

The Coutts Four: Alberta Is Home to Political Prisoners

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*Mr. Ryan Turner,
General Manager and Circulation Manager,
Lethbridge Herald*

Dear Mr. Turner;

Below please find the text of a lengthy article from the *New York Times*. The essay is entitled "'Somebody Planted The Guns:' In Canada a Raided, Distrusting Village Blames the Police." This *NYT* article presents an interpretation of the case that basically offers consistent support for the position of the Crown in the genesis of a show trial being planned for the Lethbridge Court House sometime next year.

The four men that are the subject of this trial were charged last February 14 with "conspiracy to commit the murder" of RCMP officials. As evidenced by the *New York Times'* interest, these charges, as well as the collective failure of the Coutts Four to receive bail, are attracting worldwide attention. The ante is being raised this October 4 as the Crown brings new charges against three leaders of the Coutts action. So far 17 individuals have been charged by the RCMP unit and the Crown prosecutors involved in the Coutts investigation.

The Coutts Four, convicted so far of nothing, are being held in custody until their trial begins sometime in mid-to-late 2023. Being made to suffer in prison for a year and a half before they can face their accusers in open court is sufficient justification for advancing the case that Alberta is now home to political prisoners.

The bias of the *NYT* story is consistent with the notorious bias of the regime media. Since 2020 the regime media have been hellbent on making history replete with wholesale deceit, fraud and censorship embedded in much of its reporting on the manufactured COVID crisis.

The *New York Times* like the *Lethbridge Herald* consistently lied to its audiences reassuring us that the COVID injections were safe and effective. They were, in fact, no such thing. Both media venues supported the likes of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in giving credence to his injection policies that have resulted in many deaths and injuries of large numbers of victims. The same pattern is being re-enacted in county after county where significant portions of the population have been jabbed with the clot shots.

Since mid-2021 these victims have been showing up in statistical abundance in a variety of ways in spite of the ongoing efforts of the media and their captive governments to continue to hide and downplay the reality of what is actually going on. Within this framework of misrepresentation the Alberta government made a laughing stock of itself with its report that the highest death rate in the province in 2021 was due to “unknown causes.” The cause is only “unknown” among those who have been shielding themselves from one of the most significant news developments of the twenty-first century.

The big news is still being obscured. Its essence is that the real plague of mortality and crippling injury overtaking us emanates from the needles of gene-modifying injections that do *not prevent* the spreading of COVID or infection by COVID. We have been lied to and thereby put in harm’s way by the governments and media that still insist on trying to silence, discredit and deplatform those endeavouring to insert scientific methodology into the poisonous mix of deadly disinformation.

In the case of Catherine Porter’s version of the regime media’s disinformation, the biases in her story have been fashioned into personal attacks that are meant to be unflattering to the culture and prevailing mentality of those of us who wear our identity as Albertans proudly. The subtext is that the Canadian Freedom Convoy movement that largely took shape in this province as well as in the broadly-based constituency that converged at Coutts are intellectually and academically substandard.

The failure of the *NY Times* to do justice to this story of the Truckers and especially the Coutts contingent of dissidents should be addressed by the *Lethbridge Herald*. After all, a major portion of the *Lethbridge Herald’s* readership showed up by the tens of thousands at Coutts in a very active period when demonstrators came and went for 17 days. The demonstrators included some elected officials of the Alberta provincial government. Why can’t this important chapter in Alberta’s history find fair and balanced representation in our own Albertan mainstream media?

Perhaps the attention being directed this way by the *New York Times* forms a fitting demonstration that important things can and do happen in this region. In my view our community, including our local media, sometimes drop the ball by failing to take proper ownership of the important controversies that sometimes unfold in this locale. What is to be said about our local paper dropping the ball to the *NY Times*? Its reporter, Catherine Porter, plays to all the worst caricatures and stereotypes in depicting Alberta as some sort of reactionary ghetto far from what she probably considers the woke wonders of New York.

In her bias, Porter embraces the so-called Canadian Anti-Hate Network whose highly politicized spokespeople often assert that those who question, for instance, injection mandates are motivated by an urge “to dismantle democracy.”

In fact it is the government of Justin Trudeau that seems most contemptuous of democracy. He is trying to fulfill his vaccine fixation by denying constructive consultation with his own

constituents in order to please his real masters including those in Klaus Schwab's World Economic Forum. We need a Canadian government based in Parliament, not in Davos.

Trudeau in fact was tagged as an enemy of democracy by several elected members of the European Parliament. His effort to wrongfully criminalize his political opponents in order to drag them through the mud of terrorist accusations was specifically noted by MEP Christine Anderson.

See [this](#).

