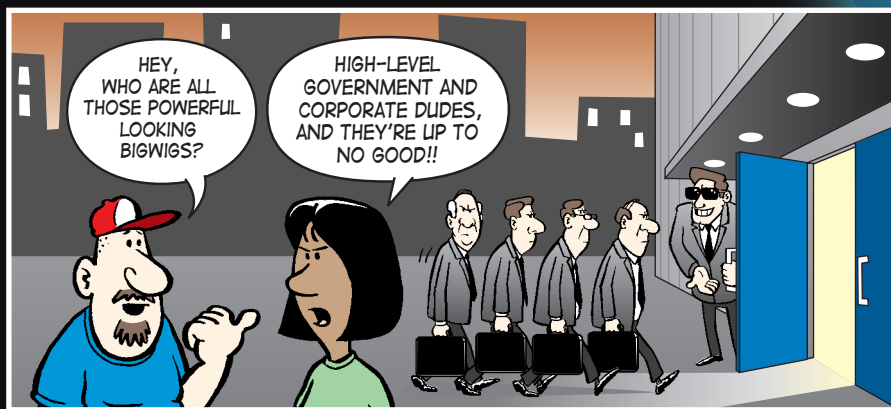


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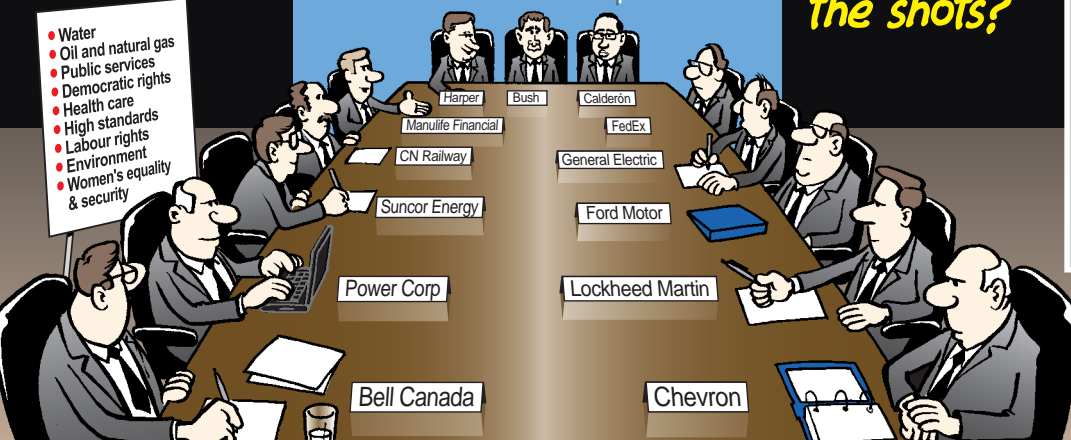
Find out why we must stop the SPP!



## What's at stake?

- Water
- Oil and natural gas
- Public services
- Democratic rights
- Health care
- High standards
- Labour rights
- Environment
- Women's equality & security

## Security and Prosperity Partnership



## Who's calling the shots?




# What's the SPP?

## NAFTA meets U.S. Homeland Security

The Security and Prosperity Partnership is an informal agreement among the three countries of North America (the United States, Canada and Mexico) to work in close cooperation to:


- 1

**Create an integrated, secure perimeter around North America**



← "Security"
- 2

**Ensure an uninterrupted flow of goods within North America and guarantee energy supplies for the U.S.**



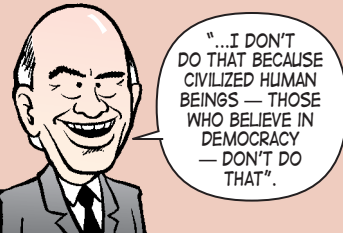
← "Prosperity"

To accomplish these goals, government and business leaders say they are working together to exempt goods and business people from "red tape" and "border delays". Meanwhile, the rest of us face increased surveillance, restrictions on travel, racial profiling and invasive security checks. Is this a democratic model?



### What they said in Montebello

About protesting, Tom d'Aquino of the Canadian Council of Chief Executives said:



Meanwhile, three days after union leaders unmasked them, Quebec police were forced to admit that some of the protesters "arrested" in Montebello were really police agents with rocks infiltrating the crowd!

# A short history of the SPP

**September 11, 2001**

The tragedy of 9/11 opens the door to link trade with security.



**March, 2005**

Prime Minister Paul Martin meets with U.S. President George W. Bush and Mexican President Vicente Fox in **Waco, Texas**. They announce the formation of the Security and Prosperity Partnership.



**March, 2006**

Prime Minister Stephen Harper (only too happy to pick up where Paul Martin left off) meets with Bush and Fox in **Cancún, Mexico**. They call together a group of top CEOs from North America's most powerful corporations, forming the "North American Competitiveness Council." The "NACC" provides the politicians with on-going direction.

