

Pierre Poilievre is the obvious choice for Canada

By Conrad Black

We are finally at the watershed that everyone agrees is one of the most important elections in Canadian history. I realize that regular readers would already be familiar with my opinion of the merits of the contending parties and to some extent I'm putting old wine in a new bottle while, in a scandalous melange of metaphors, preaching to the choir. The Liberal campaign is a gigantic fraud. It pretends that since they have a new leader, though that leader is up to his eyeballs in the failed policies of the debunked Trudeau regime, it can simply slink out of its responsibility for the clangorous Gong Show of misgovernment of the last 10 years. It pretends that it has the ideally qualified candidate, when he has never been in active politics, has never actually run anything except a central bank, and in that capacity in Canada he tinkered with the interest rate while Finance Minister Jim



Conservative leader Pierre Poilievre speaks at a press conference at a Halifax car dealership on Thursday, April 24, 2025. Ryan Taplin - The Chronicle Herald

Flaherty navigated Canada through the financial crisis of 2008-9, and he was a catastrophic failure as governor of the Bank of England. He was almost tarred and feathered as he left London's Heathrow Airport. He represents now that he warned the British about the dangers of leaving Europe and that they now regret that decision. He tried to terrorize the country into remaining in the EU, which Britain had never voted for, (they voted for a common market, not a European government), and his projections of disaster have not occurred. The British left Europe and have shown no disposition to return and despite an unprecedented six successive incompetent governments in ten years, Britain has performed better economically than the EU.

The Liberals pretend that they are running against Donald Trump. In one of the most asinine moments in the recent party leaders' debates, when asked to comment on the housing crisis caused by the Liberals admission of masses of immigrants without any facilitation of increased accommodation for them,

thus badly financially squeezing both the newcomers and Canadians of modest incomes who deserve more consideration from their government, Mark Carney blamed the crisis on Donald Trump. Trump had been in office for ten weeks. Such a fatuous answer highlights the cynical contempt that the modern Liberal party has for the Canadian voter, that its self-styled Davos man-elitist leader thinks that the electorate that he seeks to lead is so unfathomably stupid it could believe such bunk. If such stark Liberal cynicism succeeds, Trump is correct that Canada, despite all its good fortune in location, resources and people, is a failed state. In other words, either Canada will give this appalling regime the order of the boot or it will voluntarily complete its journey on the treadmill to national oblivion where the Liberals have put us. Trump is not trying to "break us" as Carney claims. His claims against Canada are rubbish and Ontario Premier Doug Ford, among others, has mentioned several imaginative responses. Canada can take care of itself if it has some leadership.

Much of this election campaign has been a Monty Python sendup. Mark Carney masquerades as the master of public finance and central banking and has produced a platform with nearly a quarter of a trillion dollars in new debt. He has tried to persuade Canadians that because the president of the United States has said some rude things about Canada, he covets us as Hitler and Stalin did Poland. Trump cannot be greatly faulted for taking Trudeau at his word after Trudeau said, according to Trump, the country would collapse if the Americans raised their tariffs and failed to make a meaningful contribution to the defense of this country, (apart from keeping to hand the telephone number of the Pentagon). Justin Trudeau said we have no identity and are a "post-national state; what was Trump supposed to think? The great Liberal myth-making media machine came out of the gate a week after Mark Carney's elevation as leader like a fire horse on steroids proclaiming from the rooftops that Canada was under attack from the United States. The average Canadian could be forgiven for expecting United

States marines to occupy his neighbourhood any morning like the halls of Montezuma or the shores of Tripoli.

Trump's remarks were annoying and ludicrous, but not inexcusable, given Trudeau's preemptive renunciation of any will to serious nationhood. What has reduced this election to farce is the claim that the greatest power in the world, which has also been the least interested in suppressing unoffending neighbouring countries of any serious nation or empire in history, from Egypt, Babylon, and ancient China to the present, is the greatest threat to Canada. The greatest danger is the re-election of the Liberals. In the debates as on the hustings, Carney went full metal jacket in presenting the United States as a sinister juggernaut led by an orange monster darkening our skies. Between Jagmeet Singh's constant interruptions, Yves-Francois Blanchet's representation of Quebec as a victim of Canada, and Mark Carney's ashen fixation on a foreign leader, all that was missing was a local version of the leader of Britain's outlandish Monster Raving Loony Party. After the French debate, Carney unctuously declined to answer any questions from Rebel News because it disagreed with him. The Conservative leader, Pierre Poilievre, is not the greatest pied piper since Peter the Hermit, but he was sensible, factual, on message, bilingual, and reasonably persuasive. In the kingdom of the fabulists, the only person who makes any sense should be the winner.

Canadians! Do you really believe that Donald Trump is a hypertrophic carrot-topped Napoleon with two thin lines of saliva at the corners of his mouth, pulsating with a lust to devour Canada? (If so, make the most of the two psychiatric sessions that our bankrupt health-care system that Carney thinks exalts us morally above the Americans provides for psychotics.) Can you really take that seriously and not see it as another pitiful effort to distract you from the incumbent government's saturnine conspiracy to impoverish us further by raising taxes, raising the deficit, scorching up energy prices and strangling the oil industry in a climate-frenzied wild goose chase?

If this country gives a fourth straight term to an incompetent

government that is running on the shabbiest bogeyman theory since Vlad the Impaler was portrayed to Transylvanians as a vampire, then the U.S. president is correct that we have failed as a nation. Let us elect a government that will build this country back, make it thoroughly competitive, put an end to the nonsense of absorption by the Americans, and get back to standards of good government that both major parties contributed to in what was the Canadian success story until the onslaught of the Liberal malaise which cheekily wishes to perpetuate itself. Don't throw our future away. Poilievre's Conservatives are the only one of these parties that has any idea how to govern.

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