

## **Write for ONE, Write for ALL**

### **Anti Indigenous "Journalists" and the Canadian Media**

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Note: This report contains quotes that are likely to offend.

#### **The Media Moguls**

When a small number of people control the media, their views will be dominant. Freedom of the press belongs to those who own the Press. Most people feel ignored, overwhelmed and frustrated.

Not only do the media moguls own whole strings of newspapers, lines of TV and radio stations, they own films and film making companies too. They also own the means of communication like cable, internet and broadcast satellites. Shaw Direct is one of Canada's two national direct broadcast satellite providers.

Shaw Companies cover a vast part of the telecommunications domain in North America including GlobalTV. Broadcast all across the land, GlobalTV orchestrates newscasts and presents talk shows and documentaries, all shaped to present the illusion of discussion and debate. NOTE#1

Postmedia Networks wants to charge pay per view for its online newspapers. They own several of the top newspapers including the National Post, Ottawa Citizen and the Montreal Gazette. Even though their profits are higher than ever and they've slashed jobs, they are worried they're not making enough money. NOTE#2

The Globe and Mail still outsells the National Post. It's owned by the Thomson family, Canada's wealthiest family, through their Woodbridge Company. The Thomsons also own ThomsonReuters which sells business news all over the world. NOTE#3

The Toronto Star is also competition for Postmedia. However, the message from all of them is the Same.

See the endnotes for more on the media moneymen and their brazen ties to global corporatism. At least two at Postmedia are chartered accountants which gives them the license to rob people. There's not much hope for objective media with a lineup like that!

It appears the media cartels want to control your very Reality. The front part of the human brain believes what it sees and hears including what is on a screen in front of you. You have to exercise your reasoning part of your brain constantly to recognise that some things are illusion and some are real. Some teachings state that it's all an illusion but we prefer to take the moderate road. Some things are real and some things are an illusion, a pretense, a lie, a spectacle, something that is not real in the ordinary sense of the

term.

### **The Two-Headed Monster Has Many Mouths**

On one hand you have TVO and CBC doing their humanitarian, ie assimilation series on Indigenous and interviewing Paul Martin. Former PM Paul "Nice Nice" Martin is advised by Maurice "Old Master Manipulator" Strong in their work for the NWO global governance based on environmental crises and "humanitarianism". This is enforced "civilization by conciliation", flattery and trickery. NOTE#4

We agree with assimilation to some degree. The Newcomers need to assimilate to the Indigenous ways and adhere to the Law of the Land. They must abandon the violence and tyranny they have been imposing on Our Peoples for centuries.

On the other hand, there's all the rest of the mainstream media mostly owned by Shaw and Postmedia, mongering war and imperialism.

### **"Colonel" Tom "Two Passports" Flanagan NOTE#5**

"Colonel" Tom and PM Stephen "Pinnocchio" Harper want to rule the world too through imperial force and nova britannias everywhere. They are working hard through repressive and war mongering policies to build up Fortress North America. They view Indigenous as a great threat to their plans.

Tom gets his articles into the National Post and the Globe and Mail and he's interviewed on tv and radio talkshows. He may no longer be an official adviser to Harper, but surely they talk. Tom is a Senior Fellow of the Fraser Institute where he contributes to the "right wing" research and writing that shapes government policy.

While appearing on the CBC television program "Power & Politics", he called for WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange to be killed. *"I think Assange should be assassinated,"* Flanagan stated, before noting to host Evan Solomon, *"I'm feeling pretty manly today."*

"Colonel" Tom subsequently retracted his call for the death of Assange while reiterating his opposition to WikiLeaks."

Tom is just one of many. Not only does this cabal of way out scribblers and squeakers dominate the mainstream media, they also love to interview each other and some of their friends like Gary McHale. If there isn't some conflict playing out, then they'll help to invent trouble and fan the flames of misunderstanding and alienation.

