

Ottawa is betting on a Europe that no longer exists

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Carney is courting Brussels instead of confronting Canada’s growing constitutional divisions

On Oct. 5, Quebec voters returned the separatist Parti Québécois to power after more than a decade in the wilderness. Its leader, Paul St-Pierre Plamondon, has promised a third referendum on sovereignty during his first mandate. On Monday, Albertans voted on whether to take the first step toward a referendum on separation.

St-Pierre Plamondon will lead a minority government, five seats short of a majority, and has promised to wait until Donald Trump leaves the White House in January 2029 before holding a sovereignty referendum. Quebec voters also wiped out the governing Coalition Avenir Quebec, which lost every seat it held, and sent 19 Conservatives to the National Assembly, the first elected to the Quebec legislature since 1935. The Alberta vote would not itself authorize separation, but it could set in motion the legal process toward a second, binding referendum.

That one of Canada’s major provinces has just formed a separatist government while another considers taking the first step toward separation should cause all Canadians to wonder whether we have some serious unresolved constitutional issues. Rather than brandishing our elbows at the American president and daydreaming about a yet-to-be-defined association with Europe, Canada may want to put its own house in order. We are not the only ones busy with elections. In Spain, Socialist Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez has dissolved the Spanish Parliament, triggering early elections. The vote, to be held on Nov. 29, follows a series of blunders and missteps by the leftist leader.

With his wife facing trial on corruption charges and his government unable to deal with the influx of Moroccan migrants into Ceuta earlier this summer, Sánchez was already under pressure. The rejection of his housing proposals by Parliament was the final straw, forcing him to call an early election. The outlook for Sánchez going into this election is not bright. Polls consistently show that his socialist government is in trouble as both the centre-right People’s Party and the right-wing Vox surge. Unfortunately for Sánchez and his left-leaning allies, Spain is not the only country ditching the left for a more nationalist right.

In Italy, Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni and her right-wing government remain at the top of the opinion polls as she lauds Italy’s historic heritage of Christianity, Roman law and Greek rationality. In France, “far-right” presidential candidate Marine Le Pen leads polling in both rounds for the French presidential election next year. And in Germany, the Alternative für Deutschland, an even further-right party, is going from success to success in state elections while challenging the country’s traditional centrist parties. That all of these parties entertain, to some extent, Eurosceptic views is making Brussels very uneasy. When it comes to Europe, the European Union of Carney’s dreams is on the ropes and his preferred partners are going down in rapid succession. However, it’s doubtful that any of this will change Carney’s mind as he pursues his idealized vision of Europe. Carney has long mused about a rupture with the United States, well before his celebrated Davos speech earlier this year. In part, this may reflect Carney’s preference for a greater government role in directing investment, rather than leaving those decisions entirely to private interests. He appears to believe this approach puts him in step with the European Union. The difficulty is that the Europe of Carney’s imagination is largely a figment. If it ever did exist, it has long since passed, with the Eurosceptic right coming to dominate the continent. The days of bankers and bureaucrats managing a pacified population are coming to an end.

Looking south, we come across a similar phenomenon in Latin America. The day before the Quebec vote, Brazil held its national elections, including a presidential election in which right-wing candidate Flávio Bolsonaro outpaced leftist President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva. While Bolsonaro did not secure the majority needed to win outright in the first round, he is the front-runner in the runoff against Lula on Oct. 25. Bolsonaro’s upset follows a series of Latin American elections that have seen the region shift from left-wing domination to predominantly right-wing governments. Just as important, several of these governments are cozying up to the U.S., creating a de facto hemispheric alliance. While Carney looks across the Atlantic, much of the hemisphere is moving in precisely the opposite direction.

Unlike many of the Western Hemisphere’s nations, Canada has decided to poke the American hegemon in the eye, fumble a trade deal negotiation, and sidle up to an imaginary Europe. As Canada has its hissy fit, even Greenland has managed to strike a security deal with Washington. Trump’s updated version of the Monroe Doctrine may be finding more willing partners than Ottawa cares to admit.

Sadly for Canada, as we mindlessly follow Carney off the international cliff like lemmings, we refuse to address the constitutional dysfunction in our own country that fuels not one but two separatist movements. Perhaps the best we can say about it all is that Quebec’s premier-designate has promised to wait out Donald Trump. That buys Ottawa at least two years to take the Constitution seriously. Judging by its priorities, it will spend them courting Brussels. Collin May, a Harvard graduate and lawyer, is a senior fellow with the Frontier Centre for Public Policy, an adjunct lecturer with the Cumming School of Medicine at the University of Calgary, and the former chief of the Alberta Human Rights Commission.



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SATAN’S CHOICE: A NEW GENERATION, A NEW PURPOSE, A NEW LEGACY

By Mr. ‘X’ ~ John Mutton, Former Mayor of Clarington

Satan’s Choice is a name woven into Ontario’s motorcycle history. It represents a tradition, a brotherhood and a story that stretches back generations. Today, a new generation is adding its own chapter. I believe that chapter deserves to be heard. What interests me most is the people involved, the lives they are building and the good they are doing in their communities. I have a personal reason for asking. I know Harley Guindon. I have watched him work to build a different life, and I have encouraged him along the way.

