



# COMMENT

## Holy Rosary grade 5 class has got it right

Prime Minister Jean Chretien may be rethinking his jubilation over his third straight sweep in November after having spent much of his time since stamping out regional fires.

And any relief the inappropriately named "Rest of Canada" (ROC) may have felt at the recent resignation of Quebec Premier and separatist Lucien Bouchard was likely sapped by the virulently anti-Canada sentiments soon revealed by his likely successor to the post., Bernard Landry.

Not to be left out, Alberta is now chaffing at its association with the ROC and champing at the bit to free itself of this pesky federation.

Even Toronto Mayor Mel Lastman gets in the act now and then by calling for a liberated city. At least if he's able to form a world class nation soon enough, the ROC could dodge a debilitating Olympics debt.

It was the Russian author Tolstoy who wrote that all happy families resemble one another, making the point that interest lies in dissatisfaction. If the same can be said of nations, we must have one of the most interesting around.

Well, one can't choose one's family, but fellow countrymen are a different story. So what'll it be? To be interesting, in the Tolstoy sense? Or to be whole? To see the opinion of a local grade five class, see below.



## OUR READERS WRITE

### Students appalled by Landry's comment about Canadian flag

(The following letter was written to Quebec's Bernard Landry by teacher Cheri DePelsmaeker's grade 5 class at Holy Rosary School. The correspondence was drafted following a class discussion during Canadian heritage studies. The discussion led to students expressing their thoughts about Mr. Landry's recent remark about the Canadian flag.)

Dear Editor:

We are a grade 5 class of proud Canadians.

We have been offended by your remark about our national flag.

Since you're a possible leader of one of our Canadian provinces, we're appalled at the message you're sending to the world, our country and your province.

In spite of your remark, we will continue to fly our 'Maple Leaf' with great pride.

Mrs. DePelsmaeker's grade 5 class  
Holy Rosary School

### The worst drunk driving offenders really don't care what the legal alcohol limit is

Dear Editor:

Re: Will lowering the legal limit keep drunk drivers off the road?

Recently the Province of Quebec announced a move to lower the legal blood alcohol concentration to 0.05 as part of its effort to crack down on impaired driving.

There's a widespread misconception that lowering the legal limit will solve Canada's drunk driving

problem.

But the fact is that the worst offenders don't care what the legal limit is.

They will drink and drive anyway.

Canada has some of the most severe penalties in the world for impaired driving, yet these individuals continue to drink and drive.

In some countries, driving while

impaired and impaired driving in excess of the legal limit aren't considered criminal offenses unless there's an injury or fatality.

Criminalizing the social drinker, with all the costs that would entail, won't remove high BAC drivers from the road.

Emile-J. Therien, president  
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