### **Ezra "Ezzy Who Wishes He Was Izzy" Levant**

Ezra Levant backed Flanagan in his outrageous remark about assassinating Assange. *"Why is Assange still alive?"* Levant wrote in his column for QMI Agency.

Ezzy interviewed Gary McHale a number of times on SUN News TV. It's a real bromance, this pair! Levant totally supports McHale's ravings against Indigenous people at 6 Nations Grand River Territroy. NOTE#6

D'you see the links here? McHale is connected to Levant who's connected to Flanagan who's connected to Harper and they're all dancing puppets for the Empire.

More recently, Levant has written in support of the Enbridge Pipeline which he claims is important to the Canadian economy and independence from the US. NOTE#7

He also took the opportunity to speak to the Standing Committee on Natural Resources where he seems to be some kind of an "expert" on the topic. After thanking the committee for inviting him, he goes on to say, "...I don't know what God was thinking when he was handing out oil, but he gave it to all the world's **bastards**, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Venezuela, and Nigeria. Out of the top ten countries ranked by oil reserves, Canada is the only western liberal democracy on the list."

Some of what Ezzy says about peace is so offensive, we see no value in reposting it here. He's got "Paranoid Besieged Canadian Syndrome". And he's talking to a Parliamentary committee of elected MP's. Read the document yourself to see if anyone objects to his remarks. NOTE#8

I almost wish we'd been there to hear Ezzy utter this whopping big fib, "Fort McMurray is Canada's wealthiest city and the most generous, according to the United Way. The working poor there, the lowest quartile, have 77% more purchasing power than in other cities, like Edmonton."

That "purchasing power" of the working poor is the capacity to rent a couch OR buy groceries but not both.

Did he keep a straight face for this one? "the oil sands are Canada's largest employer of aboriginal people, not only providing 2,000 direct jobs but also billions of dollars to aboriginal-owned businesses".

Ezzy Levant proclaims, "...replace unethical OPEC oil with Canadian green oil, conflict-free oil, fair wage oil, human rights oil...I find it very irritating that so many of the anti-oil-sands activists are taking their funding from U.S. lobby groups like the Tides Foundation. Of course it's in America's interests that no other customers are able to buy our Canadian oil."

He might almost be making a point there if it weren't for the fact that he's really all for NAU North American Union.

He soon winds up his presentation. As the laughter subsides, Liberal MP Denis "Pretending to Care" Coderre NOTE#9 says, "Before asking questions, I felt it was appropriate for me to visit Fort McMurray. I

*spoke to most of the stakeholders, including the first nations. There is an issue of perception. There is a lack of inclusiveness, or, as some people think, a lack of monitoring... When I spoke to the first nations, they said they're not part of the deal."*

### **Barry "Whispering Word Pooper" Cooper**

Among Flanagan's fellow grad students at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, was Canadian Barry Cooper who became a lifelong friend.

Cooper is a member of the Bohemian Club, a fraternity of Republican movers and shakers that has included Henry Kissinger and Dick Cheney. Cooper writes for the Calgary Herald and other mainstream media.

He *"loves to recount how his great-grandmother shot an Indian intruder in her Alberta ranch house"*. NOTE#10

He's less likely to talk about growing up as a little rich kid in Vancouver and going to a private boarding school. He arrived at the University of Calgary PolySci department in 1981 after a teaching stint at York U in Toronto. He was not able to get hired at the prestigious University of Toronto so he became a Western "chauvinist".

Just to show how intricate the web of psyops, *"... Flanagan became an activist in Civitas, NOTE#11 a network of 300 conservative thinkers spawned by the 1996 Winds of Change conference that Levant and fellow National Post columnist David Frum had organized in Calgary. Toronto's C.D. Howe Institute - whose researcher, Ken Boessenkool, would later become Harper's policy chief - and Vancouver's Fraser Institute, which opened a Calgary office under Cooper, were routinely proffering policies once considered too radically right wing for mainstream consumption."* NOTE#12

Cooper collaborates with David Bercuson, director of the university's Centre for Military and Strategic Studies, on provocative reports related to national security.

