



Civil Resistance Against Authoritarian and Religious Radicalism



Canada's Right-Wing Response to a Decade of Liberal Oppression



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Abstract

Despite the fact that Canada was once a bastion of multiculturalism and a loving home to a vivid synthesis of diverse political beliefs, it is clear that all right-wing ideology and politics have become openly persecuted and oppressed within the Canadian nation over the course of the past Liberal decade.

In truth, Canadians everywhere have long been precluded from the ability to engage in any earnest political discourse and dialogue, due to the fact that they have been relentlessly subsumed within a political ecosystem wherein every right-wing ideology is not merely a competing ethos, but, rather, inherently evil, and, therefore, an enemy that must invariably be eradicated and destroyed, along with its adherents.

More importantly, throughout the Liberal era, Canadian society has become violently polarized and 'right-wing extremism' has become increasingly prevalent, since any Canadians who publicly espouse right-wing politics and ideologies, such as populism, have long been denied earnest access to the overwhelming majority of all legitimate avenues for political expression.

As a result, vast swathes of Canadian society have been forced to seek out political expression outside mainstream society and pursue diverse modes of non-violent political resistance in order to achieve any modicum of political self-expression and at all confront the Liberal government's authoritarian tendencies.

In fact, it is readily apparent that any Canadian who refuses to worship at the altar of modern Liberalism will inevitably be forced to confront a grim reality: The Conservative has become the most openly scorned and oppressed minority in Canada.

The Modern Purge of Right-Wing Ideology in Canada

On August 25th, 2025, America's President, Donald Trump, emphatically condemned the Democratic Party of Korea (DPK) for its ongoing efforts to oppress all right-wing ideology in South Korea and persecute its political opponents.

President Trump declared, "WHAT IS GOING ON IN SOUTH KOREA? Seems like a Purge or Revolution" (Trump 2025) and that "I heard bad things...It [doesn't] sound to me like South Korea" (Kim 2025).



Trudeau in 2023

Unfortunately, President Trump is absolutely correct: Right-wing ideology and politics are currently being relentlessly purged from South Korea by its ruling party and President (Chang 2025). And yet, the DPK's callous persecution of all conservatives and right-wing ideology in South Korea is by no means uncommon or even an aberrance within the modern international political system. Rather, right-wing ideology and politics have become oppressed and 'Other-ed'¹ throughout huge swathes of Western society and in various countries, such as the United Kingdom (Penna 2025), France, and Germany (Barclay 2025). In fact, although Canada has long been hailed as a paragon of pluralism and the liberal ideal in action, it is clear that all right-wing ideology and politics have become openly persecuted and oppressed within the Canadian nation itself over the course of the past Liberal decade. In truth, for over a decade, Canadians everywhere have been precluded from the ability to engage in any earnest political discourse and dialogue, due to the fact that they have been relentlessly subsumed within a political ecosystem wherein every right-wing ideology is not merely a competing ethos, but, rather, inherently evil, and, therefore, an enemy that must invariably be eradicated and destroyed, along with its adherents.

1. Othering can be understood as the multidimensional process of constructing and (re)producing the Other as inferior from a hegemonic position that determines which are the epistemologies, norms, values, institutions, culture, language, social configurations, economic systems that are considered appropriate. The hegemonic gaze that characterizes Othering is grounded in asymmetrical statuses of power which, by representing certain individuals or groups as lacking the qualities, skills, characteristics, knowledges determined by a majority group, proceeds in constructing them as inferior and subordinate, thus justifying their stigmatization, discrimination, and oppression. Not being entitled to possess the same rights and to vindicate for themselves the same dignity and respect of the normative social group, the Others are dehumanized and can thus become targets of acts of persecution and violence. (Giorgis 2025)

More importantly, throughout the Liberal era, Canadian society has become violently polarized (Ling 2023) and 'right-wing extremism' has become increasingly prevalent (Canadian Security Intelligence Service 2024), due to the fact that any Canadians who publicly espouse right-wing politics and ideologies, such as populism, have long been denied earnest access to the overwhelming majority of all legitimate avenues for political expression. As a result, vast swathes of Canadian society have been forced to seek out political expression outside mainstream society and pursue diverse modes of non-violent political resistance in order to achieve any modicum of political self-expression and at all confront the Liberal government's authoritarian tendencies.

