

Harper: War Yes! Veterans No!

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From the building rhetoric of [Canadian troops staying in Afghanistan](#) [but leaving Kandahar, according to the specific words of our commitment to "leave"], to news that Harper will not bother to attend Canadian Remembrance Day ceremonies because [he's away at a G20 meeting](#), it is clear that while Harper loves war, he has little respect for the people who fight in his wars, as the government undermines the financial stability of our veterans:

All Canadians owe a great debt to our veterans, one that cannot truly be fully repaid. We can, however, ensure veterans who have been injured or disabled while defending this country have a financially secure future when they return to civilian life.

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I am ashamed to be part of a country whose leader chooses to delegate attendance at Remembrance Day ceremonies because the global neoliberal agenda needs tweaking. Clearly, though, I am not surprised at his priorities. They are unacceptable on so many levels.