Trudeau is no democrat when it comes to the disproportionate amount of effort he and his government have invested in legal processes to charge, imprison, and return dissident Albertans to jail. Ms. Porter, for instance, did not address the case of Tamara Lich from Medicine Hat Alberta. This founder of the Freedom Convoy movement was re-jailed supposedly because she broke bail by appearing with a friend in a photograph during an awards ceremony where she was being honoured.

The number of those charged at Coutts has recently risen to 17 as Marco Van Huigenbose, Alex Van Herk, and George Janzen appear in court on 4 October to face \$5,000 fines for mischief.

The membership of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police conducts activities that are deeply intertwined with those of the FBI in the United States. In Alberta the RCMP doubles as both the federal police force and a provincial police so it is sometimes difficult to know what jurisdiction is responsible for any particular police action.

In this instance there is little doubt that the Trudeau government was shopping through the RCMP at Coutts for some reference it could make to Trucker "terrorism." The PM needed such a reference in order to give the appearance of substance, especially to his government's outrageous break and entry without any judicial order into the internal security of Canada's banking system on 14 February. This intervention was justified on the basis of the Emergency Act introduced just as the "conspiracy to commit murder" charges were being made public throughout Canada and around the world.

The Anti-Hate Network is itself deeply bound up with its own misrepresentations of the 9/11 crimes and of the RCMP's history of entrapping Islamic patsies with the goal of providing propaganda to demonize Muslims and thereby advance government agendas in the "War on Terror." See [this](#).

The Anti-Hate Network has imported all this controversy into the treatment of those 17 individuals criminalized at Coutts by employing Mubin Shaikh as an expert concerning the details of the case.

Shaikh worked closely with CSIS and the RCMP between 2006-2010 in setting up the entrapment/conviction of the "Toronto 18" as part of Canada's original demonstration of the required spectacle meant to arouse fear of "homegrown Islamic terrorism." Shaikh's central role on this fiasco has been highlighted by Prof. Michael Kiefer's "The Toronto 18 Frame-Up: Fraud and Fear-Mongering in the War on Terror." Ms. Porter's essay returns us to the paradigm of fear mongering as a staple in mainstream journalism. See [this](#).

Catherine Porter repeats the strategy of lazy journalists working for the most discredited

agencies in the regime media by merely declaring that those who agree with her and her backers are honest truth tellers and that those who disagree are despicable conspiracy theorists. The question of what the actual evidence does or does not support, however, almost never comes up with her. It almost never comes up because the point of the whole exercise, it seems, is not to get at the truth but rather to convict those already injected into trial-by-media procedures.

This trial-by media is intended to deprive the accused of fair hearings. Increasingly court processes, many of them palpably corrupt while in the pocket of those possessing high accumulations of wealth and power, count for much less than the media trials that precede them and often predetermine their outcomes.

In the title of her *New York Times* article Ms. Porter indicates that almost everyone in the town of Coutts came to a similar conclusion that the RCMP somehow staged the photograph of the weapons arsenal to set in motion a spurious process that has been playing itself out for several months now largely in the Lethbridge court house. Why not wait for the trial before pronouncing on such a crucial matter as the background of how the widely-distributed picture said to depict the Coutts weapons arsenal actually came to be?

Doesn't such a widespread suspicion among so many of the people most close to the Coutts debacle merit some closer investigation? Or does Ms. Porter simply disqualify those who have made their lives in Coutts from having sufficient sophistication and insight to weigh in on such a grave matter.

Maybe the *Lethbridge Herald* would serve its home audience better by initiating some genuine investigation that takes its readers beyond the predictable stigmatization of one side and the automatic lionization of those that support the establishment narrative of the COVID debacle.

The failure of the regime media to show balance and objectivity in delving into the distinction between fact and fiction in the manufactured COVID crisis is holding us back from resolving a variety of contentions. These contentions have discredited many of our major institutions including government, media, the medical profession, universities, schools, churches, courts and banks.

It is time to put a stop in the COVID crisis to the disqualification from equitable representation of the large component of society who have done their own independent research with the goal of working towards a more healthy society. In such a society debate would be welcomed and embraced, not smeared and subjected to criminalizing processes such as those unfolding at the Lethbridge court house.

Yours Sincerely,

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From The New York Times

"Somebody Planted The Guns:" In Canada a Raided, Distrusting Village Blames the Police"

By [Catherine Porter](#)

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COUTTS, Alberta — The village's only restaurant offers smiles and two pamphlets, one denouncing Covid-19 vaccines for children, the other saying the United Nations' mission includes creating a "microchipped society" for "tracking and controlling."

So pervasive is the belief here that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is a dictator-in-the-making that even a top official in the village admits she "may have" a flag telling Canada's leader where to go — rudely.

And many residents of the village, Coutts, Alberta, think the biggest event that occurred here in recent memory — when the police raided a local home in February and revealed a frightening [cache of weapons](#) — was a hoax perpetrated by the police to silence an antigovernment protest.

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