Invoking the Ghoul of Populism and the Collapse of Political Discourse in Canada

Since the advent of the Trudeau era in 2015 and the onset of Donald Trump's first Presidency nearly a decade ago, left-wing pundits and political actors throughout Canada have mimicked their American brethren and consistently deployed 'populism' and 'populist' as catch-all terms for all right-wing ideology and every conservative.

Unfortunately, The Left has also laboured tirelessly to transform 'populism' into a euphemism for neo-Nazis and tyrants, as well as all species of bigot, in a vain attempt to silo all conservative ideology under the false veneer of fascism and discredit the surge in popularity that all right-wing ideology, values, and leaders have enjoyed in Canada and throughout the international political system post-Trump (European Center for Populism Studies 2019).

For example, throughout his tenure, Canada's disgraced former Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, repeatedly attempted to indict the Leader of the Conservative Party, Pierre Poilievre, as a far-right populist and an acolyte at the Altar of Trump (Global News 2024), to scare Canadians away from Poilievre's leadership and shame Canadian society away from any conservative politics.

In fact, as his career publicly floundered and started to expire in 2024, Justin Trudeau nearly invoked President Trump himself, alongside the 'ghoul of populism', in an effort to forestall his own ouster and chain Poilievre, as well as every conservative Canadian, to the accusations of bigotry and fascism that have invariably been associated with the MAGA movement and heaped upon every conservative post-Trump, declaring "Why doesn't he just say it straight out...he's planning to 'Make Canada Great Again'." (Global News 2024) and that "...[Making Canada Great Again] is not what Canadians want. He is pining for a nostalgia that, quite frankly, Canadians do not feel." (Jaeger 2024).

Furthermore, during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Liberal government consistently slandered anyone who disagreed with its tyrannical mandates as a 'populist' and complicit in cardinal sins, such as racism, extremism, and misogyny. For instance, in 2022, Trudeau famously labelled every unvaccinated Canadian, a demographic overwhelmingly inhabited by conservatives, as "...women-haters, racists and science-deniers" (Murphy 2022) and even proposed their open oppression, stating "They are extremists who don't believe in science, they're often misogynists, also often racists. It's a small group that muscles in, and we have to make a choice...Do we tolerate these people?" (Zimmer 2022).

In contrast, throughout the modern era, the left-wing political edifices and news media organizations that currently preside over Canadian society have hailed left-wing ideology as the driver of all socio-political progress since the Enlightenment (Pinker 2018) and invariably associated a left-wing ethos with the democratic ideal, as well as a constant desire to protect and cultivate the fundamental human rights of all people (Muggah and Owen 2018). In fact, over the past decade, left-wing politicians, such as Justin Trudeau, have consistently been lauded as champions of liberty and human rights (Perper 2018), in spite of any fascist, anti-democratic politics and explicit human rights violations (Olson 2024).

As a result, Canada's left-wing politicians and media edifices have inevitably engineered a political spectrum wherein a person or political actor becomes increasingly evil and antithetical to democracy, as their political beliefs and personal ideology become progressively conservative or 'populist', and, conversely, a person becomes increasingly good and virtuous, inasmuch as their personal beliefs and political ideology become left-wing and liberal.



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In truth, for over a decade, Canadians everywhere have been precluded from the ability to engage in any earnest political dialogue and communication, due to the fact that they have been relentlessly subsumed within a political ecosystem wherein every right-wing ideology is not merely a competing ethos, but, rather, inherently evil and explicitly dangerous to the wellbeing of any democracy, and, therefore, an enemy that must invariably be eradicated and destroyed, along with its adherents.

Therefore, political discourse in Canada has collapsed and open persecution has summarily become a macabre reality of daily life for every conservative in Canada. In fact, politically motivated violence now threatens to replace all dialogue in Canada and implode the Canadian state steadily into open anarchy.

Sadly, even The Democracy Project itself has recently declared that Canadian society has become violently polarized and that “Political disagreements [in Canada] are spilling over into real interpersonal conflict,” (Ling 2023) as a consequence of the casual extremism and political polarization that have plagued the Canadian state and distorted political discourse in Canada since the advent of the Liberal government (Ibid.).

