

## **My Canada Does Not Include Militarizing Canada Day**

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I have a great deal of respect for Canadian Forces personnel. I have generally disagreed with virtually every one of their foreign deployments in my lifetime, but that is a criticism I make of our political leaders who order our forces to go here and there.

I support our troops by encouraging the government not to continue slashing their pensions and healthcare, and to actually treat soldiers with respect and dignity by providing the kind of care they need: vocationally, psychologically, emotionally, etc.

I do not, however, like the militarization of Canadian culture because it is priming us for a warfare mentality and drifting us into a soft fascist state. And I do not at all respect war re-enactments during Canada Day celebrations.

My Canada does not include militarizing Canada Day.

My Canada does not include the government getting kids to make war posters for Canada Day.

The Harper government has hired a consultant to inject a little war into this year's Canada Day bash on Parliament Hill.

A Toronto theatre expert has been asked to find ways to insert a War of 1812 commemoration into the July 1st festivities that typically include pop music, dance and pyrotechnics.

"I do big-ass special events all the time, so they asked me to do that," artistic producer Paul Shaw said in an interview. "It's sort of tricky to do a War of 1812 theme when you've got so many modern things in and around it."

via [Feds hire consultant to inject some war into annual Canada Day party - Winnipeg Free Press](#).

Instead of this nonsense, we should all be signing the [Canadian declaration for Peace and Prosperity, not War and Austerity](#).