

## Permanent Delusion, Rex Murphy and Rob Ford

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I can't watch this. I can't.

[Rex Murphy's ode](#) to Rob Ford includes this quote:

"Mr. Ford was one of the most remarkable ordinary people Toronto has ever produced."

Here's another perspective; you decide:

To create and solidify their base, Ford and his backers used a strategy that has proven successful elsewhere. It is a strategy that worked well, at least for a time, for George W Bush, for instance: playing up a persona that people make a personal connection with. Let's call it the blue-collar-lunch pail-millionaire phenomenon -- a persona ironically co-opted by men who never worked a blue collar job in their lives. But it conveniently divided and conquered to send Ford to the Mayor's seat. It pitted the so-called "elite" -- the intellectuals, the artists, the environmentalists, even the unionists -- against the other supposed "ordinary" citizens of the Greater Toronto Area. Downtown versus the 'burbs.

Source: [Rob Ford and the blue-collar-millionaire myth | rabble.ca](#)