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Contrary to popular opinion, Canada is *STILL* actively participating in the creation, design, research, development, testing, deployment, maintenance and operation of numerous systems essential to the U.S.-led "missile defense" weapons program.

Despite official pronouncements declaring non-involvement, the Canadian government has actually spent billions on scientific research and development, corporate grants, equipment and infrastructure that aid and abet the "missile defense" scheme.

Many will be shocked to learn that Canada's contribution actually surpasses the efforts made by other nations that, unlike this country, are at least willing to admit their participation.

Needed: *Myth Busters!*

To oppose this country's continuing participation, COAT is urging supporters to help debunk the now widely-accepted myth that looms behind Canada's nominal "no" to "missile defense." The best remedy in this struggle is to demonstrate that Canada is *still*, very actively involved. This latest issue of *Press for Conversion!* contains a wealth of data elucidating this subject and is a unique, new asset in the Myth Busters' toolkit. Please use this resource however you can to expose the fact that Canada's "no" was a meaningless, symbolic gesture designed to deceive.

Please Help!

Here are some ideas on how you can help to expose and oppose Canada's major role in the "missile defense" weapons development program:

- **Please make a generous *donation* to support this important work!**
- Please subscribe or renew your subscription to *Press for Conversion!*
- Order extra copies to distribute at events and/or to pass along to friends, colleagues, activists, teachers, journalists, politicians, clergy, etc.
- Circulate an email message about this resource to contacts and to appropriate list serves.
- Post a link to COAT's report on relevant websites. <<http://coat.ncf.ca/missiledefense>>
- Expose Canada's real role in "missile defense," at meetings and other educational events
- Ask groups to pass resolutions and to help dispell the myth of Canada's supposed "no."
- Urge individuals and groups to renew their opposition to so-called "missile defense."
- Use COAT's report as a resource when contacting the media and politicians and/or when writing essays, articles, speeches, lectures or sermons!
- Reprint material from *Press for Conversion!* in newsletters, magazines or newspapers, etc. (Please cite the source and refer readers to COAT's website.)
- Copy and distribute the online flyer and poster. <<http://coat.ncf.ca/56poster.pdf>>
- Urge the media to investigate. Refer them to COAT for interviews and/or background info.
- Organise a public event to raise public awareness and to oppose Canada's ongoing role in the "missile defense" weapons-development scheme.
- Ask for a COAT presentation on Canadian complicity in so called "missile defense."

