*A Federal Court Strikes Down Justin Trudeau’s Anti-Trucker Emergencies Act*

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In his 2024 address to the World Economic Forum in Davos, Argentinian president Javier Milei affirmed that his duty as head of government was not to guide sheep, but to awaken lions. The state must serve and be responsive to a vibrant and awakened citizenry. In Canada, unfortunately, the sheep—or sheeples—have been herded into the pen and prepared for shearing, others for slaughter. There seems until recently little question of a pride of lions prowling toward parliament, local constituency offices and voting stations.

As Cory Morgan writes in [*The Epoch Times*](https://www.theepochtimes.com/opinion/cory-morgan-as-the-feds-skate-unscathed-from-scandal-to-scandal-its-no-wonder-canadians-have-lost-hope-for-accountability-5569374?utm_source=OP_article_paid&src_src=OP_article_paid&utm_campaign=opinion-2024-01-24-ca&src_cmp=opinion-2024-01-24-ca&utm_medium=email&est=6oSPu7tDbBqkAncJ%2BXuVgqtD3ghgUU%2Bera21LcH%2BeQlagAGs9buQtIDPCd22ge4yKK0%3D), “When citizens no longer have the will to try and hold their government responsible for its actions, democracy itself is at risk. Can anybody blame Canadians for their collective exhaustion?” Apathy and cynicism among the electorate seem to be the order of the current day. Morgan concludes with a warning. “Economic damage from a bad government can be healed. However, the social damage caused by a citizenry that has lost faith in the system could be permanent.”

Canadians seem to have grown inured to a [virtual blizzard](https://nationalpost.com/news/politics/a-short-history-of-justin-trudeaus-scandal-plagued-liberal-government) of Liberal Party corruption scandals, policy failures and dramatic violations of moral conduct—gifts, lobbying, business deals, applauding a [Nazi veteran](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=406huseHyJ4) in the Commons, etc.—the most severe of which culminating in the invocation of the Emergencies Act (originally the War Measures Act) to quash the legitimate Winter 2022 Truckers’ protest against the disastrous vaccine mandates and restrictions. The truckers were hit with volleys of slander by the prime minister and the *vendu* press, multiple arrests, invalidation of licenses and frozen bank accounts, the hallmark practice of totalitarian regimes. Most Canadians barely shrugged.

Will this civic lethargy and political lassitude change in the wake of the January 23/2024 [declaration](https://www.jccf.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2024-01-23-T-306-22-T-316-22-T-347-22-T-382-22-Reasons-FINAL.pdf?mc_cid=5582064794) by a federal judge that the use of the of the Emergencies Act in response to the Freedom Convoy protest was “unreasonable,” and that related regulations infringed on Canadians’ charter rights. Justice Richard Mosley [concluded](https://www.theepochtimes.com/world/invocation-of-emergencies-act-in-response-to-freedom-convoy-was-unreasonable-unjustified-court-ruling-5572115?src_tmp=MOST+POPULAR+NEWS_1_Emergencies+Act%3A+Fed&src_cat=article_widget&src_cmp=article_widget_MOST+POPULAR+NEWS), in his words, “that there was no national emergency justifying the invocation of the Emergencies Act and the decision to do so was therefore unreasonable and *ultra vires* (beyond lawful authority).”

It was, in effect, a brutal violation of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Former first minister and Charter signatory [Brian Peckford](Brian%20Peckford) had pointed out for years that the invoking of the Act was unconstitutional, infringing on Section 1 (*Whereas Canada is founded upon principles that recognize the supremacy of God and the rule of law*), Section 2(b) enshrining (*freedom of thought, expression and belief*) Section 7 (*Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person*), and Section 8 (*the right to be secure against unreasonable search and seizure*.)

Few people listened to Peckford or were disturbed by the authoritarian actions of an increasingly venal and despotic Liberal/NDP government and the vast majority of judges were almost exclusively favorable to the government’s partisan arguments and positions. Indeed, the Liberals intend to appeal the Court’s decision; the fact that Prime Minister Trudeau has appointed [10 of the 15 Appeals Court judges](https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/trudeau-to-challenge-emergencies-act-ruling-in-appeals-court-where-he-appointed-10-of-15-judges/?utm_source=daily-canada-2024-01-25&utm_medium=email) render Justice Mosley’s landmark findings somewhat problematic.

But following the Mosley judgment and extrapolating from the temper of popular sentiment in various newspapers and online chatrooms, substacks and reader responses, as well as from anecdotal experience, it seems that Canadians may be gradually shedding their ovine indifference to their own welfare, perhaps rising to the level of caprine willfulness and determination when heading into the next election. It is a consummation much to be desired. Whether they will awaken into the condition of lions is highly unlikely, but billy goats will do.