

## Modern Liberal Press Bias: Newspapers

Today, journalists are lamenting the dramatic decline in newspaper readership and are blaming the competition of online news and advertising platforms. However, the print Press should be looking at what they are publishing. Traditionally, it was Canadian males of a European ancestry who were the most avid readers and purchasers of daily newspapers; yet today, Canadian newspapers are continually engaged in printing opinion pieces that bash Euro-Canadian males for supposedly being 'privileged', 'anti-feminist', and closet 'racists'. We see our newspapers praising government affirmative action programs that discriminate against Euro-Canadian males through hiring quotas; and that give a preference to visible minorities and females in hiring and promotions. What Liberal newspapers are supporting, and advocating, is a blatant policy of racial and gender discrimination against Euro-Canadian males in the name of the Modern liberal mantras of 'inclusiveness', 'diversity', and a perverse concept of 'egalitarianism' which excludes White males.

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Euro-Canadian males who have attained their positions in government, commerce, and industry, and in academia and the professions, based on their knowledge, abilities, work ethic, and years of experience, service, and competence, are being bypassed for promotions in favour of promoting lesser qualified individuals in the name of diversity and gender equality. In the federal government after the 2015 general election, we saw newly elected female and visible minority MPs, who were novices just elected to Parliament and some of whom had never held a senior position in any business or organization, appointed by the Liberal Government of Justin Trudeau to head major government departments. Euro-Canadian male MPs, who had years of knowledge and experience in government as members of parliament, and/or were highly successful professionals in private life, were passed over for ministerial positions. Yet, our Liberal Press praised the discriminatory appointments policy of the Justin Trudeau government and have continued to express support for the current Liberal federal government that has a highly biased, self-proclaimed, 'feminist', 'multi-culturalist' and LBGTQ2+ agenda, that discriminates against heterosexual Euro- Canadian males.

The merit principle in hiring and promotion, and the openness and fairness in competing for jobs, on which Canadians once prided themselves, has been jettisoned. It no longer recognized as a laudatory ideal by our national Canadian newspaper chains. In our Modern liberal society, Euro-Canadian males (White males) who find themselves being discriminated against in job competitions and promotions have no recourse at law. In contrast, females, visible minorities, and members of the LBGTQ2+ communities, have access to the Canadian Human Rights Commission. It refers discrimination cases to the Human Rights Tribunal which has the right to hold hearings to investigate complaints about discrimination, to order the defendant to cease the offensive conduct or practice, and to order the defendant to pay compensation to the complainant.

Orders issued by the Human Rights Tribunal, when filed with the registry of the Federal Court of Canada, have the same force of law as a court order. If the offender refuses to obey an order of the Human Rights Tribunal, the offender is in contempt of the Federal Court and may be imprisoned for contempt of court. However, the Canadian Human Rights Commission refuses to accept cases where White males are the complainants concerning discriminatory hiring or promotion practices. Moreover, the judges appointed to Human Rights Tribunals are almost invariably activists from among the feminist, visible minority, and LBGTQ2+ communities, or their fellow travellers. Yet, Canadian newspapers remain silent on this egregious and arbitrary Star Chamber system of so-called human rights enforcement that is blatantly discriminatory where Euro-Canadian males are concerned.

Where is the praise in our newspapers for White males for their outstanding innovations and historic achievements in engineering, science, and technology, in physics and medicine, in jurisprudence, in human rights, and in the concept of an independent judiciary, the rule of law and equality before the law, in their achievements in manufacturing and resource development, and in telecommunications and, more recently, in the development of the computer and telecommunications, and the Internet. Where is the recognition for white male Christian religious leaders, ably assisted by White females of their congregations, who took the lead in securing the outlawing of slavery and the suppression of the slave trade when other races - other than the enslaved -- and earlier civilizations were fully accepting of slavery. Why do our newspapers kowtow to feminist and racial minority activists in academia who say they will not teach -- and their students will not be given the opportunity to study -- the works of 'dead white males'? Such an approach to education is reprehensible in ignoring the canons of western civilization and is dismissive of Canada's cultural heritage.

Such a closed mind stance is predicated on the belief that the accomplishments of White males have been disproportionately recorded and exaggerated in the historical record of a society that has been dominated by White males. What this simplistic narrative ignores is that many outstanding works in all fields of human endeavour have been made by White males, and their outstanding contributions to the culture of western civilization and to the economic advancement of the western nations. Knowledge of the canons produced historically by White males is essential to a well-rounded education, if Canadian students are to understand the richness, development, and achievements of the western culture in which they live. By all means, address the balance in school curriculums through introducing the study of the best of the works of women and of ethnic minority members, but not do so to the point of excluding the works of 'dead white males'. That is simply a reprehensible reverse discrimination.

