

Canada Bashing – the GREAT North

When people here in Cuba want to know how I can trash talk the great country that nurtured me I can give them a number of reasons. She nurtured me the way Royalty coddled their young, while the working class lived in deplorable conditions simply because of cast, class, fortune or favour. She raised me on the backs of a world wide slave economy that kept others living in minimal conditions.

Of course we really didn't know any better then. Now we do. We must. CNN images of world disasters shout at us and we simply cocoon and ignore them. I never really bought into the consumer way of life, but as I grew to understand how my country's lifestyle was made and stayed great I rejected it more and more, even while I saw SUV consumerism escalating among my peers.

My country is a great country the way Genghis Khan was a great conqueror leaving death and destruction as his hordes spread across the land. Canada's destructive trail is not restricted to the local environment or people, it is foisted upon the entire globe as, per capita, we are the greatest country at helping turn up the temperature.

Canada is a great country in the same way the United States is a great country in her quest to control the world and keep oil flowing to perpetuate the capitalist consumer war economy system.

Our government is currently not only supporting the most environmentally destructive project ever undertaken by Canadians, it is ardently promoting the Athabasca Tar sands project. Hectares and hectares of lifesaving carbon sink peat bog are being destroyed daily in order to

produce oil to feed the U.S. beast to keep Canada a great country. Fresh water under NAFTA is next. Isn't that great!?!

Canada is a great country for almost all the people who live within her borders, while she at the same time imports thousands of tonnes of crap, stuff and things from China, one of the fastest growing and most environmentally destructive economic engines ever. Next time you as a Canadian buy something you really don't need to survive, or simply to make a lazy life slightly easier remember that it was manufactured using power generated from one of dozens of new soft coal power plants, with dozens more coming on-line to meet the great Canadian appetite for Walmart products.

Canadians once used to be proud of their ability to thrive in the cold of their climate, now they crank up the thermostat or use super inefficient propane heaters to sit outside and chat instead of bundling up. How great is that!?!

As the planet warms quicker and quicker as a result of Canada's consumer habits, as the polar bears die off at an alarming rate, as the ice caps melt at an astonishing pace, and the great coral reefs expire, perhaps stop and ponder how great a country Canada really is!

As more and more south sea island and coastal people begin to suffer the effects of our great Canadian way of life; as millions more begin to suffer drought and starvation due to the effects of global warming which our great Canadian way of life perpetuates, pause and see if you really feel proud of our great Canadian capitalist consumer country.

Ironically, Canadians have been incredible at raising Terry Fox funds for cancer

research, while on the other hand being consumer irresponsible which is resulting in an alarming rate of cancer increase world wide. Isn't that Great!

And the large majority of Canadians aren't concerned at all because they live in one of the greatest countries on earth.

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