



## Canada Day 2018 – Let the Trade War Begin

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Earlier in June, 2018, United States President Donald Trump declared war on Canada’s economy by posting huge tariffs on Canadian steel and aluminum going into the US. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau responded with retaliatory tariffs on US goods, but delayed putting his tariffs into action until July 1<sup>st</sup>, Canada Day. Why the delay? Was he giving President Trump a chance to change his mind? Good luck with that. Or was the postponement to July 1<sup>st</sup> intended to be symbolic of the day we declare our independence from our southern neighbour? Whichever the case, that day is upon us and we all need to stand tough against this aggressive action by President Trump.

It isn’t only Canada that Trump is attempting to bully. He has also set tariffs against a number of our European allies, several of whom are also retaliating with tariffs of their own. Surprisingly, he has included China in his trade war. Surprising, not only because President Trump has been getting along well with Chinese President Xi Jinping, but because so many Trump brand products are made in China. But Trump seems determined to have his war, not matter what it costs the American people or the people of the world.



However, in spite of the fact that many other nations are also fighting back against his tariffs, Trump has a special place in his heart for Canada and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. He has referred to Trudeau as meek and weak, which isn’t entirely untrue, based on some of our Prime Minister’s actions. Ironically, it isn’t Trudeau’s weakness that has offended Trump, but his strength in standing up and refusing to back down to the President’s threats.

Even Trump’s Trade Advisor, Peter Navarro, was quoted as saying that there is, “A special place in hell,” for Justin Trudeau. Ok, let me get this straight; a special place in hell for rapists, pedophiles, mass murderers and people who upset President Trump. Hmmm... one of these things is not like the others. But keep in mind that it is coming from someone desperately trying to hold on to his position in Trump’s game of musical chairs.



Trump cites security as his reason for the trade tariffs, pointing out that we burned down the White House during the War of 1812. The first thing that comes to mind is; who told him? Because there is no way that he found that out on his own. The second thing is the memory that the burning of the White House came as part of our country’s response to a threat to our

border posed by our southern neighbour. It is possible that President Trump is planning a redecorating job and hopes that we will retaliate the way we did last time, leaving him with a reason to build himself a Gold House in Washington. Good luck with that one, Donnie.



Meanwhile Trump is also cozying up to the leaders of North Korea, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, the Philippines and, of course, Russia. People are questioning his logic and trying to make sense of it when the answer is quite simple. He would love to place Trump hotels in these locations, possibly get them to sell Trump product lines, or potentially exploit cheap manufacturing for his products. He likely also would like to get some pointers on how to become the permanent ruler of America. At the end of the day, Donald Trump puts Trump, not America, first in everything he does.

To properly respond to Trump's attacks on our country, we need to understand his motivations. Simply punishing America isn't good enough, because, quite frankly, he doesn't care about America. However, a personal attack on any company carrying Trump brand products will hit him where it hurts. So check out the stores where you shop, find out, not only if they are American based, but if they carry anything with the Trump brand, including Ivanka's product lines, and boycott the stores until they remove the products. That is guaranteed to get The Donald's attention.



As Canadians we must stand together in this. Trump is a bully, and like any bully he only responds to strength, so that is how we must deal with him. No matter how you feel about Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, in this matter we must stand with him in this. Think of Canada as a family and Trump as a schoolyard bully. You can't beat up my Prime Minister. He is my Prime Minister and only I can beat him up. If you touch him I'll slug you.

We are under attack by a foreign government, and a strong one at that, in spite of the nut job currently running it. Imagine what would have happened if Churchill had backed down and tried to appease Hitler. Wait! Chamberlain did that. Churchill said that, "an appeaser is someone who feeds a crocodile hoping that it will eat him last." We have a crocodile at our door and ironically we have come to a place where we may have to ask England, France, Germany and Japan to help protect us against the United States.

But no matter what happens, we must stand together. "O Canada, we stand on guard for thee."

**Happy Canada Day.**

