

“Then They Shouldn’t Eat Chicken!”

How can one conclude other than Canadian Prime Minister Harper in support of the war on crime and the war on terror is *uninformed* and a United States Empire Loyalist *wilfully supporting widespread torture and murder*?

Some years ago law-and-order MP and Justice Critic Jack Ramsay of the fledgling Reform Party (Harper’s former party too – *caveat lector*), a one-time RCMP inspector and later convicted criminal for indecent assault, argued with me vehemently for more American-style harsh punitive justice and the return of the death penalty. I told him of an organization in the U.S., [*Murder Victims Families for Reconciliation*](#), whose membership was restricted to those who had lost loved ones to murder. They mounted an annual two-week march in a state that regularly carried out the death penalty. Their message was: “*Don’t kill for me!*”

He responded,

Then they shouldn’t eat chicken!,

and told me about his brother who loved chicken, but hated the dirty work of killing, gutting, and plucking same.

I responded:

What you are saying is, unless we’re prepared to slaughter our enemies – criminals on the home front, terrorists internationally – then we have no right to be beneficiaries of the (North) American/Western way of life?

“*Precisely*”, he said. (Something George Orwell also claimed in his scathing contempt for “pacifists”.)

I pursued,

So, the fact that Allied bombers in World War II murdered and maimed about two million civilians - one third the total number of Jewish Holocaust victims - in over 120 cities in Germany and Japan through massive ‘carpet bombing’ was, well, just what *‘had to be done’*?

“*Yes*”, he said without hesitation, “*that’s what had to be done, so that your kids and mine could be raised in peace.*”

I, a fellow evangelical Christian, told him that was sick, at odds with the Jesus I read, and I walked away.

On May 6, 1996, on the news program *60 Minutes*, there was this exchange between then Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, and the interviewer:

- **Lesley Stahl on U.S. sanctions against Iraq:** “We have heard that a half million children have died. I mean, that’s more children than died in Hiroshima. And, you know, is the price worth it?”
- **Madeleine Albright:** “I think this is a very hard choice, but the price--we think the price is worth it.”

Albright’s family had been decimated during the Nazi Holocaust.

In the 1986 movie, [*The Mission*](#), rapacious slave-trader Don Cabeza, in response to a comment by His Eminence Altamirano,

And you have the effrontery to tell me that this slaughter [of hundreds of indigenous people and their priests] was necessary?,

replies,

...I would have to say, yes. In truth, yes.

In a novel I have written¹, in a moment of stomach-wrenching insight, the protagonist's agony is described thus:

His horror turned to terror that his entire life he had worshipped God and had been formed in all his core beliefs in company with such sycophants of mass murder and mayhem. As if he had been born into a Mafia family, where killing and slaughter were simply routine, justified as what was needed to "get the job done", to enable "normal" life to go on. "Just War" theory as Christians had always enunciated it, Andy suddenly understood, was equally the prerogative of the Mob and every vile tyrant known to humanity. No doubt Christians were more sophisticated than what a Mafia family godfather or dictator might articulate, but in the end, it all boiled down to exactly the same thing: terror and slaughter. People destroyed, the earth raped and pillaged, all for a "just" cause. How could he have been so duped, and not have seen the true face of Christendom, of Evangelicalism, viciously "red in tooth and claw"?

Mr. Harper is *uninformed* because, as U.N. Special Envoy Stephen Lewis asserted May 1, 2006 and is affirmed by most criminologists and sociologists, the U.S. *war on crime against drugs* has been an *abject failure*. It has on the contrary spawned massive criminal networks and profits. Mr. Harper is a *U.S. Empire Loyalist* supporting widespread torture and murder because, from myriad reports, articles and books, the U.S. emerges as *the ultimate terrorist organization* in the world whose "godfather" George Bush commits routine murder and mayhem around the globe with impunity.

American journalist Serge Schmemmann, in a *New York Times* article entitled, "The Coalition of the Unbelieving", wrote:

Though I have lived abroad for many years and regard myself as hardened to anti-Americanism, I confess I was taken aback to have my country depicted, page after page, book after book, as a dangerous empire in its last throes, as a failure of democracy, as militaristic, violent, hegemonic, evil, callous, arrogant, imperial and cruel.

Mr. Harper could know the *total failure of the war on crime*, the *rapacious malevolence* of the most powerful Empire in history. Not to know seems to involve a wilful ignorance (like Holocaust deniers)? When an innocent civilian is killed in Canada, we call it *murder*. When several of them are killed, we call it "*mass murder*". When a murderer is aided and abetted, we call it "*being an accomplice to murder*". **When Mr. Harper formally supports the U.S. in its foreign policy of mass torture and murder, what other than *being an accomplice* is it?**

Canada should name U.S. foreign policy for what it is, then withdraw from all formal alliances with the U.S., and consider disarming like Costa Rica. Unthinkable, right – like leaving the Mafia (or an addiction)?

Most Westerners and their political leaders such as Harper, Blair and Bush instead insist on eating chicken - *and their myriad pounds of flesh*.

Are not the West's crimes against humanity today's *ultimate holocaust*?

¹ Please see: [Chrysalis Crucible](#).

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