"Word Pooper" Barry is a big fan of Leo Strauss. He and Peter Emberley edited Strauss's thirty-year correspondence with Eric Voegelin in "Faith and Political Philosophy". NOTE#13

To Strauss, it boils down to the noble lie because most people don't want to be ruled but it is a necessary part of the "natural" order. Perpetual warfare is also necessary to maintain "moral" quality in men who would otherwise be slovenly. The pretense of nationalism and patriotism is therefore essential. The elite are always edgy about uprisings of the unwashed masses.

Shadia Drury puts it this way, *"Strauss outlines why secrecy is necessary. He argues that the wise must conceal their views for two reasons - to spare the people's feelings and to protect the elite from possible reprisals."*

*"The people will not be happy to learn that there is only one natural right - the right of the superior to rule over the inferior, the master over the slave, the husband over the wife, and the wise few over the vulgar many. Lies are thus necessary to protect the superior few from the persecution of the vulgar many."*

This is the crucial part for guys like Cooper, Flanagan and Levant, *"The effect of Strauss's teaching is to convince his acolytes that they are the natural ruling elite and the persecuted few."* NOTE#14

*"Strauss believed that good statesmen have powers of judgment and must rely on an inner circle,"* the University of Chicago's Robert Pippin told Seymour Hersh in the New Yorker. *"The person who whispers in the ear of the King is more important than the King."*

#### Conclusion

We have looked at just a few of the imperial minions who spew out their anti Indigenous poison in the mainstream media. It's a kind of "shock and awe" psyops.

When the dust settles, the Truth will be left standing. We just thought you'd like to know.

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#### Notes, Sources and Contact Info

##### NOTE#1

<http://www.shaw.ca/Corporate/About-Shaw/Shaw-Companies/>  
<http://www.shaw.ca/Corporate/About-Shaw/Shaw-History/>

##### NOTE#2

<http://www.canadianbusiness.com/article/65399--postmedia-network-says-the-payw-alls-it-s-introducing-will-become-the-norm>  
"...The softer ad sales wore into profits, though the results were bolstered by gains from the \$86.5-million sale of the Times Colonist in Victoria, the Nanaimo Daily News and Alberni Valley Times as well as community newspapers in British Columbia to Glacier Media in December.

The company also announced Wednesday a management shakeup designed to help with its transformation. It appointed former Torstar Digital vice-president Simon Jennings to the new role of chief revenue and digital officer, Wayne Parrish as chief operating officer and Jeffrey Haar as executive vice president, legal and general counsel.

Postmedia, backed by a New York hedge fund, bought the newspapers from Canwest last year as part of the court-supervised restructuring of Canwest Global.

Godfrey has begun to campaign for changes to federal legislation that would allow foreign investment in the media industry, as Ottawa has done in the telecommunications industry."

<http://www.postmedia.com/company/our-brands/>

Postmedia refer to their various publications as "brands":

. Postmedia Network Inc. 1450 Don Mills Road Don Mills, Ontario Canada M3B

3R5. General inquiries: 416-383-2300 ...

Our Brands

- Built on the 104 year old Financial Post, National Post provides readers with comprehensive reporting from across the country and around the world...it is, "Canada's Business Voice".
- Since 1912, The Vancouver Sun... B.C.'s largest newsroom
- Calgary Herald ... over 127 years.
- Edmonton Journal ... in the heart of oil sands country.
- StarPhoenix... Saskatoon and area for 108 years.
- Ottawa Citizen began as The Packet in 1845, and has continued ... for over 165 years.
- Windsor Star for Windsor & Essex County for more than 122 years.
- Montreal Gazette one of the oldest newspapers on the North American continent. It began as a French-language paper in 1778...

