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## **Bush ties leave Harper in bind**

Contributed by: [jensonj](#)

Bush ties leave Harper in bind  
Poll suggests PM's relationship with U.S. prez hurts popularity

By GREG WESTON, SUN MEDIA

OTTAWA -- A fascinating national opinion survey suggests Stephen Harper and his Conservative government would do well to heed an old political saw about Canada-U.S. relations: Canadians like to see their prime ministers in the White House rose garden, but not in the presidential bedroom.

After seven months of an aggressive Washington courtship, the prime minister has apparently left a significant number of Canadian voters with the impression he is 'twixt the sheets with George W. Bush, and far too close for comfort.

In fact, the poll suggests Harper's perceived love-in with the increasingly unpopular U.S. president is the foremost single cause of what ails the minority Conservative government.

The survey of 1,003 voters was conducted in late August by the premier polling firm SES Research, exclusively for the Sun.

While Harper and his strategists have run the government with the single-minded goal of building towards a majority in the next election, the SES-Sun poll shows the Conservatives' popularity has slipped back to where they started on voting day seven months ago.

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### Bush ties leave Harper in bind

Authored by: [boflaade](#) on Tuesday, September 05 2006 @ 02:44 PM MDT

None the less, Harper will not listen. He has'nt so far and will be bewildered after the next election. Like an American, Harper cannot see beyond his own nose. Bush hasn't clued in but he don't care either. Harper will risk his politcal future before he would say "no" to Bush. The fickle Canadian voter will support Harper if he as much as offered "free" shoe-shines. Election campaigns rely on the voter wanting something given to them. Seven months ago it was a decrease in the GST.

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Expect little from life and get more from it.

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Authored by: [Dr Caleb](#) on Tuesday, September 05 2006 @ 03:23 PM MDT

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All sounds too kinky for me.

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**Bush ties leave Harper in bind**  
Authored by: [Diogenes](#) on Tuesday, September 05 2006 @ 03:33 PM MDT


yes it do! will there be film at 11 though?

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We have met the enemy and he is us  
Pogo

A mind is a fire to be kindled, not a vessel to be filled.  
Plutarch

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**Bush ties leave Harper in bind**  
Authored by: [4Canada](#) on Wednesday, September 06 2006 @ 02:07 AM MDT


Dr.Caleb,

The article's description was rather loaded with innuendo wasn't it, but not kinky, freakin' stomach-turning-creepy is more like it?

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"And those who were seen dancing were thought to be insane by those who could not hear the music."  
Friedrich Nietzsche

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### Bush ties leave Harper in bind

Authored by: [Dr Caleb](#) on Wednesday, September 06  
2006 @ 09:50 AM MDT

"stomach-turning-creepy is more like it?"

No, I don't think so. I think the Canadian people are finally seeing what Harper is all about. I hope they finally realize how all political parties have been pulling the wool over their eyes for decades. And I doubly hope Harper makes Softwood a confidence issue, and the Opposition calls him on it.

Is there any way to force every Canadian of voting age to sit and read "Necessary Illusions" by Chomsky and "The End of Poverty" by Jeff Sachs? With those two books, politics and war would be things of the past. So would the grand lie that all the media and politicians tell the sheeple.

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### Bush ties leave Harper in bind

Authored by: [rearguard](#) on Tuesday, September 05 2006 @ 05:12  
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"One way or another, Harper needs to wake up and smell the rose garden."

Harper is fully awake and smelling the money. He got to rule over Canada as its dictator for 4 years, so he'll do as he pleases until it's time to move on. What happens with the next election will not be Harper's concern, he'll be reaping the rewards for his allegiance to Bush and whoever else may his master.

Since when do elections ever change anything of substance anyway? Chrétien and Paul Martin were doing pretty much the same things as Harper is doing now. It was Chrétien that got us into the Afghanistan quagmire, and it was Martin that did not pull the plug on NAFTA

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when it became obvious that the US were reneging on their side of the agreement, neither did Chrétien who knew the agreement was a bad one for Canada's sovereignty to begin with.

Does anyone think that the NDP have the balls to kill NAFTA and pull Canada out of Afghanistan and Haiti?

Does anyone think that the Greens have what it takes to do anything of significance should it by some miracle win the next election?

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**Bush ties leave Harper in bind**  
Authorized by: [Wraun](#) on Tuesday, September 05 2006 @ 06:30 PM MDT


If Harper is blissfully daydreaming about his impending majority gov't while falling from grace in the eyes of the Canadian voter (at least that's my fantasy), that's a good thing. The only problem is the timing! The Liberals (as if we need them back... cough, choke, gag) don't have a leader yet and I for one am afraid of what they may come up with - i.e. Ignoratieff - and the NDP has good policies on foreign affairs, healthcare and the environment but I doubt they will make any gains as long as the Computer Lessons on CD guy is the leader. That only leaves the Greens but they are even a longer shot than the Computer Lessons guy. What's a Nuck to do?

I do believe I'll be voting Green. I think that voting strategically, along with voter apathy is what got us where we are today, too many parties vying for too few votes and splitting the vote. The minority rules now and it sucks.

