

## Alternative media series: The real impacts of Canadian government & corporate policies internationally

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As the incoming U.S. government tries to consolidate further shifts to the right on a range of policies, and to further concentrate power and wealth, we share this series of radio interviews on Canadian foreign policy & liberal mythology. In terms of Nation State myths, “American exceptionalism” is just as misleading and harmful as “Canada the good”.



Hopefully these interviews provide useful analysis and information, as we all carry on with good work and struggle, one struggle at a time, with a integral local-to-global vision and understanding.

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### **The real impacts of Canadian government & corporate policies internationally**

Program host Stefan Christoff [[stefan.christoff@gmail.com](mailto:stefan.christoff@gmail.com)] writes: I share these links to a radio project I worked on in collaboration with the Canadian Foreign Policy Institute. The goal is to establish a non-partisan, anti-colonial research space to look honestly into the real impacts of Canadian State & corporate policy internationally. It is an

attempt to challenge the liberal (and Liberal party) narrative of Canada as 'a force for good', that 'the world needs more Canada.' This project aims to deconstruct the ways that corporate & State power use & abuse this narrative to justify abusive neo-colonial economic and military practices around the world.

- Author/ researcher Dawn Paley (<https://dawnpaley.ca/>) looks at Canadian policy in Latin America over the past decade, from Guatemala to Mexico (Dawn is the author of « Drug War Capitalism » via AK Press). Interview: <https://soundcloud.com/freecityradio/sets/canadian-foreign-policy>
- Grahame Russell (Rights Action, <http://www.rightsaction.org/>) looks at Canada's role in the 2009 coup in Honduras and mining policies and practices in Guatemala. Interview: <https://soundcloud.com/freecityradio/interview-rights-action-on-canadas-role-in-honduran-coup>
- Sakura Saunders ([protestbarrick.net](http://protestbarrick.net)) speaks about the environmentally destructive policies of Canadian mining corporations globally. Interview: <https://soundcloud.com/freecityradio/interview-sakura-saunders-on-environmental-climate-justice-vs-canadian-mining-around-the-world>
- Manuel Rozental, a medical doctor + activist with indigenous and popular movements in his native Colombia and throughout the Americas since the early 1970s, looking at Canada's political hands in Colombia. Interview: <https://soundcloud.com/freecityradio/interview-canadas-contemporary-corporate-colonialism-in-latin-america>
- Jennifer Moore (MiningWatch Canada, <http://miningwatch.ca/>) looks at the actions of Canadian mining corporations in Latin America over recent years. Interview: <https://soundcloud.com/freecityradio/interview-jennifer-moore-from-mining-watch-canada>
- Nikolas Barry-Shaw, co-author of Paved with Good Intentions (critical analysis of Canadian NGOs, <http://www.pavedwithgoodintentions.ca>), looks at Canadian policy in Haiti from the 2004 coup d'état against President Aristide to the devastating 2010 earthquake. Interview: <https://soundcloud.com/freecityradio/interview-nikolas-barry-shaw>

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### **Rights Action (U.S. & Canada)**

Rights Action funds grassroots human rights, environmental and development organizations in Guatemala and Honduras. We expose and hold accountable the U.S. and Canadian governments, companies and investors, and other international actors (World Bank, etc.) that help cause and profit from the repression, environmental harms and human rights violations.

### **Get Informed / Get Involved**

- Speakers: Invite us to give presentations about these issues and struggles
- Delegations: Join educational, human rights delegations to Guatemala and Honduras to learn firsthand about these issues and struggles
- Recommended Daily News: [www.democracynow.org](http://www.democracynow.org), [www.upsidedownworld.org](http://www.upsidedownworld.org), [www.telesurtv.net/english](http://www.telesurtv.net/english), [www.rabble.ca](http://www.rabble.ca),

- Recommended Books: “This Changes Everything: Capitalism versus The Climate”, by Naomi Klein; “Open Veins of Latin America”, by Eduardo Galeano; “A People’s History of the United States”, by Howard Zinn

### **Why So Many Central Americans Flee North, Decade After Decade?**

The exploitation and poverty, violence and government repression, corruption and impunity of Honduras and Guatemala are “American” and “Canadian” issues. The U.S. and Canadian governments, the World Bank and Inter-American Development Bank, and North American companies and investors (including pension funds) maintain profitable economic and military relations with the Guatemalan and Honduran regimes, turning a blind eye and/or directly contributing to environmental harms, exploitation, repression, corruption and impunity that are the norm in these countries, that force so many to flee.

Keep on sending copies of this information, and your own letters, to your politicians and media, to your pension and investment funds, asking: Why our governments, companies and investment firms benefit from and turn a blind eye to the poverty, repression and violence, and environmental and health harms in Guatemala and Honduras?

### **Tax-Deductible Donations (Canada & U.S.)**

To support community, human rights and environmental defense organizations in Honduras and Guatemala, working and struggling for justice and for fundamental change from the local to global levels, make check payable to "Rights Action" and mail to:

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- Canada: (Box 552) 351 Queen St. E, Toronto ON, M5A-1T8

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