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Gentlemen:

Derek Hodgson's article on the Constitution makes me sick. We have had our own flag in Canada for years, first the red one with the Ensign in the corner - Canadians by the thousands died under that flag and secondly, Mr. Pearson's white one with a red maple leaf. We have always had an anthem - first, "The Maple Leaf Forever" and then "O Canada" and thank goodness we have always sung "God Save The Queen (or King)"

We already had our own amendable Constitution, a fine and functioning one and as the Supreme Court pointed out, this one was never our Constitution, it was the politicians. What we got isn't even a Constitution, it's not "By the people and for the people". Not a single Canadian person has been allowed to vote on it, including you, Derek Hodgson.

For you to bleat out such remarks as "at last our own anthem, our own flag, our own Constitution" is false on every count.

Fortunately, the public is not as stupid as the politicians and the media seem to think we are. We know that all we got was a piece of paper designed by politicians, passed only by politicians, a piece of paper ^{that} transferred most of the citizens' past cherished rights into the complete control of those same politicians.

So, please, no more jingoism and please give us some respect for our intelligence.

We got this mess, not because the people are so dumb but because the politicians were so secretive and unscrupulous and it is no credit to the media to join the politicians in their actions by further deceiving us and telling us how lucky we are to get, at last, our own anthem, our own flag, our own Constitution, when all that's happened is we have been robbed of our past good ones.