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### **Bush ties leave Harper in bind**

Authored by: [Mallus](#) on Tuesday, September 05 2006 @ 09:13 PM MDT

The reasons that guys like harper and Bush get votes is their charisma. They dial it up just before an election and people admire this.(not me) The fact is that people admire the casual confidence of an unfettered ego of a Psychopath. Yes psychopath. If you check out the parameters of what makes one you understand the reason they get into politics in the first place.


Glibness/superficial charm.  
Grandiose sense of self-worth.  
Need for stimulation/proneness to boredom  
Pathological lying  
Conning/manipulative  
Lack of remorse or guilt  
Shallow affect  
Callous/lack of empathy  
Parasitic lifestyle  
Poor behavioral controls  
Promiscuous sexual behavior  
Early behavior problems  
Lack of realistic, long-term plans  
Impulsivity  
Irresponsibility  
Failure to accept responsibility for own actions  
Many short-term marital relationships  
Juvenile delinquency  
Revocation of conditional release  
Criminal versatility (Hare, 1986)  
(Narcissism also a characteristic)

"It must be remembered that even the most severely and obviously disabled psychopath presents a technical appearance of sanity, often with high intellectual capacities and not infrequently succeeds in business or professional activities for short periods, some for considerable periods .Although they occasionally appear on casual inspection as successful members of the community, as able lawyers, executive or physicians, they do not, it seems, succeed in the sense of finding satisfaction of fulfillment in their own accomplishments. Nor do they, when the full story is known, appear to find this in an ordinary activity."

Four percent of the population are psychopaths so politics should be choc-full-o-nuts.

<http://www.geoffmetcalf.com/psychopath.html>

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**Bush ties leave Harper in bind**

Authored by: [Deacon](#) on Wednesday, September 06 2006 @ 01:37 AM MDT

"The reasons that guys like harper and Bush get votes is their charisma."

Harper has all the charisma of wallpaper paste.


The only reason he got elected at all was because the Canadian voting public wanted to punish the federal Liberals for their misdeeds, and not because of any "charisma" Stephen Harper has.

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"and the knowledge they fear is a weapon to be used against them"

"The Weapon" - Rush

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**Bush ties leave Harper in bind**

Authored by: [rearguard](#) on Wednesday, September 06 2006 @ 12:57 AM MDT

What would help (among other things) is a proportional electoral system. The NDP did promise during the last election to install a proportional system, but you'd have never known about it unless someone told you, which is the only reason I learned about it. But who believes politicians and their promises anymore? I don't.

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#### **Bush ties leave Harper in bind**

Authored by: [Ed Deak](#) on Wednesday, September 06 2006 @ 08:31 AM MDT

We had a vote on PR here in BC and it failed by a few points. Go to google and type in "BC vote on proportional representation". All kinds of details.


Harper is a very sick man!!!! He is a born predator with his appetite sharpened by years of miseducation and toadyism. Anybody who'd give the time of day to corporate lobbyist outfits, like NCC, let alone become the head of it, is either sick, or .....

Unfortunately, he does have a chance to get majority. This is why he wants to make the softwood treaty a confidence issue, hoping to force an election, because the longer he waits the lesser his chances.

The majority of people have absolutely no clue of what is going on and vote on the spur of the moment. What rational person would vote for Preston Manning ? Yet, he swept the West with the good unionists pulling his bandwagon.

Ed Deak.

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#### **Bush ties leave Harper in bind**

Authored by: [rearguard](#) on Thursday, September 07 2006 @ 01:22 PM MDT

I remember the PR vote. I voted, but had misgivings because of how they manipulated the concept making it impossible for most people to understand - the idea required a computer algorithm to calculate the results!

They also weakened the concept considerably by breaking up the existing



ridings, making them fewer and much larger, which among other things, allows politicians to get elected that are disconnected from the locals who voted.

In my view, if I vote for someone, it's far more reassuring that the politician lives down the street from me who has to look at his/her either angry or happy voters in the eye each day.

Politicians that are disconnected from those who vote, are the ones most likely to lie, steal, misrepresent themselves, and do other criminal acts.

I'd much rather see more smaller ridings, than fewer larger ones.

They also allowed multiple candidates from one party to run for election per riding, which would allow the established parties that have the most resources to saturate the system with their own people, making it very difficult for alternate candidates to get noticed.

I voted "NO" to the BC PR because I failed to see a point in voting out one dysfunctional system for another.

The trouble is, that the "No" vote could be interpreted to mean that people voted "No" to the entire PR concept, which was likely NOT the case. But we'll never know considering how the question was worded and how we're always being f'd with. In hindsight, perhaps I should not have voted at all.

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### **Bush ties leave Harper in bind**

Authored by: [boflaade](#) on Wednesday, September 06 2006 @ 05:42 PM MDT


Now that Bush has admitted to secret CIA camps, Harper will soon announce it was (a) a complete surprise


or (b) needed in the fight against terrorist. If the public ever learned of such a camp in Canada, would they demand Harper to resign or promise to vote him out in the next election.

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 **Bush ties leave Harper in bind**  
Authored by: [SphinxMontreal](#) on Thursday, September 07 2006 @ 08:29 PM MDT

The purpose of political parties in a democracy is to create the illusion that voters actually have a choice and, therefore, a say in how the country is governed.

Regardless of which party wins, they all have to kiss the same asses. Ironically, elections in third world countries are more democratic than elections in developed countries, assuming the process is not rigged.

Anyway you look at it, the whole system is one big public relations sham.

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