**September, 2006**

Reporters uncover a secret, high-level SPP meeting in **Banff, Alberta**, attended by some very powerful business, government **and military** higher-ups from Canada, the U.S. and Mexico. Even after submitting *Access to Information Requests*, we still don't know what our government was doing there. They say the meetings were "private", not "secret."

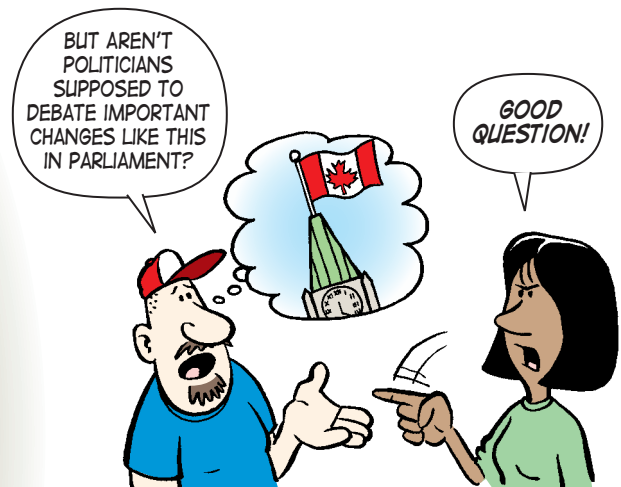


**August, 2007**

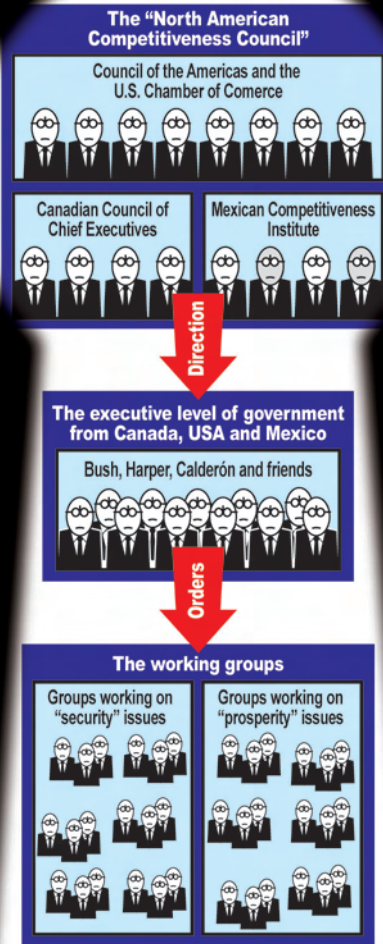
Harper, Bush, and new Mexican president Felipe Calderón meet in **Montebello, Quebec**. They agree to dramatically strengthen corporate rights in four key areas without democratic discussion.

## Why the big secret?

Most people haven't heard much about the SPP, and that's no mistake.



In fact, the architects of the SPP don't want **Parliament** involved. Why? Because they don't want democratic debate getting in the way of their plans, so they've found ways to **avoid Parliament!**



# Who's in the SPP...

← These are the rich and powerful CEOs of North America's biggest corporations. They are advising the governments on what changes are needed and even writing new agreements into the SPP.

← These are the national leaders, cabinet ministers, bureaucrats and military advisers.

← These are the civil servants from the three governments working in small groups, each one tasked with looking at a different area.

# ...and who's locked out.



Members of Parliament — locked out!



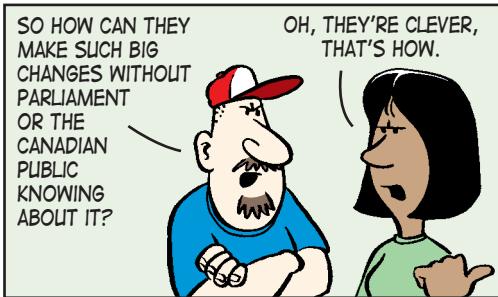
Organizations advocating for workers, women, indigenous peoples, students, racialized groups, low income people, farmers, the environment, public health care, etc. — locked out!



The media — locked out!



The rest of us — locked out!



## Their sneaky strategy: "harmonize" regulations

The people behind the SPP are making big changes. But instead of changing laws, they are changing **regulations**. How? By **harmonizing** Canada's regulations with those of the United States — that's how they get around Parliament. Why is this a problem? Because in most cases it means Canada will now be doing things **the U.S. way**, whether that's good for us or not. In most cases it will mean tougher, stricter regulations for ordinary people and looser, weaker regulations for business, designed by and for themselves. The result? Higher profits for companies **at the expense of peoples' rights and protections!**

Here's an example from the airline industry: Canada is under pressure to lower its standard of one flight attendant for every 40 airline passengers and accept the U.S. rule of one for every 50 seats. These changes will benefit the bottom line but will put public safety at risk! Canadian unions are strongly fighting to stop this measure from going ahead.



