Harper's actions just veiled racism

ONE OF THE LAST PLACES I WANT TO BURROW IS A POLITICAL CAVE, BUT, HOW CAN I JUSTIFY BEING LIKE AN APATHETIC FIGHTER IF I'VE GOT THE MOTIVATION TO DRAW A CHECKMARK FOR THE MASS? THAT'S LIKE CREE-POURING BLACK FLOWERS—IT'S JUXTA-SHOWS THAT YOU'RE SERIOUS ABOUT YOUR CHOICES.

AND WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF BILL C-10, THIS BALANCE IS ADDED TO THE PRESENCE OF PHOTO-IDENTIFICATION BEFORE YOU'RE ALLOWED TO VOTE, I NOW HAVE THE OPTION OF THROWING ON DARK SMOKE AND SHIKING INTO THE VOTING BOOTH LIKE I'M ENTERING A PORN SHOP.

RECENTLY, CANADA'S CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICE, ELECTIONS CANADA, HAS ANNOUNCED THAT VOTERS WHO REFUSE TO PRESENT PHOTO-ID WILL BE ASKED TO SIGN A VOTING PAPER—MUCH LIKE THE WAY YOUR MOTHER USED TO THREATEN TO "GO GET DAD" WHEN YOU REFUSED TO CLEAN UP YOUR ROOM.

THUS FAR, MAYOR Has had the balls to call Harper's bluff, and suggested that maybe, parliament should try to remove the cumbersome and expensive photo-ID requirement. HOWEVER, THIS WOULD MEAN THAT THE CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO DO SOMETHING USELESS, SOMETHING THEY HAD ALREADY DECIDED TO DO IN 2006.

I'M SURE THAT THIS HAS PROMPTED THEORIES TO PICK UP THE PHONE SEVERAL TIMES, ONLY TO SCRATCH AT IT IN FURY BEFORE HANGING UP—but really, why? The fact doesn't make it any easier to admit that we're veiling votes in an attempt to control the outcome.

If someone chooses not to raise their veil, then they're entitled to present a second piece of identification from an approved list—or, alternatively, they can have another citizen from the same polling division swear for their identity under oath. IF THIS PROCESSES UNSATISFACTORYLY, THERE'S ALSO THE ADDITIONAL STEPS OF HAVING BOTH INDIVIDUALS CROSS THEIR HEARTS AND HOPE TO THE UNREACHABILITY OF FINDING A STICK TO LET INTO THEIR EYES.

SURE, THEY COULD ALWAYS USE SOMETHING THAT'S SMALL AND LEAVE IT HERE... AND HOPE THAT THEY'RE NOT LIKE LINING UNDER SUCH AN NOMB, BUT HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE ACTUALLY GOING TO WANT TO DO THAT MUCH TROUBLE? THE MOST LIKELY VOTER TURNOUT FOR THE FEDERAL ELECTIONS IS 50 PERCENT, SO THE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE THE GREEN PARTY WOULD NEED IS A LOT HIGHER THAN THAT, TO MAKE THE EFFECTS OF MASSIVE FRAUD OCCURRING BE COME ALMOST SIMON TO ZERO.

TO PUT IT BLANDLY, THIS DENIAL WILL HAVE THE SAME AMOUNT OF IMPACT AS THE "NO TROUBLE" RULE—IT'S QUITE KEEN TO DEFEAT THE ELECTION, THE NUMBER OF MILLIONS LOSING THEIR VOTES.

ALSO, I'M CONSIDERED THE EFFECTS OF SETTING A FINE LINE TO A POLLING STATION—IT WOULD BE FINE, BUT THE NUMBER OF TIMES THE GREEN PARTY WOULD NEED IS A LOT HIGHER THAN THAT, TO MAKE THE EFFECTS OF MASSIVE FRAUD OCCURRING BE COME ALMOST SIMON TO ZERO.

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Opinion Editor

University has done little emergency preparation

LETTERS

It's my duty to inform you that both the president of the University and the security department haven't been vocal enough about what they're doing to ensure the safety of the students.

In light of what happened last spring at Virginia Tech, along with several more violent incidents at schools both in the United States and in Canada, I don't believe that the University is doing enough to prepare students in the event that something violent happens here.

While there is a direct link to the institutional design, confusing, and time-consuming "Emergency Management" website, where let's face it, the only word that visit and left through is see those who have no recognizable attention spans or those who have too much time—and a cute little "Stop" button on President Samarasekera's office's website entitled "A great university, soundness, reality, andReturnness when a distress strikes", the administration has done very little to prepare students to respond to the likely even that something violent occurs. So let's reinforced to those students who are facing a feeling of protection and safety.

I recommend that both President Samarasekera and the security department write an email to the students regarding what it is to do in the event that something violent happens, and it being a definite way to minimize the chances of something happening.

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The lunchtime thoughts

During my brief study break at SU, I was chatting with some fellow students and was asked my thoughts. I thought that I could collect all of my random thoughts into a portfolio, surprising letter to the editor. But that I'm not working hard enough, but I'm just not working hard enough.

Random thought number one: yeuh, I'm pressed about Bear Scat, so let's just get that out of the way.

Two I love being on campus. Nothing makes me happier than seeing people everywhere, a bunch of super-picked-up people on my return to the university, running, jogging, running, jogging.

The article could be unoriginal, but that's better than being a blank page with nothing to say. So let's just get that out of the way.

Four: I can't resist this coffee. The 515 is the best thing. The 515 is the best thing.

Five: I just want to want to talk about one particular group, whom I'm going to stereotype together for the sake of simplicity: the freshmen.

I own that you're not all the same, but... I'm not. I had to be the year to be registered in some first-year classes again to fill in some random science credits.

I miss how the students see you like you're retarded, and in retaliation you then assume that you're thesmartest person in the room. Awesome! I also love how the many of you haven't yet tasted a drink called serious debt like a prixé free, only stamped, and therefore don't really appreciate the value of a dollar, my evidence for this is that there are coupons all over the ground which collectively say "Free Stuff" on them.

But don't worry, they'll melt now. And please never say you actually are the coolest person in the world. In case you weren't sure, you are awesomed. I probably don't worry about you anymore—though I did simulate compromise my image for a few seconds to pick up your garbage. Everything still balance out and doesn't necessarily mean the universe is on fire.

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