A huge crowd of protesters stretched along an avenue near the presidential palace in Cairo on Sunday evening

If you ever wondered why Canada is losing international respect, here's a shining example, #766 in fact.

The "Harper Government" [sic] is fully addicted to neoliberal economic 1%-ism. Egypt, as we've seen for a few years, is undergoing a political and democratic transformation. Right now, Egypt is in another political molting season.

What is Canada's myopic response? Click on for the answer.

Well, it is not a reflection on centuries of totalitarianism or the flowering of grassroots democracy. Canada has no truck with that.

Is it concern for the sanctity of the economy that serves the 1% and the global economic imperial elite? Why yes, since you asked.

You see, democracy can only improve if the economy opens up and deregulates for global capitalist exploitation:

"Dangerous divisions within Egypt threaten its stability and damage its long-term economic prospects."

Democratic instability THREATENS THE LONG-TERM PROFITABILITY OF THE COUNTRY.
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Oh, and some are dying and getting all injured.
Also, to create more meaningful political participation is to simply FOCUS ON REBUILDING THE ECONOMY. It's the economy, stupid:

"We urge the government of Egypt to foster more meaningful political participation by the opposition to focus on rebuilding the Egyptian economy."

Any comment on the fact that the BBC is reporting that this weekend is the largest political demonstration IN ALL OF RECORDED HISTORY? [echo echo echo]

No. Not so much.

So, happy Canada Day, stupid!

June 30, 2012 - Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird today issued the following statement:

“Canada is deeply concerned by reports of violence in Egypt that has already claimed a number of lives and left many more persons injured. On behalf of all Canadians, I offer my condolences to the families of the victims.

“Dangerous divisions within Egypt threaten its stability and damage its long-term economic prospects. Canada calls on all parties to remain calm and participate in the political process. We urge the government of Egypt to foster more meaningful political participation by the opposition to focus on rebuilding the Egyptian economy.

“Respect for pluralism and a robust political dialogue are essential if Egypt is to stabilize.

Canada Concerned by Violence in Egypt.