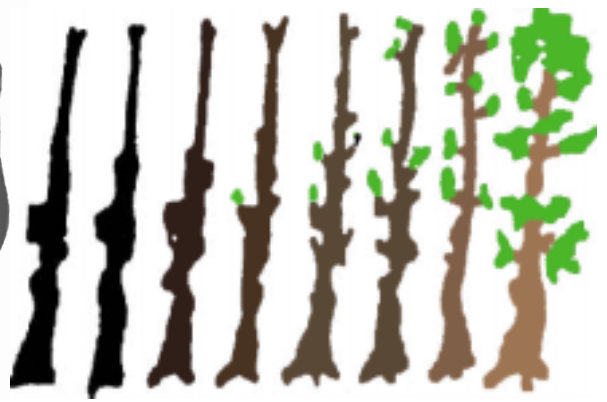


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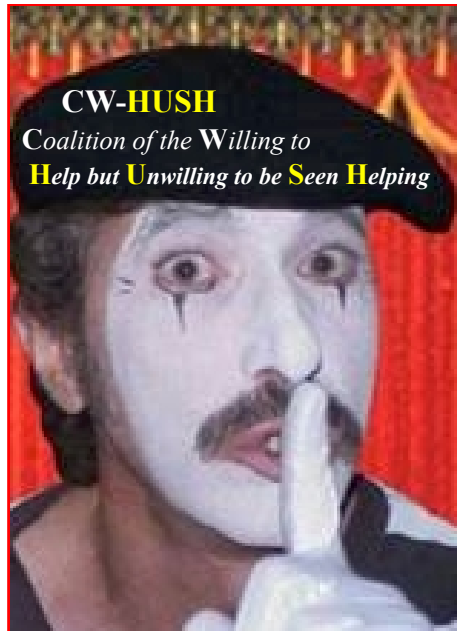


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Watch what they Do... NOT what they Say!

In March 2003, when the Liberal government declared that Canada would not join the US-led “Coalition of the Willing” against Iraq, most Canadians were understandably proud. Unfortunately, it was a smoke-and-mirrors game to deceive the Canadian public.

Canada *did* join the Iraq war and has contributed in many significant ways, including warplanes, warships and 2,000 military personnel—mostly sailors. However, this complicity has gone largely unnoticed.



On March 18, 2003, then-U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell announced:

“We now have a coalition of the willing...who have publicly said they could be included in such a listing.”

More significantly, Sec. Powell then went on to reveal that:

“there are 15 other nations, who, for one reason or another, do not wish to be publicly named but will be supporting the coalition.”

Canada’s notable absence from the U.S. list of “willing,” publicly-admitted participants in the Iraq war, coupled with the Liberal government’s profuse political rhetoric, was accepted as evidence of Canada’s supposed refusal to join this highly-unpopular war.

Many Canadians—including some peace activists—fell for the government’s ruse. As a result, Canada’s substantial yet furtive participation in the Iraq war has remained largely unknown. *By unlearning* the mistaken belief that Canada stayed out of the Iraq war, we may be able to prevent similar fiascos from being repeated.

"It ain't what you don't know that gets you in trouble.

It's what you know for sure, that just ain't so"

Mark Twain,
Vice-President,
American Anti-Imperialist
League (1901-1910)



Here’s where Canada would be listed in our “Coalition of the Willing” if only it was “willing” to be “publicly named.”

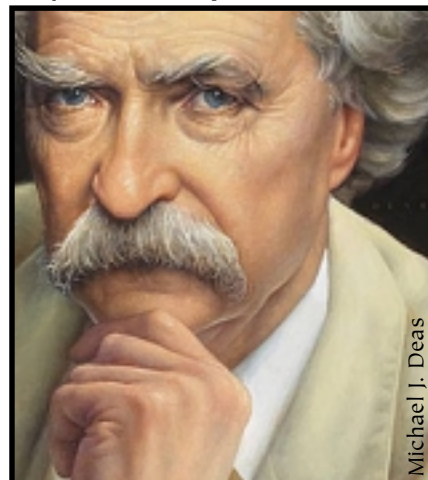
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Other examples of Canadian Complicity in the Iraq War

This issue of *Press for Conversion!* touches on only a few of the many ways in which Canada has aided and abetted the U.S.-led war in Iraq. Other forms of Canadian complicity in the Iraq war have included:

- War Industry Exports
- Providing War Planners
- Freeing up US Troops in Afghanistan
- Training Iraqi Police
- Training Iraqi Troops
- Supporting Iraq's Interior Ministry
- Providing Satalitte data for targetting
- Testing US Weapons in Canada
- Exporting Uranium for DU weapons
- CPP Investments in War Industries
- Providing 100 Exchange Troops

For a summary of these and other significant forms of support, see “Canada's Covert War in Iraq,” by Richard Sanders, at the COAT website:
http://coat.ncf.ca/articles/Canada_Iraq.htm



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