Prior to the mid-20<sup>th</sup> Century, most of the major achievements of our modern western civilization were the product of the ingenuity, inventiveness, intelligence, and work ethic of White males, and since then the outstanding achievements being made by visible minorities and women in literature, science, technology, and engineering, are based on the earlier work of White males. Even today, with but a few exceptions, it is only in countries founded and governed by White males where women and children can live a good life in having a ready access to food and shelter, personal security and protection under the law, freedom from disease and starvation, and access to public education and health care, and freedom from the ever-present threats of violence and an all-pervasive sexual abuse that women suffer in many other countries. Moreover, historically, it was in the households of White males that young girls received a basic education in reading, writing, 'casting sums' (arithmetic) and in domestic skills and household duties management, which were denied, and are still being denied, females in some other countries. It was from these beginnings that women were able to form and articulate their demands to be recognized in the public sphere with a right to vote and to enter the workforce.

In recent decades, there has been a substantial reduction in Third-world poverty and diseases achieved through foreign aid programmes that are primarily financed by donations from western nations dominated by White males. Moreover, major reductions in malnutrition have been achieved through the Green Revolution which is based on an innovation in Third World agriculture introduced by a White male. The upshot is the phenomenon of mass migrations of refugees into neighbouring countries in search of a better life. Third World peoples, unlike the Liberal Press, are admirers of the West. When seeking to escape from living in abject poverty, they migrate to a neighbouring country with a higher standard of living, but do not settle there. Rather their objective is to settle in countries governed by White males, which are the only countries where they can find toleration and access to public health services, welfare programs, accommodation, education, and jobs, and a real prospect of living a better life. However, rather than complimenting western governments for all that they had done to

substantially reduce Third-world poverty, and for allowing large numbers of destitute refugees to settle in the West, the Modern Liberal press persistently criticizes western governments for not doing enough and denounces any efforts to limit the number of refugee admissions as being motivated by racism.

White males are the only governing race anywhere in the world that has practiced inclusiveness in opening the halls of power and the professions to females, and visible and ethnic minorities. White males believe in careers open to talent, in open competition, and fairness, but they find that ardent feminists and race-card activists are not content to have an equal opportunity to compete for jobs and positions. What they want are special privileges, affirmative action preferences, and quotas to avoid having to compete in a fair and open competition against White males. Yet, despite the negative ravings of the activists, in Canada many women, and visible minorities and ethnic immigrants are taking advantage of the educational and learning opportunities available to them in Canada. They are working their way -- based on their personal abilities, merit, application, and a growing experience -- into the upper echelons of power and corporate management positions, as White males did before them. Most companies are anxious to increase their female and visible minority presence in their upper management and are acting to do so whenever qualified individuals can be found. However, ardent feminists and racial minority activists are not content with an equality of opportunity and careers open to talent and ability; they want to be handed positions through quotas.

What our newspapers never mention is that inclusiveness is currently working very well within a Canadian society of diverse races and ethnicities. In the higher positions in commerce, industry, academia, and government agencies and departments, in medicine, high tech, and in research laboratories, visible minorities are well represented, and in many instances are highly represented in senior research and management positions. Moreover, visible minorities in Canada currently occupy a good many of the leading positions in the governing bodies of the science, engineering, and medical professions, and are highly distinguished among the recipients of awards for scientific and technical achievements. Women are also becoming well represented in leadership roles, and among the leaders in various fields of research, but to a somewhat lesser extent.

Why are these success stories not covered in our newspapers? Instead, newspaper readers and TV News viewers are exposed to a constant bashing of 'privileged White males' for supposedly inhibiting the advance of women through a 'gender bias', and the advance of visible minorities through a supposedly 'systemic racism'. Such sweeping charges, when unsubstantiated by any further investigation or analysis of the merits of the few cases cited, do not bear repeating in a national newspaper or by national news desk. When disseminated as a general truth, such accusations are an insult to Canada, and to Canadians, and are destructive of social harmony.

