



The Hammer Comes Down: The cost of morality

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What price are Canadians willing to pay for morality?

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Cell phones, TVs, cars... to name but a few of the thousands of items we insist on importing from China, notwithstanding that two of our citizens deteriorate in Chinese captivity.

What would you be willing to forego, or to pay a higher price for, if it was your parent or child being held in retaliation for a perceived assault against a Chinese citizen held in Canada at the behest of our southern neighbour?

We must all inquire of ourselves what limits we are prepared to accept to end dealing with the tyrants of this world.

Why do we continue to sell to dictatorships and import stock from countries that do not share our values? When will we, and therefore our Elected Officials, have the courage to stand up and say, as the famous line from the film Network so simply put it, "We're as mad as hell and we're not going to take it anymore!"

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The time has come to stand up to all these bullies, as we would want our own children to do in the schoolyard, and tell China, Saudi Arabia and the like that we are mad as hell and we won't take it anymore.

China may have the world's greatest economy (unless, of course, you listen to Trump) and certainly the buying power, but if no one buys from them how formidable are they really?

And why did we start this entire mess anyway by doing the Trump Administration's bidding in arresting the Huawei Executive? Surely the U.S. can handle its own issues with China. Our involvement on their behalf has cost two of our citizens most possibly their lives. It isn't right. It isn't moral. And we shouldn't take it anymore.



Release Meng Wanzhou in exchange for the two Michaels (Kovrig and Spavor). If protesters in China can stand up for them – on their behalf – should we, as their co-citizens, not do more?

‘Surely the U.S. can handle its own issues with China. Our involvement on their behalf has cost two of our citizens most possibly their lives.’

Once these men are released, bar Huawei products from Canada. Surely there are tech alternatives here in North America that would profit from such a call.

And before you retort that China would reciprocate by banning exports from Canada to China, let them. Until they are unable to get all our exports, in conjunction with us not allowing their exports into Canada, no Canadian will be safe in China. Bullies can only be dealt with in one way, but to do so requires us all to act in concert and tell them, in deeds, that we are mad as hell and won't take it anymore

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