<http://www.postmedia.com/company/governance/>  
Some HIGHLIGHTS from the Board of Directors:

Ron Osborne (Director and Chair)

... formerly President and Chief Executive Officer of Ontario Power Generation Inc.,...

YES, FOLKS, THIS IS **THE DAVID EMERSON** who always goes with the winning team...went from being a Liberal MP by walking across the floor of Parliament to join the Conservatives.

David Emerson (Director)

Mr. Emerson P.C. Corporate Director, Public Policy Advisor and senior advisor to CAI Manager, a private equity fund...was Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of International Trade with responsibility for the Asia Pacific Gateway initiative and the 2010 Vancouver Olympics, and Minister of Industry. In British Columbia, was the Province's Deputy Minister of Finance, Secretary to Treasury Board and Deputy Minister to the Premier, Secretary to Cabinet...was President and CEO of Canfor Corporation, President and CEO of the Vancouver International Airport Authority, and Chairman and CEO of Canadian Western Bank. Mr. Emerson currently on the Boards of Directors of Finning International Inc., Stantec Inc., TimberWest Forest Corporation, Chorus Aviation Inc., Conair Group Inc., and D-Wave Systems Inc; Chair, Premier's Council for Economic Strategy; Chair, Energy Policy Institute of Canada; Co-Chair, Prime Minister's Advisory Committee on the Public Service, and a member of China Investment Corporation International Advisory Council... Bachelor and Masters Degree in Economics from the University of Alberta and Doctorate in Economics from Queen's University.

John Paton (Director)

CEO of Digital First Media Inc., a company that manages the Journal Register Company and MediaNews Group Inc. Together these companies represent the second largest newspaper company in the United States;

Graham Savage (Director)

non-executive Chairman and Founding Partner of Callisto Capital, a merchant banking firm; 21 years as a senior officer at Rogers Communications Inc.; currently director of Canadian Tire Corp., Canadian Tire Bank, Cott Corporation, Whistler Blackcomb Holdings Inc.; was director of Rogers Communications Inc., Sun Media Corp., Royal Group Technologies Ltd., Hollinger International Inc., and The Daily Telegraph (UK) among others.

Peter Sharpe (Director)

was President and CEO of Cadillac Fairview Corporation

Robert Steacy (Director)

was senior financial officer of Torstar Corporation...is a director and chair of the Audit Committees of Domtar Corporation and Cineplex Inc. and a director of CIBC...was on the Boards of Alliance Atlantis Communications Inc. and Somerset Entertainment Income Fund... graduated from Queen's University and is a Chartered Accountant. [so he can legally rob the people]

NOTE#3

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Globe\\_and\\_Mail](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Globe_and_Mail)

Owner The Globe and Mail Inc.

(Woodbridge - 85%, Bell Canada - 15%)

Publisher Phillip Crawley

Editor John Stackhouse

The Globe and Mail is a nationally distributed Canadian newspaper, based in Toronto and printed in six cities across the country. With a weekly readership of approximately 1 million,[2] it is Canada's largest-circulation national newspaper and second-largest daily newspaper after the Toronto Star. The Globe and Mail is widely described as Canada's English language newspaper of record.

[http://thomsonreuters.com/about/board\\_of\\_directors/david\\_thomson/](http://thomsonreuters.com/about/board_of_directors/david_thomson/)

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**David Thomson** is Chairman of Thomson Reuters. He is also a Chairman of Woodbridge Company Ltd., the Thomson family investment company and Chairman of The Globe and Mail Inc., a Canadian media company. Mr. Thomson is an active private investor with a focus on real estate and serves on the boards of several private companies.

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[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomson\\_Reuters](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomson_Reuters)

Thomson Reuters Corporation (NYSE: TRI) is a business data provider and was created by the Thomson Corporation's purchase of Reuters Group on 17 April 2008.[2] Thomson Reuters is headquartered at 3 Times Square, New York City, USA. The Woodbridge Company, a holding company for the Thomson family of Canada, owns 53% of the group,[3] which operates in 100 countries, and has over 55,000 employees. Thomson Reuters was ranked as Canada's "leading corporate brand" in the 2010 Interbrand Best Canadian Brands ranking.[4] Thomson Reuters operates in two divisions: Professional and Markets.