Thanks in advance for any help you can offer,

Yours sincerely,

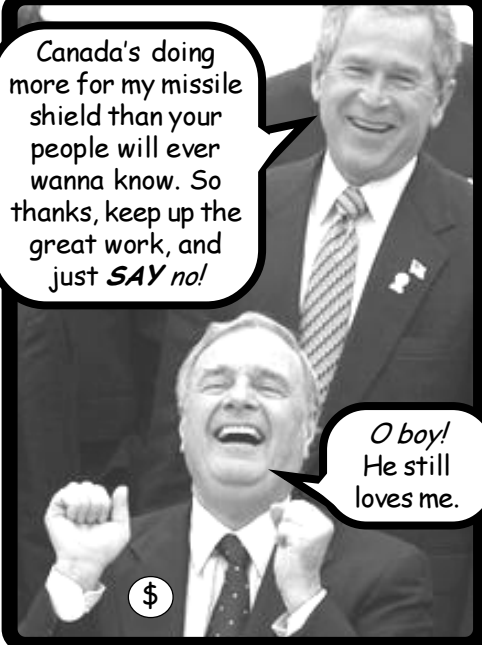
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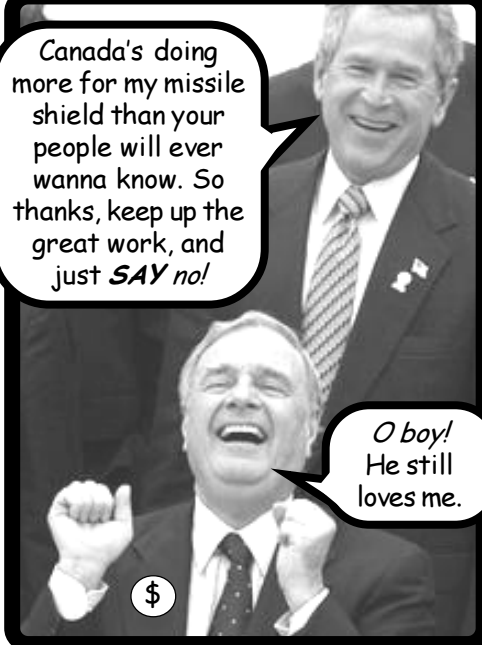
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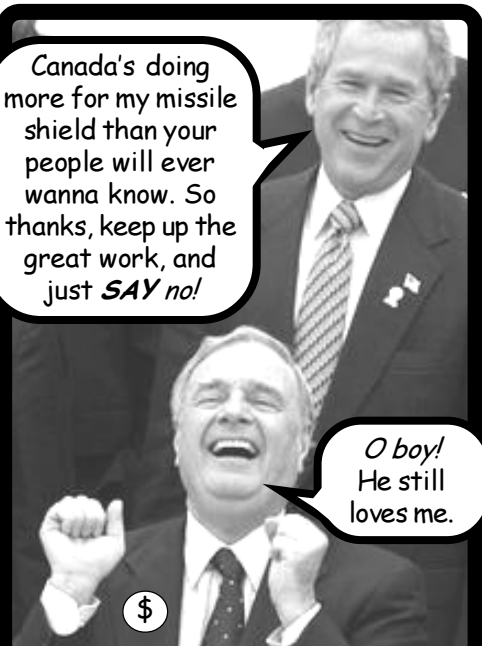
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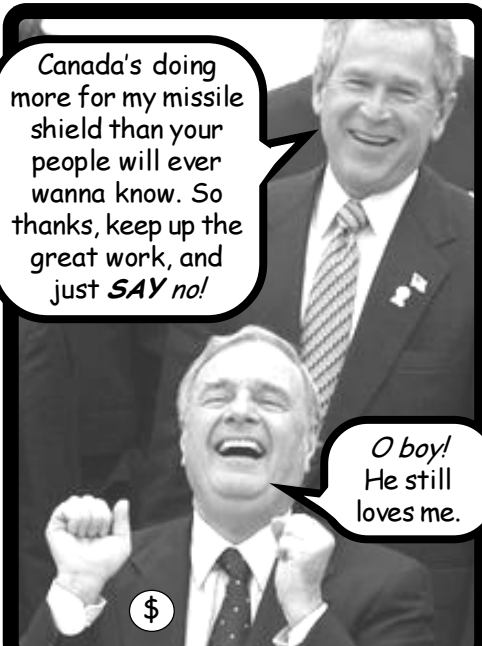
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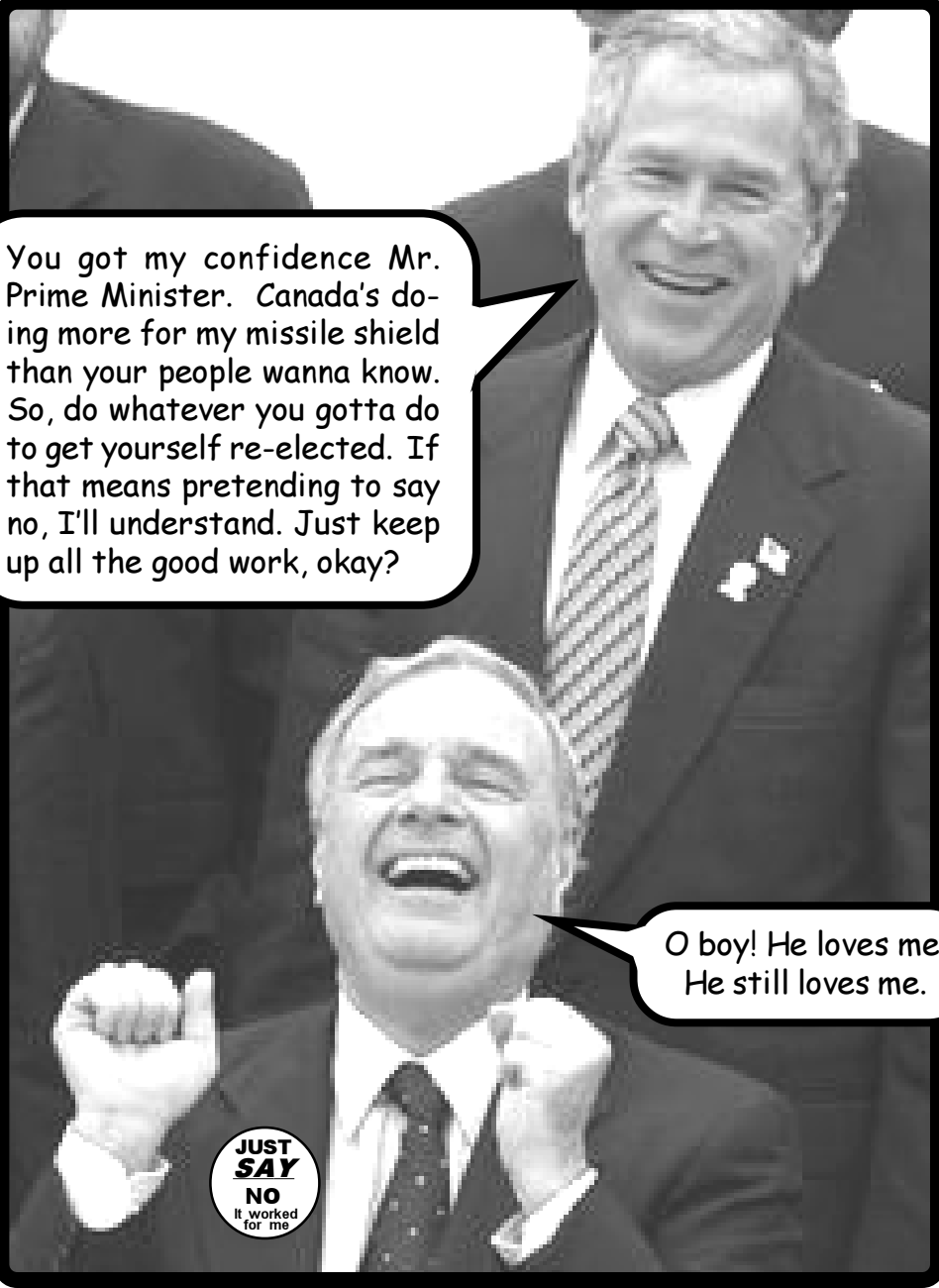
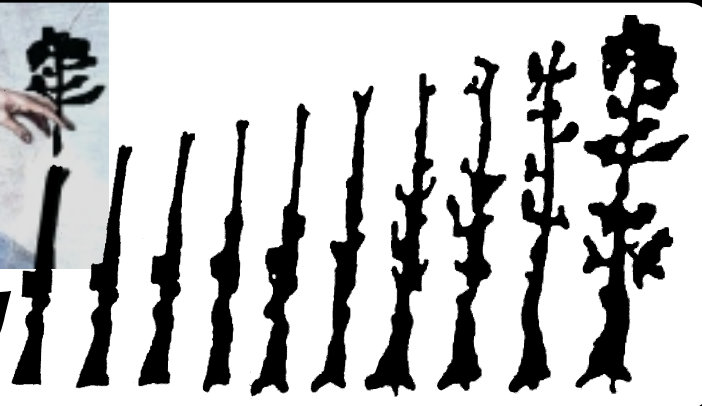
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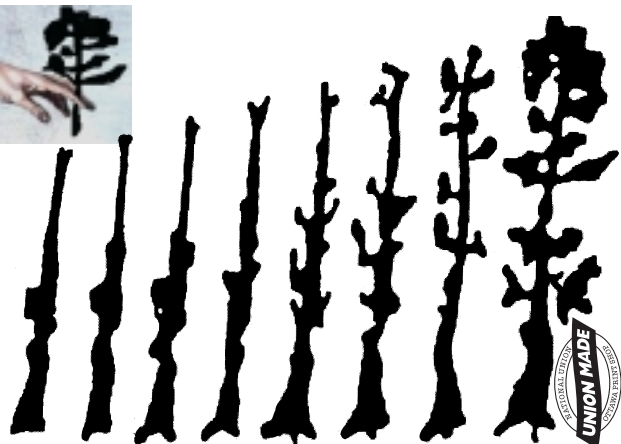
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Conversion is about...



Labour: Military industrial conversion is the move from capital-intensive, military production to the labour-intensive production of civilian goods.

Social programs: By reducing military budgets and producing socially-useful products and services, the government could not only save money it could also create more jobs and simultaneously rebuild needed social programs.

Peace & human rights: Providing civilian alternatives to military production has many beneficial spin-offs. By stopping military exports to governments that are at war, and those abusing human rights, we would be helping activists who are struggling for peace, democracy and justice.

Culture: Our society is becoming more and more militarized by a bombardment of gratuitous violence in action films, video games, TV programs, to war toys and so-called "air shows." It's time to build a culture of peace, not war.

Education: Building a culture of peace, requires global perspectives on the links between human development, peace and the environment. Educating children, politicians and ourselves is a crucial task.

Psychology: Social change means transforming the beliefs, attitudes and perceptions of individuals, including ourselves.

Environment: Many military industries could be making much-needed technologies to prevent pollution and cleanup the environment.

International Law: The world is governed by those with the most money and the biggest weapons. We need to move from this system of "might is right" toward one based on global economic justice and international law.

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