And yet, despite the fact that left-wing pundits and politicians have persistently invoked the ‘ghoul of populism’ in an effort to frighten and shame people away from the right-wing of the political spectrum, it is clear that populism is, at best, merely the moniker that left-wing politicians and pundits attach to any unwanted political outcomes and conservative results, in an effort to ignore the real needs of the state and the bedrock of any democracy: its people.

The Modern Persecution of ‘The Conservative’ in Canada

Unfortunately, despite the fact that the Canadian nation was once a bastion of multiculturalism and a loving home to a vivid synthesis of diverse political beliefs, it is clear that all right-wing ideology and politics have become emphatically persecuted and oppressed in Canada over the course of the past Liberal decade.

Firstly, right-wing political discourse and commentary have been openly censored in Canada since the advent of the Liberal government in 2015.

For example, conservative media outlets are routinely silenced (Conservative Party of Canada 2025), and right-wing reporters are often denied access to politicians in Canada (Canada Press Freedom Project 2025). Furthermore, over the past decade, Canadian citizens have routinely been precluded from espousing right-wing values and prevented from commenting on political issues and at public forums by Canada’s Liberal politicians and left-wing political actors (Wright and Pedwell 2018). In fact, in 2018, an elderly woman at a Liberal event questioned Canada’s then-Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, about the Liberal government’s wasteful spending and the influx of illegal migrants into Canada (Gerster 2018). However, instead of engaging in the same spirited discourse that he permitted the other participants, Trudeau frantically refused to answer the woman’s questions and, instead, shouted her down while publicly and falsely branding her as a racist (Ibid.).

In addition, right-wing ideology has been systematically exterminated throughout every Canadian university and college, due to the fact that Canada’s academic ecosystem is utterly beholden to radical leftist ideology and now severely punishes any attempt to publicly support conservative values or extol right-wing ideology on campus (Hopper 2025a).

For instance, data indicates that “Nearly half of all Canadian university students are actively concealing their real opinions for fear of sanction or mistreatment,” (Ibid.) and that, on campus and at every level of Canadian academia, “Liberals basically feel free to say anything they want on any subject, regardless of consequences...while moderates and conservatives and libertarians feel like they have to radically self-censor, if they want to avoid consequences for their beliefs.” (Ibid.).

In fact, under the pretense of combatting ‘right-wing populism’ and the “sea of misogyny, antisemitism, hatred, conspiracy theories...” (Baron 2025) that purportedly “...washes over our virtual borders from the United States” (Ibid.), Mark Carney’s newly minted Liberal government has recently introduced Bill C-8 alongside the Combatting Hate Act, whereby it seeks the power to ban so-called ‘specified persons’ (read: conservative) from the Internet entirely and punish any Canadian with a severe penalties, including potential long-term imprisonment, for hate-related offense in order to encompass any conservative and all right-wing ideology (Hopper 2025b).

Moreover, right-wing political actors have been repeatedly persecuted and ‘Other’-ed in Canada over the past 10 years.

For instance, right-wing political actors and organizations have been consistently punished for their values and allegedly precluded from numerous fundamental human rights, such as the ‘right to freedom of expression’ (National Post 2025) and the ‘right to religious liberty’ (Logan 2025). In truth, “Canada’s justice system has [brought] itself into disrepute” (National Post 2025), due to the fact that open populists and conservatives, such as Tamara Lich and Chris Barber, have been labelled as traitors to the Canadian nation and threatened with extreme prison sentences that critics argue far exceed even the punishments that are meted out against violent criminals, murderers, and sexual predators in Canada (Hopper 2025).

In addition, from 2015 to 2025, Canada’s former Prime Minister himself, Justin Trudeau, frequently portrayed populists as some species of crypto-nazi (O’Neill 2023) and attempted to associate all right-wing ideology with the accusations of bigotry and fascism (Wright and Pedwell 2018) that have plagued America’s President, Donald Trump (Perreault 2019). In fact, when the Freedom Convoy first arrived in Ottawa during the COVID-19 pandemic, Trudeau immediately refused to engage in any sort of earnest dialogue and, instead, characterized the Freedom Convoy as violent extremists, Nazis, and racists (Tasker 2022).