In Canada, the success of visible minorities in attaining higher positions is not hampered or restricted by 'systemic racism'. Careers are open to talent, knowledge, and ability, regardless of race. Visible minority immigrants who come to Canada from countries where the people have a literate culture and strong family ties, who are achievement and education oriented with a strong personal work ethic, have succeeded beyond all expectations. They have readily overcome the language barrier, have taken full advantage of the educational opportunities afforded to them and their children, and have quickly assimilated to Canadian values in founding family businesses, securing employment, and pursuing professional careers. One has only to look at the achievements in Canada of immigrants from Hong Kong-China, Taiwan, Japan, South Korea, Pakistan, India and Iran, to name but a few countries. Instead of focusing on the immigrant success stories, the Canadian press continually blames 'systemic racism' among Canadians for the failure of some members of a few well-known racial and ethnic groups to prosper in Canada. What is lacking is an investigation and analysis of the cultural values, educational

attainments, and work ethic of the members of the few immigrant communities who are experiencing real difficulties in struggling to rise above their socio-economic origins.

Rather than any purported 'systemic racism' on the part of White males, it is the possession of cultural values inimical to success in an open liberal capitalist competitive economy that explains why a few visible minority and ethnic groups fail to take advantage of the numerous opportunities that Canada provides to secure a first-rate education and to secure gainful employment. Visible minority and ethnic immigrants who possess cultural values compatible with a capitalist competitive economy have become, and are becoming, leading members of the Canadian business community, the professions, academia, and in Canadian society.

When a White male, who has few life skills, little education, a non-existent work experience and a poor work ethic, cannot get a good paying job, he complains that "the system is against me!". And, indeed, it is. Canadian live in a liberal capitalist society wherein members compete for the available jobs, and individuals are hired based on their education, knowledge and abilities, their work ethic and good behavior, as well as their job market experience. However, when some members of a visible minority fail to secure employment, they trot out the 'race card'. Canadians are denounced for practicing a 'systemic racism', and a demand is made for special preferences and quotas to place hiring on a racial basis - an ironic turn. One can understand some disappointed members of a racial minority indulging in a self-serving claim that Canadians are 'racist', but there is no excuse for the Canadian Press to print and broadcast such unsubstantiated slurs on Canada and Canadians. It would be far more productive for the Press to investigate why members of several readily-identifiable visible minority ethnic or so-called 'racialized' communities, are experiencing difficulties and disappointment in seeking to find employment in a highly competitive Canadian job market - to look within.

If, and when, Canadian newspaper editors abandon their feminist gender bias, stop prating about 'systemic racism', and return to the standard journalism practice of researching and reporting on the who, when, where, why, and how of stories, and begin to denounce the discrimination practiced against White males, then and only then will newspapers be taken seriously as a public forum and source of news. Otherwise, newspaper readership will continue to decline. Why should Canadians and, in particular White males, want to subscribe to newspapers that continually publish pieces that attack White males and denigrate Canadian society, and that ignore the achievement of Canadians in developing a prosperous and, so far, a peaceful multicultural society? Why should Canadians support a Liberal Press that continually denies the evident fairness and racial tolerance of Canadians while pandering to the ardent feminists bent on securing gender quotas and 'racialized' minority activists who play the 'race card', in seeking to promote their own interests through slandering White males and calling for government action in instituting discriminatory affirmative action policies.

What feminist and visible minority activists seek is not equally of opportunity for all, but rather the imposition of quotas that favour their own constituency, and that discriminate against White males whom they wish to supplant. The real travesty is that the feminist and visible minority activists fail to acknowledge that it was White males who had the decency, fairness, and magnanimity to listen to the protest of women and visible minorities about being excluded from the corporate ladder, from mainstream businesses, and from government ministries. It was White males through their legislative enactments who opened up the possibility for women to enter the higher echelons of the corporate world and the halls of power based on their own merits. Moreover, it was White males in parliament who repealed restrictive race-based immigration policies - policies that were then common to most countries - to enable visible minorities to emigrate to Canada to enjoy the benefits of living in a country with free education, health care, and a social support system, and public housing when needed.

In Canada, when women, minority racial, ethnic, and religious communities have protested publicly against their exclusion from access to the halls of commerce, industry, and government, they have received a hearing, and governments at all levels have introduced policies to ensure that they are not discriminated against. However, there are other countries where, when women, and racial, ethnic and/or religious communities, have demanded to be treated equally within the dominate culture, they have been assaulted, beaten, murdered, immolated, or raped, for having the effrontery to make such a demand.

