

Open Letter to Prime Minister Mark Carney

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Dear Prime Minister Carney,

I suppose every country has its stereotypes.

When Canada comes up, people usually think of hockey, long winters, maple syrup, politeness, and the habit of apologizing more often than necessary—and, of course, the maple leaf, a symbol featured on the national flag and recognized almost everywhere in the world.

Most countries are associated with a specific symbol. Canada chose a leaf. It is perhaps one of the few countries confident enough to place the maple leaf at the center of its flag and make it the symbol of the entire nation.

It is amusing that many Canadians readily laugh at these stereotypes.

But there is a less pleasant side to this: hockey, the maple leaf, syrup, and politeness won't pay the rent.

And that is precisely where politics enters the conversation.

Canada remains one of the most attractive countries in the world.

Millions of people would happily trade places with the average Canadian.

The country remains safe, democratic, relatively prosperous, and endowed with immense natural wealth.

Most Canadians understand this.

At the same time, many increasingly feel that achieving something significant has become harder than it used to be.

The dream of buying a home.

The dream of building savings.

The dream that the next generation will automatically live better than the last.

For many young Canadians, these things no longer seem guaranteed.

Housing has become the main topic of countless conversations.

A country with a vast territory somehow struggles to provide affordable housing for a significant portion of its own citizens.

This contradiction causes frustration for many people.

Another issue is labor productivity and economic growth.

Canada has talented people.

Canada has resources.

Canada has world-class universities. And yet, many observers are concerned that the country is not leveraging these advantages to achieve the level of economic dynamism that is well within reach.

Immigration is another topic that requires an honest discussion.

Canada has long benefited from immigration.

Many newcomers have contributed to building the country.

However, successful immigration requires housing, infrastructure, healthcare, schools, and social integration.

When population growth outpaces the capacity to expand these systems, tensions inevitably arise.

Pretending these problems do not exist serves no one's interests.

I appreciate your approach to leadership: you often speak of the economy not as a political slogan, but as a practical challenge.

This is important.

After all, a government is ultimately judged not by its speeches, but by its results.

Can people afford housing?

Can businesses grow?

Can families feel secure?

Do young people see a future for themselves?

These questions are far more important than partisan squabbles.

Canada does not need to become a different country. Most people around the world

would consider Canada already highly successful.

What it needs now is the confidence that this success can be sustained.

The coming decade could determine whether Canada remains merely a pleasant place to live or transforms into one of the world's most economically successful nations.

My overall assessment:

4 out of 5.

Canada remains a strong, stable, and respected country. While significant challenges regarding housing affordability, productivity, and infrastructure remain unresolved, government institutions function effectively, and the country's growth prospects are substantial.

Sincerely,

A Canadian Citizen

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