Unfortunately, even the once-vaunted Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) has been accused of becoming an instrument for the 'Other'-ing of conservatives in Canada under the auspices of the Liberal government and recently regurgitated the tired leftist trope that any right-wing or "traditional values" (CBC News 2025) are "...a sign that [a person is] becoming more extremist." (Ibid.). In fact, the Liberal government has actually attempted to surreptitiously massage funding and support to ANTIFA itself via organizations such as the Canadian Anti-Hate Network (CAHN), in an effort to amplify its systematic campaign of anti-conservative hatred and magnify ANTIFA's ability to violently Other every conservative in Canada (Cooper 2025).

Finally, the Liberal government has explicitly violated Canada's laws and abused its fundamental democratic processes in an effort to oppress right-wing politics and preclude conservatives from accessing any legitimate channels for political expression.

For example, the Christian musician, Sean Feucht, recently had numerous permits to hold events on public property across Canada cancelled and revoked by various aspects of the Canadian government, due to the fact that he is an open populist and has publicly expressed his own personal right-wing values and ideology (Logan 2025). In addition, the Liberal government has endowed the Canadian Anti-Hate Network with funding and unleashed it upon the Canadian nation in an explicit effort to "target anybody who happens to be conservative" (Bennet 2025) and "...propagandize against anything they deem to be right of center." (Ibid.).

Furthermore, in 2022, the Liberal government controversially enacted Canada's Emergencies Act. It grotesquely violated the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms itself (Olson 2024), in an effort to suppress the Freedom Convoy and its bevy of right-wing supporters during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Even Canada's Federal Court has explicitly confirmed that Prime Minister Trudeau "...violated the Charter right to freedom of expression and the right to be secure against unreasonable search or seizure" (Ibid.) and ultimately concluded that "The federal government's decision to declare a public order emergency under the Emergencies Act in early 2022...[was] unreasonable and...not justified [by] the facts or the law." (Ibid.).

Sadly, even the Democracy Index itself has confirmed that "Tensions...between the Liberal federal government and the Conservative led provinces [are] now one of the biggest risks to Canada's political stability," (Economist Intelligence Unit 2024) specifically because the Liberal government has flagrantly abused and manipulated Canada's fundamental democratic processes in order to ignore the values of conservative Canadians and exclude right-wing needs from Canada's national trajectory.

The Canadian Response to a Decade of Liberal Oppression

Due to the fact that political discourse has significantly polarized and all right-wing ideology and politics have increasingly faced marginalization in Canada over the course of the past Liberal decade, conservatives in Canada have overwhelmingly been forced to seek out political expression outside mainstream society and pursue diverse modes of non-violent political resistance, in order to achieve any modicum of political self-expression and at all confront the Liberal government's authoritarian tendencies.

For example, the infamous Freedom Convoy, whereby scores of conservative Canadians and so-called populists assembled in the streets of Ottawa in order to protest the Liberal government's strict COVID policies and mandate to govern (Murphy 2022a), was overwhelmingly a response to the Liberal government's overt suppression of right-wing values, ideology, and politics in Canada over the course of the past decade.

In fact, although the Freedom Convoy has been misconstrued by the Liberal government and Canada's left-wing media as naught but an extremist response to Justin Trudeau's stringent policies during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Freedom Convoy was ultimately an emphatic culmination of the decade of Liberal oppression that preceded its eruption and, ultimately, defined its mission.

Even the brave Canadians who risked their own personal freedom in order to support the Freedom Convoy and participate in its noble protest have themselves variously reaffirmed that the Freedom Convoy was a direct response to the Liberal government's flagrant persecution of right-wing ideology and the erosion of various fundamental human rights, such as 'free speech' and 'political assembly', during the Trudeau era (Osman and Taylor 2023).

Moreover, the massively popular secessionist movement that has recently captivated the Province of Alberta (Kanwar 2025) is itself overwhelmingly a response to the Liberal government's overt suppression of right-wing values, ideology, and politics in Canada over the course of the past decade.

In fact, due to the fact that the Province of Alberta and its society are predominantly conservative and still predicated upon Canada's historic mores and foundational ideology, the Province of Alberta's needs and the values of its people have all been ignored by the Liberal government and remained overwhelmingly unmet since the advent of the Trudeau era in 2015, oftentimes under the pretense that they are somehow ignorant and anti-Canadian or injurious to Canada's democracy and national progress (The Canadian Press 2025).



