

Toronto Anarchists strut their stupidity

If you watched the news at all this last weekend, you saw the destruction of protestors in Toronto over the G20 Summit. It makes no difference where the summits are held, anarchists in Toronto are going to go nuts with protestors wanting attention for their own agendas.

You probably saw how police cars were set on fire and store fronts were smashed. Millions of dollars in damage was done and the city of Toronto feels that the federal government should pay the bill for all the damages. You know what that means don't you? We taxpayers will be paying for the criminal acts of these anarchists.

There were over 500 people arrested and kept in a make-shift jail over night. As the prisoners were being released, there were claims that these anarchists had not been allowed to make phone calls and some had actually gone twelve hours without food. Some even had the "intestinal fortitude" to compare their confinement to Guantanamo Bay prison; oh please! Perhaps a few months in Guantanamo would cure their urge to wreak havoc in the city of a country that actually gives them the right to protest.

But legally protesting doesn't give them the news coverage and attention that anarchists crave so they have to resort to violence. They desire confrontation and when they don't get the attention they think they deserve, they act like spoiled children and throw tantrums.

I strongly doubt that any of these protestors know or even care if any kind of progress was made at the actual summit. Their only concern now is how their civil rights were infringed upon and how much more attention they can milk out of it. I'm sure the weeks ahead will have whining detainees telling media how they were mistreated and how their lives flashed before their eyes because of the brutality. But will any of them consider just staying home next time? Of course not.

Perhaps there should be a law that states rioters who cause such damage have their bank accounts frozen and wages garnished until they have cleaned up and paid for their own mess.

One of the people arrested was a CTV representative who was trying to deliver a DVD of the happenings. The police simply told him that he, of all people, should have known not to cross the police line.

I was also disappointed to see that the riots of Toronto took precedence over the deaths of two more Canadian soldiers. I couldn't help thinking that since these anarchists go looking for and creating conflict, perhaps they are the ones that should be in Afghanistan. Let them throw their tantrums about civil rights in a country that is accustomed to unrest.

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