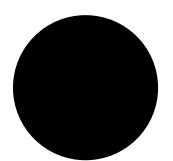
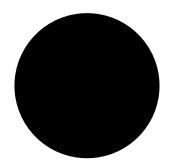
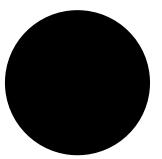
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## Trudeau and Other Pseudo-elites to Truckers: Stay in Your Lane

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, the blackface-wearing world leader who has vowed to raise feminist sons and called "vaccine" opponents "often racist," will have no truck with the truckers. In fact, because he'd fled Ottawa during the approach of the semi convoy protesting COVID restrictions, some are essentially calling him a coward. Yet no amount of bravery, say others, would inspire him to meet with the great unwashed he's supposed to represent but deems beneath him.

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"You've heard of Hidin' Biden," <u>wrote</u> the *New York Post's* Kelly Jane Torrance Sunday. "Our neighbor to the north, my native land, just outdid that with Cut-and-Run Justin." It's quite a change in tune, too. As the writer continued:

With the pandemic in full swing, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau urged Canadians to show support for those helping to keep food on their tables. "While many of us are working from home, there are others who aren't able to do that — like the truck drivers who are working day and night to make sure our shelves are stocked. So when you can, please #ThankATrucker for everything they're doing and help them however you can," he tweeted March 31, 2020.

Trudeau had a chance to thank thousands of them personally over the weekend, as the truckers who've assembled what they call the Freedom Convoy to protest COVID vaccine mandates and restrictions cruised into the capital. Instead, he fled — breaking isolation to do it.

The triple-vaxxed Trudeau had begun a five-day quarantine after claiming one of his children tested SARS-CoV-2-positive and then infected him. But what the not-ready-for-prime-time minister was surely positive about is that he's sourced on truck drivers.

"I have attended protests and rallies in the past when I agreed with the goals, when I supported the people expressing their concerns and their issues," he <u>said at a Monday</u> virtual news conference. "Black Lives Matter is an excellent example of that."

One could wonder if Trudeau applies this thinking to foreign affairs. But while it's quite certain he'd meet with Vladimir Putin, Xi Jinping, or Kim Jong-un (or is Viktor Orbán a better example?), he apparently won't extend the same courtesy to his own countrymen when they disagree with him.

Addressing Trudeau's flight from the (political) fight, commentator Andrea Widburg provides an apropos historical anecdote, <u>writing</u>:

In 1381, peasants protesting the onerous poll tax imposed against them moved on London. They were a powerful mob once they arrived and, among other things, they beheaded Simon Sudbury, the innocuous Archbishop of Canterbury, and Robert Hales, the Lord High Treasurer. Nevertheless, King Richard II, although only 14 years old, bravely went to meet the peasants.

The meeting turned violent and the king's guards killed the rebel leader but the boy king remained calm, defused the situation, and promised mercy to the rebels. Richard promptly broke that promise because he was a rotten human being, but the point is that he showed true physical courage and grace under pressure.

In contrast, Trudeau is more like Britain's 19th-century king George IV, the <u>purported inspiration</u> for the "Georgie Porgie" nursery rhyme (i.e., "When the boys came out to play, Georgie Porgie ran away").

The prime minister has another explanation for why he won't meet with the truckers, however. Despite their being supported by millions of Canadians, they are a "fringe minority" holding "unacceptable views," he said.

But Fox News pundit Tucker Carlson has a different take. After showing video of the passionate but cheerful protest, he opined:

Freedom, love, patriotic displays waving Canadian flags. Terrifying. But if you look closely at those pictures, you can see the real problem. These were working-class people. They're the guys who deliver your Amazon boxes. And Justin Trudeau is repulsed by them. These people have stepped way outside their lanes. Just leave the package on the porch and get the hell out of here. But they haven't gotten the hell out of there. They're still in Ottawa, and Justin Trudeau won't meet with

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them because he never meets with people like this, not simply because they are blue-collar and dirty, though obviously they are, but because they disagree with him. As a reminder from Justin Trudeau, that's what democracy is. Democracy is lecturing people who nod a lot in response. [Video below.]

But wait, don't leftists such as Trudeau actually love "the workers," as opposed to the "owners of capital"? In theory, yes. In practice, we hear stories about how socialist ex-French president François Hollande, who talked a good game publicly, in private <u>reportedly mocked the poor</u> as "the toothless ones."

Then there's this blast from the past. In 2006, Fredo Arias-King, ex-aide to former Mexican president-elect Vicente Fox, <u>wrote about</u> how he and his colleagues spoke to 50 U.S. congressmen and senators back in 1999 and 2000. And what he reported is eyebrow-raising (and maybe hair-raising).

Forty-five of those 50 legislators — both Democrats *and* Republicans — were overtly pro-immigration despite recognizing the negative consequences of massive Latin American migration. Why? Arias-King <u>explained</u> that the Democrat legislators

tended to see Latin American immigrants and even Latino constituents as both more dependent on and accepting of active government programs and the political class guaranteeing those programs.... Moreover, they saw Latinos as more loyal and "dependable" in supporting a *patron-client system* and in building reliable patronage networks to circumvent the exigencies of political life as devised by the Founding Fathers....

Republican lawmakers we spoke with knew ... that they may not now receive their [the naturalized Mexicans'] votes, [but] they believed that these immigrants are more malleable than the existing American[s]: That with enough care, convincing, and "teaching," they could be converted, be grateful, and become dependent on them. Republicans seemed to idealize the *patron-client relation[ship]* with Hispanics as much as their Democratic competitors did. [Emphasis added.]

... Also curiously, the Republican enthusiasm for increased immigration also was not so much about voting in the end, even with "converted" Latinos. Instead, these legislators seemingly believed that they could weaken the restraining and frustrating straightjacket devised by the Founding Fathers and abetted by American norms. In that idealized "new" United States, political uncertainty, demanding constituents, difficult elections, and accountability in general would "go away" after tinkering with the People, who have given lawmakers their privileges but who, like a Sword of Damocles, can also "unfairly" take them away.

... I remember few instances when a legislator spoke well of his or her white constituents. One even called them "rednecks," and apologized to us on their behalf for their incorrect attitude on immigration. Most of them seemed to advocate changing the ethnic composition of the United States as an end in itself.

And there you have it. It's no different in Canada, either. Trudeau hasn't met with the truckers because people too ignorant to realize they should without argument empower our statist betters and benefactors, deserve not an appearance, only disappearance.

If there's anything leftist mini-gods love, whether domestic or imported, it's subjects who stay in their lane.

Addendum: By the way, criticism of Trudeau has also come from an unusual place. Indian diplomat Ambassador Deepak Vohra, mentioning that the prime minister had the temerity to advise his nation on how to deal with 2021 farmers protests, had some powerful words for the Canadian in the one-minute video below.