NOTE#4

Maurice Strong and Paul Martin go way back to the '60's when Strong was a top dog at Power Corporation. He brought in the young Martin as a protege. Fast forward to 2005 when Martin was Prime Minister of Canada. Mau took an apartment in Ottawa so he could be nearby to advise his friend.

Back in the 60's, Murray Koffler of Shoppers Drug Mart approached his friends,

Mau, Paul and Edgar Bronfman when he set up the Canadian Council for  
Aboriginal Business CCAB  
See "Global Governance and Assimilation: What a Strategy! April 17, 2011  
<http://www.storm.ca/~kittoh\Global.Gov.Assimilation.pdf>

NOTE#5

How First Nations can own Their Future  
Tom Flanagan, Globe and Mail, December 16, 2011

"The formula for progress is no different for first nations, which constitute the so-called Fourth World made up of colonized peoples within North America. Their road to advancement runs not through dependence on government transfers but through property rights, contracts and markets, leading to genuine self-determination.

"In the United States, the utility of "stable, fair, effective and reliable governing institutions" has been demonstrated in numerous case studies conducted by the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development. Researchers from the Property and Environment Research Center in Montana have shown that individually owned Indian land is far more productive than collectively owned land, and that tribes that uphold the rule of law by allowing litigants to have access to state courts rather than tribal courts experience faster economic growth.

"In Canada, a recent study from the Centre for the Study of Living Standards demonstrated the overwhelming importance of education to economic progress on Indian reserves. But even after controlling for the effect of education, reserves with higher scores on a governance index constructed by the Frontier Centre for Public Policy had higher average scores on labour-market indicators. Governance matters.

"My own research has to do with the relationship between property rights and first nations economies...."

For more on Tom Flanagan, see "Imperial Minions, Transparent Rednecks and Dirty Drawers  
January 11, 2012 at [http://www.storm.ca/~kittoh/Imperial\\_Minions.pdf](http://www.storm.ca/~kittoh/Imperial_Minions.pdf)

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/story/2010/12/01/flanagan-wikileaks-assange.html>  
Flanagan regrets WikiLeaks assassination remark

NOTE#6

Over 2,000 google hits for "ezra levant gary mchale"  
These guys have a severe case of "Paranoid Besieged Canadian Syndrome"  
<http://voiceofcanada.wordpress.com/2011/05/07/caledonia-has-some-new-friends-ezra-levant-sun-news-tv/>  
Blatchford on McHale bail hearing: 'law in Haldimand County operates as the law in America's Deep South once worked'  
Caledonia has some new friends: Ezra Levant & SUN News TV  
May 08/11 - Gary McHale appeared on Ezra Levant's show on the SUN News network this evening and it was clear that Caledonia had found some new - and very powerful - friends.

After putting MP Randy Hillier on the spot by lambasting Tim Hudak's backtracking on his commitment to eliminate Ontario's human rights tribunal to put an end to frivolous and abusive prosecutions (Levant was once prosecuted, er persecuted, by the Alberta Human Rights Commission for hate speech himself after publishing the infamous Mohammed cartoons at the Western Standard) he

then spent about 12 minutes interviewing McHale. Levant finished with a promise to have McHale back many more times, recognizing that their first interview had "just scratched the surface."

<http://adognamedkyoto.blogspot.com/2011/05/ezra-interviews-gary-mchale-re.html>  
Friday, May 6, 2011

Ezra interviews Gary McHale re Caledonia  
Sun News Network continues to go where other news networks won't. In this clip, Ezra Levant interviews activist Gary McHale who gives you a flavour of what has been happening in Caledonia, Ontario and the utter failure of the Ontario Provincial Police to enforce the law.

