

All Allied/NATO Political Leaders Since World War II are Racist and Nepotist (and so are their supporting constituents), OR: Tell Me it Isn't So, and I'll Tell You About 120,000 Civilian Deaths, August, 1945 in Hiroshima, Nagasaki, and 5,000 Civilian Bombing Deaths, Fall, 2001, in Afghanistan

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Let me prove it through hypothesis!

I work in an office that has two floors of office and retail space; the rest is a senior's complex. Now read the four scenarios. I ask you in advance to admit at article's end: **guilty as charged.**

Scenario 1: Next week, a high level, extremely dangerous al-Qaida Canadian cell, finally flushed out by the police, suddenly holes up in the building's basement and main floor, and the edifice is instantly surrounded. Hostages are taken; the cell is demonstrably heavily armed, and adamantly refuses to leave alive unless... The terrorists demand a large van, an airplane at the local airport, and plan to keep six hostages with them in order to escape. It is a desperate situation. The world holds its breath.

The hostages are all good Mennonite stock, white, multigenerational Canadian, and seniors. The police wait, and wait, and wait, and wait.... Their strategies are stymied at every turn by the certainty of innocent lives being lost. The stalemate continues indefinitely...

Scenario 2: Next week, a high level, extremely dangerous al-Qaida Canadian cell, finally flushed out by the police, suddenly holes up in the building's basement and main floor, and the edifice is instantly surrounded. Hostages are taken; the cell is demonstrably heavily armed, and adamantly refuses to leave alive unless... The terrorists demand a large van, an airplane at the local airport, and plan to keep six hostages with them in order to escape. It is a desperate situation. The world holds its breath.

The hostages are Indo-Canadians, coloured, multigenerational Canadian, and seniors. The police wait, and wait, and wait, and wait.... Their plans are stymied at every turn by the certainty of innocent lives being lost. In the end, the police make a desperate move, knowing lives could be lost...

Scenario 3: Next week, a high level, extremely dangerous al-Qaida Canadian cell, finally flushed out by the police, suddenly holes up in the building's basement and main floor, and the edifice is instantly surrounded. Hostages are taken; the cell is demonstrably heavily armed, and adamantly refuses to leave alive unless... The terrorists demand a large van, an airplane at the local airport, and plan to keep six hostages with them in order to escape. It is a desperate situation. The world holds its breath.

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wait, and wait, and wait.... Their plans are stymied at every turn by the certainty of innocent lives being lost. The stalemate continues indefinitely. Finally, after intense high-level consultation, they detonate an explosive, and move in, machine guns blazing...

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The hostages are, all but one, Afghan visitors, coloured, non-Canadian, and seniors. They are touring Canada to tell of the effects of the War on their homeland. The police wait, and wait, and wait, and wait.... Their plans are stymied at every turn by the certainty of innocent lives being lost. The non-Afghan hostage is the Canadian Prime Minister's nephew, on tour to introduce them to Canadian audiences. The stalemate continues indefinitely...