Freedom Convoy Nightmares for Technocrats in USA and Europe

Meanwhile the Biden Administration has given its full support to Justin Trudeau [to use the full force of federal power](#) to shut down the protests (conflagrating the blockade of US-Canada trade in Windsor and Manitoba as being tied directly to the Ottawa protests... which it isn't).

Perhaps Biden is concerned that the example of the convoy has spread not only across nations of the Trans Atlantic Community and Five Eyes cage, but also to the USA itself where a parallel American freedom convoy will leave Southern California for Washington D.C. on March 5 involving tens of thousands of American truckers.

Former Obama Asst. Sec. of Homeland Security and frequent CNN commentator Juliette Kayyem delivered her disturbing comments to this festering problem which must be stopped [at all costs saying](#): "Trust me, I will not run out of ways to make this hurt: cancel their insurance; suspend their drivers licenses' prohibit any future regulatory certification for truckers etc. Have we learned nothing? These things faster when there are no consequences"

How this process will unfold in the coming days and weeks is impossible to determine. The illusion of liberal democracy which fueled self-aggrandizing virtue signaling technocrats lecturing "bad" authoritarian states of Eurasia how freedom should work has collapsed.

One thing is certain.

Those tyrants living in their ivory tower echo chambers demanding the world to conform to their ideal post-nation

state utopias are panicking as they have no idea how to interact with actual human beings organizing themselves around such non-mathematical principles as “freedom”, “justice” and “rights” which are inalienable to all citizens- even if they live under a monarchy.

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