

## **A Most Stealthy Invasion**

Thomas Paine and other American founding brothers, formulated that national success is dependent on some form of representative government based on popular sovereignty and some form of market economy fueled by the energies of individual citizens of that country. Without these, America would remain a colony, merely providing resources to the mother land.

Under this precept, Canada is no longer a sovereign country. Canada has been colonized by the USA in a time when colonies have vanished?

Unlike the USA's sudden revolutionary break from England, Canada evolved independence gradually and peacefully. Politically, we became a mini Britain but economically we remained a colony in the sense that we were for the most part providers of raw resources with an occasional manufacturing success such as Massey Ferguson tractors (no longer in business). Since the 1980s Canada has regressed to being in effect a colony of the USA.

The USA has actively sought since the late 1800's to control the world to it's own soul benefit. Its CIA, Henry Kissengers et al have done so through support of those persons it deems best suited to run the governments of those countries for the benefit of the United States. Central and South American countries have suffered US backed banana republic bloodshed for over a century. The US Government continually allocates millions annually to disrupt and destroy the Cuban economy with the eventual goal of annexation. It is now funding the same against developments in Venezuela and Bolivia.

The first couple of times they tried to invade Canada they had their asses kicked. Since then they have never had to threaten us physically or use force of arms. More and more in recent decades, they have taken control of our resources, marketplace and much of our pop culture. They make the rules and we submit. They indirectly control our country through domination of world markets and we blindly submit to their whims.

NAFTA has brought us endless rounds of softwood lumber disputes, which we have always won at arbitration but which has cost us hundreds of millions of dollars, loss of mill ownership to US corporations and thousands of jobs. NAFTA forced us to sell hundreds of millions of dollars of power to California which in the end they only half paid us for with the collapse of slimy Enron. NAFTA did not protect us from US border closures over mad-cow. Canada dutifully reported several cases which were removed successfully from the food system. All the while the US farmers were using the three Ss- "Shoot, shovel and shut-up" to dispose of hundreds of cases because "there are no mad cows down here" and they had to protect their herds from us. NAFTA has forced the ecological nightmare occurring in the bogs of Northern Alberta. NAFTA will eventually allow the US full access and effective control of our very own water. The US has, in effect, disrupted our industries and economy to their great advantage and ownership.

Admittedly, the USA army is not present as a controlling force in our territories. The USA does not directly control our government, but they do spend millions to support right wing lobby groups who are very effective in shaping internal policy, especially that which is related to the US and Canadian economy.

The USA is quite content to let a Canada, advantageously controlled by global companies and their right wing media, unfold as it should for their benefit. Of course they are very very pleased that Prime Minister 'Steve' Harper is becoming so buddy buddy with them. This has indeed been a very stealthy invasion and colonization for the far greater benefit of the United States of America.

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