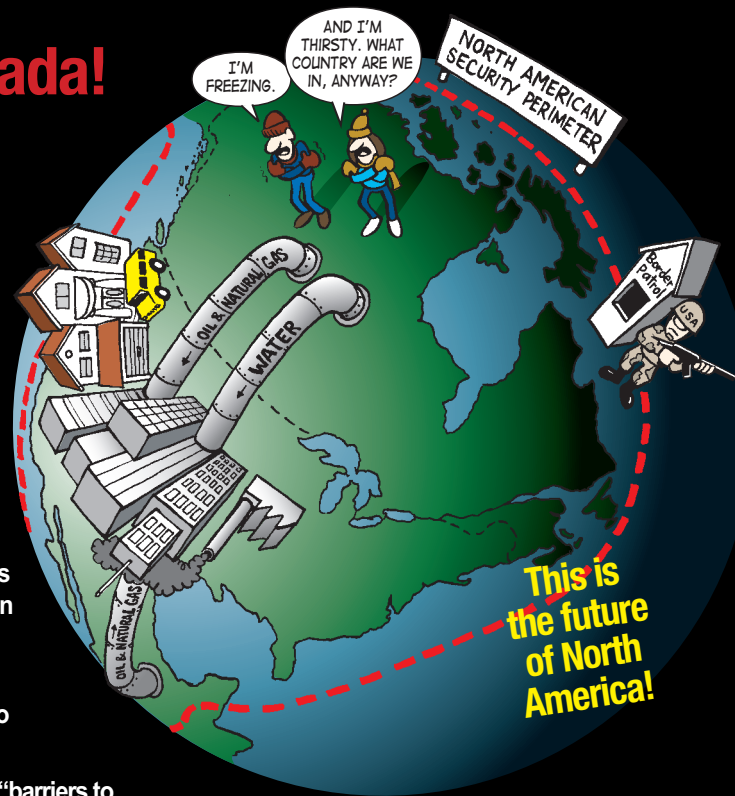
# The SPP is already affecting Canada!

## "SECURITY" agenda

- our energy and water resources seen as fundamental to U.S. national security
- our police and immigration data bases are shared with U.S. security forces
- a Canadian "no-fly list" and "risk profile" for every traveller and transportation worker, along with increased racial profiling
- new pandemic plan integrates our public services and security forces with those in the US and Mexico
- increasing infrastructure for mass surveillance of the population using iris and digital face scans and fingerprints. "Risk management" means that everyone is considered a potential threat
- our public health care system treated as the infrastructure for "emergency preparedness"
- corporate executives take part in decisions about surveillance, the protection of critical infrastructure and emergency planning

## "PROSPERITY" agenda

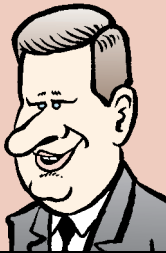
- loosening environmental regulations, faster approval of licenses for pipeline development and a five-fold increase in the export of raw bitumen to be processed in the U.S.
- rapidly developing the tar sands in response to U.S. demand helps drive up the value of the Canadian dollar which affects Canadian manufacturing jobs
- the threat of bulk water exports to the United States
- our regulations being viewed as "barriers to business and trade" instead of "rules necessary to protect the public good"
- rising levels of pesticide residue on our fruits and vegetables
- less public oversight in the approval of new drugs and food safety, and more U.S. corporate control of Canadian TV and radio
- our public services and institutions being undermined in favour of public-private partnerships and privatization
- migrant workers being forced to work under dangerous conditions for low pay, abuse and no access to citizenship rights



### What he said in Montebello

While police fired tear gas and pepper-spray at protestors in Montebello, Quebec, Prime Minister Stephen Harper ridiculed the demonstrators, saying:

"DOES THE STANDARDIZATION OF JELLY BEANS POSE A THREAT TO OUR SOVEREIGNTY?"



## Another North America is possible! Help build it by:

- 1** Finding out more about the Security and Prosperity Partnership
  - [www.canadianlabour.ca](http://www.canadianlabour.ca)
  - [www.canadians.org](http://www.canadians.org)
  - [www.policyalternatives.ca](http://www.policyalternatives.ca)
  - [www.commonfrontiers.ca](http://www.commonfrontiers.ca)
  - [www.rqic.alternatives.ca](http://www.rqic.alternatives.ca)
  - [www.polarisinstitute.org](http://www.polarisinstitute.org)
- 2** Contacting Prime Minister Harper and MPs directly and tell them to stop the SPP immediately until it is discussed honestly and openly with Canadians
  - Prime Minister Harper:**  
Phone: 613-992-4211 / Fax: 613-941-6900  
Email: Harper.S@parl.gc.ca
  - Find your MP at:** [www.parl.gc.ca](http://www.parl.gc.ca)
- 3** Defending the Canada we have built over the years with quality public health care and education, good jobs and a strong social safety net.
- 4** Working with citizens groups in the U.S. and Mexico to defend all three of our countries from corporate domination of our governments and institutions.

*"Working people across this country know the SPP is not about security and prosperity for us. It's about the corporate class being able to get a stranglehold on this country."*

Barb Byers, Executive Vice President, CLC Montebello, August 2007