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In truth, Alberta is currently flirting with secession almost entirely because the Liberal government has so emphatically insulted Alberta's right-wing values and rejected Alberta's socio-political ecosystem and paradigm over the past decade (Duhatschek 2025). Even Premier Smith herself believes that "Alberta's treatment within Canada has become intolerable," (Anderson 2025) and that "No matter how the eastern media tries to twist it, Albertans want the same thing: to stand as equal partners in Canada, not second-class citizens." (Smith 2025)

The Canadian Conservative: Endangered, Oppressed, and Exiled

Unfortunately, it is clear that all right-wing ideology and politics have become emphatically persecuted and oppressed within the Canadian nation.

In fact, for over a decade, Canadians everywhere have been precluded from the ability to engage in any earnest political discourse and dialogue, due to the fact that they have been frequently subsumed within a political ecosystem wherein every right-wing ideology is not merely a competing ethos, but, rather, portrayed as inherently harmful, and, therefore, an enemy that must invariably be eradicated and destroyed, along with its adherents.

Consequently, right-wing political discourse and commentary have been subject to censorship in Canada since the advent of the Liberal government in 2015. Moreover, right-wing political actors have been relentlessly persecuted and 'Other'-ed in Canada over the past 10 years. Finally, the Liberal government has explicitly violated Canada's laws and abused its fundamental democratic processes in an effort to oppress right-wing politics and preclude conservatives from accessing any legitimate channels for political expression.

More importantly, throughout the Liberal era, Canadian society has become highly polarized, and 'right-wing extremism' has become increasingly prevalent, due to the fact that any Canadians who publicly espouse right-wing politics and ideologies, such as populism, have long been denied earnest access to the overwhelming majority of all legitimate avenues for political expression.

As a result, vast swathes of Canadian society have been forced to seek out political expression outside mainstream society and pursue diverse modes of non-violent political resistance in order to achieve any modicum of political self-expression and at to confront the Liberal government's authoritarian tendencies.

For example, the Freedom Convoy, as well as the rapidly growing secessionist movement that has recently captivated the Province of Alberta, are both overwhelmingly responses to the Liberal government's overt suppression of right-wing values, ideology, and politics in Canada over the course of the past decade.

Alas, it is readily apparent that any Canadian who refuses to worship at the altar of modern Liberalism will inevitably be forced to confront a grim reality: The Conservative has become one of the more openly marginalized groups in Canada.

Epilogue

Clearly, Canada is at a crossroads.

Civil discourse has collapsed, and political violence now roils ominously just below the placid veneer of Canadian society.

In fact, Canada is now riddled with calls for provincial secession, and data indicate that nearly half of all Canadian youths would happily embrace the opportunity to become America's 51st state (Bricker 2025), due to the fact that the Canadian people have, sadly, recognized the truth: There is currently no future or free thought in Canada.

Therefore, if the Canadian nation is to at all persevere outside the tumult of the modern era and successfully progress into the future, it is clear that Canadians must shuck off the oppressive politics that have been cultivated in Canada throughout the past Liberal decade and, instead, cleave to the liberal-democratic ethos, values, and compassion that have defined Canada and its people since their advent.

Firstly, Canadians must begin to reject the Liberal propaganda that has dominated the media over the course of the past decade and isolated every Canadian. In fact, although liberals and Conservatives have been constantly juxtaposed as dire enemies and launched into combat by various craven left-wing media edifices and politicians, every earnest liberal and conservative is merely a different perspective or expression of one vibrant tapestry, as well as equally integral to the health and proper functioning of any democracy.

Moreover, the Canadian people must become saturated with earnest political discourse and forced to confront the common grounds that implicate all Canadians, in order to vividly

underscore the grand narrative of human progress and dignity that inevitably unites all of Canada.

Most importantly, every Canadian must once more perform the most Canadian of labors and gaze not just directly, but lovingly, into the eyes of The Abyss² in order to unwaveringly re-establish the humanity of The Other.

2. "Whoever battles monsters should take care that he doesn't become one in the process. And if you stare for a long time into an abyss, the abyss looks into you, too."

Friedrich Nietzsche, *Beyond Good and Evil/On the Genealogy of Morality*, trans. Adrian Del Caro, (Stanford University Press, 2014).

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