

Trump's war on Canada

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Donald Trump has stopped pretending. He is waging economic war on Canada. He's imposed a 50% trade tariff designed, in his own words, to ruin its economy, and his stated goal is to make Canada the 51st state. Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney has already said it plainly: the United States is at war with his country.

This is not a trade dispute. It is a six-part strategy to break a sovereign nation. The USA is denying Canada's right to its own border, belittling its sovereignty, demanding it become an American state, and then using economic force to make refusal unbearable. This is the modern form of what we promised never to appease again.

And that is why it concerns us directly. Britain shares a head of state, a history, and a set of values with Canada. NATO's Article 5 says an attack on one member is an attack on all. If we stand by while an ally is threatened with annexation through economic warfare, we will have learned nothing from the 1930s. Appeasement did not work then, and it will not work now.

It is time to take a stand.

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This is the transcript:

Is Donald Trump at war with Canada? And do we have a duty to defend Canada at this moment? It's a question that needs asking because, well, I think both those things are true; let's be totally honest. Let's just step back for a moment and look at what is happening.

In January 2025, when Donald Trump came into office as President of the USA for the second time, he made clear that he wanted Canada to be part of the United States. It was unambiguous. He said Canada would only function as a state. He said he would not use military force to achieve this objective. He said he would use economic force, and what we now know is that he meant it.

He has now imposed a 50% trade tariff on Canada, seeking to ruin its economy. The Prime Minister of Canada, Mark Carney, has said that the USA is at war with his country. So is he? I think the answer is yes. Just think of battles of old and sieges. The USA is undertaking siege warfare on Canada, and that's a major problem. And the question that then arises is: should we be defending Canada? That's what this video is about.

In March 2025, Donald Trump said quite specifically, "Canada only works as a state." What he meant was that Canada should be the 51st state of the USA. He wants Canada to give up its sovereignty and become a part of the USA, and nothing has changed since then.

So is Trump now at war with Canada? Not in the conventional military sense, of course. There has been no declaration of war, but then the USA doesn't declare war anymore before it sends troops into places. But there are no hostile US troops in Canada; let's be clear about that.

But what Trump is doing is economic warfare. He's trying to force Canada to succumb to his will by closing it down economically. He's holding it to ransom. He's literally trying to put a boundary around it because the USA has the ability to do that, because it controls so many of Canada's borders, and this is warfare.

Trump's strategy is very clear. It comes in six parts.

Firstly, he's denying the legitimacy of the Canadian border.

Secondly, he's belittling Canada's status as a sovereign country.

Thirdly, he says Canada should become an American state.

Fourthly, he's saying he will use economic force to bring that about.

Fifthly, he's imposing tariffs to undermine Canada and its economy.

And sixthly, he's offering unification with the USA as a solution to the problem he is deliberately causing by creating the economic damage that is going to harm every Canadian.

You can describe that as the strategy of a madman. It is happening nonetheless.

Mark Carney, Canada's Prime Minister, is saying the USA is at war with his country, and all the evidence is that he's right. The USA is attacking Canada, and its goal is to secure territory. The whole of Canada. That is what war is all about. War has always been about securing economic advantage or collecting extra tax revenues. That is why countries undertake it, and that is why Trump is picking on Canada. He wants to take control.

So what are the issues that flow from this? Well, the big issue is for NATO, the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, set up after the Second World War, of which the UK and just about every country in Europe is now a member, as is the USA, of course, as is Canada. Now, the NATO agreement says that if there is an attack on one member country, the person who undertakes that attack should assume that they have attacked every member country, and every member country will then come to the defence of the one that has been attacked.

This idea was, of course, put in place during the Cold War era. It was assumed that Russia would be the country doing the attacking. It was assumed that a country in Eastern Europe would be the one being hit, but now the USA is attacking Canada. It will attack Greenland next, by the way. That would happen if Canada falls. But in this, NATO is of relevance.

NATO is a defensive alliance. It is not an offensive alliance, so it has no duty to support the USA at this moment. The USA is the country that is on the offensive here.

But it has every reason to defend Canada. Every member of NATO is an ally of Canada. It is being attacked at this moment. It is being attacked by the USA. Every country in NATO should, as far as I can see, come to the support of Canada. But will they? That's the question.

And in the UK we have a very special problem as a result of this attack on Canada. Canada is also part of the Commonwealth of Nations, which is currently headed by King Charles III. We see ourselves as the epicentre of the Commonwealth. It is, of course, the legacy of Empire, and Canada was once part of our empire. We share, rightly or wrongly, a head of state, and we are old allies. That does matter now.

So are we going to stand by and let Canada be oppressed by a hostile force? The hostile force being Donald Trump in the USA? That is what Trump is going to do. He is trying to

oppress Canada. Let's not pretend otherwise. So what are we going to do?

Are we going to call him out?

Are we going to call him out as a Commonwealth country?

Are we going to call him out as a member of NATO?

Are we going to do our duty, in other words, to defend our ally, which is what we have signed up to do?

Will we stand up for our friend against their enemy, which happens to be the USA, with whom we claim to have a special relationship, but we don't anymore?

Let's be realistic about this. The world is not as it was. Let's stop pretending that anything about the USA, as it now is, is anything like the country that we signed all our agreements with.

The USA is not now the benevolent overseer of NATO and the supporter of vulnerable countries, if ever it might have been; and there are questions about that. The USA is now a malign threat to the well-being of its own people, its own future and other countries, and most specifically, at this moment, Canada.

It's a fascist state by any measure that we can apply to these things. And it's currently governed by a regime that is used to, and wants to, act beyond the rule of law. It believes in violence. It imposes it, and it is doing so on Canada. Economic warfare is an act of violence because it is trying to take away the income of the people of Canada, and it's doing that to achieve its goal, which is to take Canadian territory.

So, what is the world going to do about that? That is the question we need to ask. What is the UK going to do about that? Again, that's the question we need to hear from Andy Burnham on. But so far, at the time of recording, we haven't.

The world has had to fight fascists before now. It looks as if it will have to do so again. Donald Trump is a fascist. He's using fascist techniques to line up against what he thinks is a weak state, which he thinks will succumb to economic pressure as a consequence of what he is doing.

Are we going to give in?

Are we going to appease America?

Are we not going to learn the lessons of the 1930s?

Or are we going to stand up and say, "Leave Canada alone, or we will engage in a trade war with you"?

That's what we should be doing. We should be calling the USA out and saying, "Enough." We have literally had enough. You cannot abuse any longer.

When people fail to stand up to abuse, abuse continues, and it gets worse.

We have a choice. Now. We have to stand up to the abuse of Donald Trump, or it will get worse.

That's what I think. What do you think? There's a poll down below. Let us have your opinions. Please do like and share this video. Please do subscribe to this channel. Please do ring the bell button, because that way you get told when we make a new video, and if you'd like to buy Tom and me a coffee, well, they keep us going. I had to take two coffee breaks during the course of making this one, and they're essential to our workflow.

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