

Appeasement

In Richard Lawson's letter (March 16, Letters), he would have us believe that his Canada would exert "an influence of peace and understanding" in Afghanistan instead of "shortsighted warmongering." But when he says that "Branding Canada as America's appendage guarantees Canada will be a target in any massive attack," his real feelings become quite clear. Mr. Lawson doesn't really mean, "It is not too late to run back to higher and safer moral ground." What he means to say is: It is not too late to run for the hills and let someone else do the dirty work in Afghanistan. Your "influence of peace and understanding," Mr. Lawson, is called appeasement.

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