

## Upholding the 'Canadian System'? a response

Dear editor:

I must agree that the reader who protested against my article is a genuine Canadian full of caring and compassion. Such human feelings are the stuff the Canadians are made of and my critic is evidently having the surfeit of such feelings. But does he not protest too much?.

The article is just a statement of facts, and is based on my discussions with leading employers and Chambers of Commerce. To call it cruel and offensive is not doing it justice.

The article nowhere suggests even remotely that poor need not be helped to have a better quality of life; nor does it in any way comment on refugees.

The article is essentially concerned with one aspect of employment and that is the relevance of Canadian experience. To make Canadian experience irrelevant, as has been done by OHRC, is in fact stating that Canadian experience is the same as having experience in those countries which the readers hold up to ridicule.

Let me ask my disturbed reader: Would he go to a doctor who has no experience in medical practice in Canada? Does he know that doctors in most of the Asian and African countries need not be MD, but can be family physicians just by being MBBS? Is he aware that the concept of P.Eng. is just non-existent in such countries and would he be willing to have his dams built by such engineers who have no exposure to the Canadian system?

Evidently my honored reader has written the diatribe under some misconception and forgot that the relevance of Canadian experience. Coming to small town rural experience, does he know that the use of judicious pesticides in the Canadian system is conspicuous by its absence in the countries alluded to above. Would he like to have food laced with pesticides, since without relevant exposures, the new immigrants might just follow the system that prevails in their home countries.

A dispassionate study and reflective attitude shall make the reader feel the validity of my contentions.

My article is in fact meant to uphold the Canadian system that supports such a society that my reader is proud to be a member of.

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