For the most part, it is only the White males in power in western countries who have responded to the legitimate demands of women and visible minorities for admission to government and business, who have protected women and visible minorities from being assaulted and abused, and who have passed legislation establishing the equality of women and visible minority members with White males. Yet today, we see the feminist and visible minority activists constantly criticizing White males for being 'privileged', 'gender-biased', and 'racist', while refraining from criticizing the way women and visible minorities are treated in many other countries, and particularly in Third-World countries. One can understand why the feminists and visible minority activists are seeking 'to guilt' those in power in Canada to introduce affirmative action policies, but why the Canadian Press supports such travesties of fairness and equity is beyond belief. One can readily appreciate why many White males, once the mainstay of the newspaper reading community, no longer can be bothered to subscribe to a Canadian newspaper and no longer have any respect for TV News commentors.

Where Canada's national newspapers and TV News networks are concerned, there is a prevailing strong bias in reporting in favour of the promotion of the interests of feminists, visible minorities, Aboriginals, and members of the LBGTQ communities, and a tendency to denigrate White males and ignore their achievements. That bias is part and parcel of a Modern liberal mindset that appears to harbour an aversion to western culture and feels a need to denigrate it, while abstaining from criticizing foreign cultures. Canadian newspaper have become blatant promoters of the Modern liberal agenda of the Justin Trudeau government in abandoning their traditional role of providing 'objective' news reports and of engaging in investigative journalism.

For conservatives, 'inclusiveness' implies that all members of society are treated equally, with careers own to talent and ability, in a society where 'diversity' is welcome. What conservatives want is a natural diversity attained within society, business, and government, through the efforts and application of the individual members of all communities in advancing in their chosen fields of endeavour on their own merits, within an open and tolerant society. In contrast, Modern liberals view 'inclusiveness' and 'diversity' as political objectives to be attained by a government intervention directly into all aspects of life to impose discriminatory quotas and affirmative action policies. The intention of the Modern liberals is to immediately 'transform' the nature of society, business, and government through enforcing a greater inclusiveness and diversity within, while ignoring the merit principle and the elementary principles of fairness and justice where White males are concerned. The national Press ought to be aware that such a discriminatory social agenda cannot but foment anger and even antagonism on the part of White males. Hence, the constant fear among Modern Liberals that White males might turn to right-wing extremists 'to set things right', which is a concern among true conservatives as well.

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## **Addendum: April 2020**

In having alienated their former White male subscribers, the newspaper media is now suffering financially from the loss of advertising revenue to competing digital news platforms. In claiming that newspapers are a critical source of local and national news, News Media Canada has proposed that the Canadian government subsidize individual journalists and publishers with a grant of \$350 million annually to maintain what the media regard as being 'an essential national institution'. In response, in November 2018, the Liberal federal government of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced that it would provide \$600 million over a period of five years to support and maintain Canadian newspaper that provide civic and local news in both large urban centres and small communities across Canada. The funding is mainly in the form of tax credits to newspaper companies and to newspaper subscribers on their subscriptions. The rationale, as articulated by Finance Minister, Bill Morneau, was to maintain "the vital role that independent news media play in our democracy and in our communities".

Many conservatives are opposed to government funding for Canadian newspapers on the grounds that it will endanger the independence of the newspapers in reporting the news, and that it will lead to a government-dominated press through newspapers wanting to please their benefactor. Today, as of March 2020, the issue of direct financial aid to newspapers has arisen again as the impact of the Covid epidemic has resulted in a 60 percent decline in advertising revenue, the layoff of hundreds of journalists, and the closure of some newspapers, perhaps for good.

To provide financial aid to the Canadian media during the Covid epidemic, the Trudeau government recently introduced a \$30 million media advertising campaign to make Canadians more aware of the COVID-19 threat and the measures advocated by the government to combat the spread of the virus. However, the news media has complained that the financial support being offered by the federal government is not enough to turn things around.

In the present unprecedented situation, should Conservatives support direct financial support for the newspaper press, or let the number of newspapers contract in response to economic realities? A strong argument can be made for newspapers to be treated the same as any other business. During the current Covid epidemic, newspaper enterprises have the same opportunity to apply for government loans and subsidies: to meet their payroll, the Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS), and to support their temporarily laid off workers and journalists, the Canadian Emergency Response Benefit (CERB). These benefits are part of a more general supports being provided by the federal government for the support of Canadian businesses and laid off workers who are suffering a significant loss of revenue or employment income during the Covid epidemic.

If Canadian newspapers were to return to celebrating the lives, activities, and achievements of our people -- locally, nationally. and on the world stage, in a balanced manner that recognizes our shortcomings as well as our successes in living a good life, readers will return, and advertising dollars will follow. Life is a struggle, and Canadians do not appreciate being constantly berated and denigrated in the Press for supposedly having a country that is not diverse enough or gender balanced enough to please a small minority of social and political activists.