NOTE#7

A non-foreign affair

By Ezra Levant on January 7, 2012 8:22 PM | Permalink |

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Comments

My Jan. 7, 2012 Sun column.

He refers to the Rockefeller Fdn and other "foreigners" trying to stop the pipeline, "San Francisco's Moore Foundation has poured in more than \$9 million to Aboriginal groups on the north coast of B.C. to oppose resource development.

Their Canadian lobby group, Ecotrust, will testify to Leggett also..."

NOTE#8

<http://www.parl.gc.ca/HousePublications/Publication.aspx?DocId=4861242&Language=E&Mode=1&Parl=40&Ses=3>

The Chair starts the meeting, "We're here today, of course, to continue our study on energy security in Canada, including looking at what the federal role may be in unconventional oil and gas development, such as deep-water offshore drilling, shale gas exploration, and oil sands development; regional economic impacts of oil and gas development; and the National Energy Board's role in the development and export of unconventional resources. So we're continuing our study on that..."

We go finally to Mr. Ezra Levant. Go ahead, please, Mr. Levant.

Ezzy thanks the committee for inviting him and goes on to say, "...I don't know what God was thinking when he was handing out oil, but he gave it to all the world's bastards, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Venezuela, and Nigeria. Out of the top ten countries ranked by oil reserves, Canada is the only western liberal democracy on the list."

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Denis Coderre says, "Oui.

I want to be nice, because you might say bad things like you said about Julian Assange in the Toronto Sun. I might have a contract on my head.

Coderre continues, "Mr. Thompson, (Don Thompson, President, Oil Sands Developers Group), it is a serious issue, a strategic resource. Before asking questions, I felt it was appropriate for me to visit Fort McMurray. I spoke to most of the stakeholders, including the first nations. There is an issue of perception. There is a lack of inclusiveness, or, as some people think, a lack of monitoring... When I spoke to the first nations, they said they're not part of the deal."

Later, Levant answers questions from his friend, David Anderson, Conservative Alberta MP for Cypress Hills-Grasslands, "You mentioned Tides Foundation, I

think it was, in terms of funding from outside. The Rockefeller Foundation is one of the groups that organizes that. Steven Rockefeller is one of the drafters of the Earth Charter...Do you have any comment on that kind of funding coming from outside our country? I would suggest it's anti-Canadian. What are the reasons for that?"

NOTE#9

<http://www.parl.gc.ca/MembersOfParliament/ProfileMP.aspx?Key=170231&Language=E>  
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NOTE#10

<http://www.walrusmagazine.com/articles/the-man-behind-stephen-harper-tom-flanagan/>

The Man Behind Stephen Harper

NOTE#11

Top 50 Think Tanks - Worldwide (Non-US)

Table #2

1. Chatham House (AKA The Royal Institute of International Affairs), (United Kingdom)
2. Amnesty International, (United Kingdom)
3. Transparency International, (Germany)
4. International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), (United Kingdom)
5. Stockholm Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), (Sweden)
6. Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), (Belgium)
7. Bertelsmann Foundation, (Germany)
8. Adam Smith Institute, (United Kingdom)
9. International Crisis Group, (Belgium)
10. Friedrich Ebert Foundation, (Germany)
11. Center for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), (United Kingdom)
12. Bruegel, (Belgium)
13. European Council on Foreign Relations, (United Kingdom)
14. French Institute for International Relations (IFRI), (France)
15. Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), (China)
16. Fraser Institute, (Canada)
17. Carnegie Moscow Center, (Russia)
18. Center for European Reform (CER),....
21. Civitas: Institute for Study of Civil Society, (United Kingdom)

Top 25 Think Tanks - Worldwide

(US and Non- US)

Table #3

25. Fraser Institute, (Canada)

Best University Affiliated

24. Human Security Report Project (HSRP), Simon Fraser University, (Canada)

and other lists...

NOTE#12

<http://www.walrusmagazine.com/articles/the-man-behind-stephen-harper-tom-flanagan/>

The Man Behind Stephen Harper

NOTE#13

"Faith and Political Philosophy" consists of fifty-three letters between Leo Strauss and Eric Voegelin, two of the most important political theorists of the twentieth century. In this correspondence, Strauss and Voegelin explore the nature of their similarities and differences, offering insightful observations...[http://books.google.ca/books/about/Faith\\_and\\_political\\_philosophy.html?id=In0tFsfFhnQC&utm\\_source=gb-gplus-share](http://books.google.ca/books/about/Faith_and_political_philosophy.html?id=In0tFsfFhnQC&utm_source=gb-gplus-share)

Faith and political philosophy

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Profile

Barry Cooper, a fourth generation Albertan, was educated at Shawnigan Lake School, the University of British Columbia and Duke University, where he received his doctorate in 1969. He taught at Bishop's University, McGill, and York University before coming to the University of Calgary in 1981. For the past twenty-five years he has studied western political philosophy, both classical and contemporary. Much of his teaching has focused on Greek political philosophy whereas his publications have been chiefly in the area of contemporary French and German political philosophy. Over the years he has spent considerable time in both countries, teaching and doing research. Cooper's other area of continuing interest has been Canadian politics and public policy. Here he has brought the insights of political philosophers to bear on contemporary issues, including the place of technology and the media in Canada, the on-going debate over the constitutional status of Quebec, and the precarious status of Canadian defence and security.

He is the author, editor, or translator of 27 books and has published over 130 papers and book chapters. He writes a weekly column in the Calgary Herald.

[http://www.calgaryherald.com/columnists/Barry\\_Cooper.html](http://www.calgaryherald.com/columnists/Barry_Cooper.html)

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<http://www.calgaryherald.com/columnists/Judging+land+claims+facts+modern+fantasies/6118305/story.html>

Judging land claims on facts, not modern fantasies

The Yukon Supreme Court is not a forum to which southern Canadian lawyers, judges and advocates for aboriginal rights usually look to for guidance. And yet, on the last day of January, Justice Leigh F.

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Cooper: Harper takes government out of Canadians' lives

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Cooper: The old boys' club is still running Alberta

The old boys' club is still running Alberta

NOTE#14

<http://www.informationclearinghouse.info/article5010.htm>

By contrast, Shadia Drury, professor of political theory at the University of Regina in Saskatchewan, argues that the use of deception and manipulation in current US policy flow directly from the doctrines of the political philosopher Leo Strauss (1899-1973). His disciples include Paul Wolfowitz and other neo-conservatives who have driven much of the political agenda of the Bush administration.

A second fundamental belief of Strauss's ancients has to do with their insistence on the need for secrecy and the necessity of lies. In his book *Persecution and the Art of Writing*, Strauss outlines why secrecy is necessary. He argues that the wise must conceal their views for two reasons - to spare the people's feelings and to protect the elite from possible reprisals.

The people will not be happy to learn that there is only one natural right - the right of the superior to rule over the inferior, the master over the slave, the husband over the wife, and the wise few over the vulgar many.

Lies are thus necessary to protect the superior few from the persecution of the vulgar many.

**The effect of Strauss's teaching is to convince his acolytes that they are the natural ruling elite and the persecuted few.** And it does not take much intelligence for them to surmise that they are in a situation of great danger, especially in a world devoted to the modern ideas of equal rights and freedoms. Now more than ever, the wise few must proceed cautiously and with circumspection. So, they come to the conclusion that they have a moral justification to lie in order to avoid persecution. Strauss goes so far as to say that dissembling and deception - in effect, a culture of lies - is the peculiar justice of the wise.

The combination of religion and nationalism is the elixir that Strauss advocates as the way to turn natural, relaxed, hedonistic men into devout nationalists willing to fight and die for their God and country."