A legacy and a new chapter

Bernie Guindon is an important figure in the history of Satan’s Choice and Ontario motorcycle culture. His story is well known, and the club’s legacy has endured for decades. Now Harley Guindon and a new generation have an opportunity to honour that heritage while creating something that reflects who they are today: people with families, businesses, friendships and a commitment to their communities. For me, that is what makes this story worth telling.

A lunch at the Albany Club

In October 2021, I invited Harley to lunch at Toronto’s Albany Club. It was an opportunity to recognize the hard work I had seen him put into his life and business. Harley later described the lunch in an Instagram post dated October 7, 2021. He recalled asking why I would risk bringing him there. My response, as he recounted it, was that he had spent five years changing his way of thinking and becoming a legitimate businessman; past mistakes should not forever tarnish someone who had worked hard to change.

His public reflection on that meeting meant a great deal to me. What I wanted him to understand was simple: recognition and respect are not reserved for people with perfect histories. They can also be earned through effort, accountability and a sustained commitment to doing better. I was recognizing a friend whose determination and progress I respected.

A new generation, under an old name

Harley has spoken publicly about reviving Satan’s Choice with his father Bernie’s blessing. There is something meaningful about a son carrying forward a name connected so closely to his father, while helping shape its future in his own way. In Oshawa, Harley G’s has become a visible part of his business and community identity.

Councillor Brian Nicholson has also commented publicly on Harley G’s and its presence in Oshawa. I see this new chapter as an opportunity to highlight fellowship, entrepreneurship and community service—qualities that deserve attention wherever they appear.

From Reputation to Community Responsibility

We now have several public examples worth examining. In an August 27 Facebook post, Harley G’s Oshawa promoted its backpack drive for local children. The appeal sought backpacks, pencil sharpeners, binders, scissors, lunch kits and school-safe snacks, with donations accepted at its Simcoe Street South location. It was a straightforward request for the community to help students begin the school year prepared.

In October, Harley Guindon publicly promoted Christmas food and toy collections for Oshawa. A separate post by Barrett Thompson announced a holiday donation initiative associated with Satan’s Choice Rivers Edge MC. These posts document charitable appeals and stated intentions; they should not be confused with independently audited donation totals.

And in Sudbury, local reporting described members of the revived Satan’s Choice serving food to people at the Energy Court homeless encampment. Feeding neighbours who need a hand is a generous, practical act, and one worth celebrating.

Taken together, these examples show a willingness to show up for others. They tell an encouraging story about people using their time, resources and connections to make a difference.

When I sat with Harley at the Albany Club five years ago, I believed that people deserved a chance to build a different future. These community initiatives are among the examples that deserve to be part of that conversation.

A Code Worth Living By

There is another aspect of motorcycle club culture that I have always respected: the importance placed on integrity, loyalty, respect and standing by your word. A handshake should mean something. A commitment should mean something. And when you give someone your word, you should be prepared to stand behind it. These are principles I believe are essential to what Harley Guindon and the new generation of Satan’s Choice are working to achieve today. Having spent much of my life in municipal and provincial political circles, I cannot help but draw a comparison. Imagine how much better our political institutions would function if every elected representative approached public service with that same commitment to personal integrity, mutual respect and keeping promises. We spend considerable time talking about codes of conduct, ethics rules and accountability in politics. Yet the most fundamental principles are remarkably simple: tell the truth, respect others, honour your commitments and stand by your word. Oshawa. Those values should never belong exclusively to any club, organization or profession. They should be the foundation of how we conduct ourselves everywhere, including in the halls of our legislatures. And perhaps that is one of the most important messages in the new chapter of Satan’s Choice: a legacy is built not simply on the name you carry, but on the principles you choose to live by.

From Ontario to the World

What makes this new chapter of Satan’s Choice particularly remarkable is how quickly Harley Guindon’s vision has grown. What was initially envisioned as an Ontario-based motorcycle club soon expanded across Canada, then across North America and, according to the club’s own account, now includes several chapters internationally. But to me, the significance is not simply how many chapters open or how many members wear the Satan’s Choice colours. It is about the values that travel with them. If the principles of respect, integrity, loyalty and standing by one’s word that Harley is working to instill become the foundation of every new chapter, the potential positive influence reaches far beyond Oshawa. Every community with a Satan’s Choice chapter could benefit from members who embrace those principles and demonstrate them through their actions.

That is the opportunity before Harley and the new generation: to build something international while maintaining the personal values and community spirit that inspired its revival.

A club can expand through its membership. But its legacy grows through the respect it earns.

Building a legacy through action

A legacy is built through the things people do, often quietly and without expecting recognition. That is why these efforts matter. The new generation of Satan’s Choice has an opportunity to become known for supporting children, helping families, feeding people in need and being good neighbours. The examples we are already seeing are encouraging. I am pleased to recognize this positive work, and I hope it inspires more of the same. I know Harley as a person, a businessman and a friend. I have seen the work he has put into building his future, and I believe that work deserves to be recognized. The next chapter is ours to write. And that is how a new legacy grows.



When it comes to providing security for my home and or business, what type of security is most effective?

By Tom Reimer

Protecting a home or business requires more than a single security product. Criminals often seek the weakest point of entry, making a layered security strategy the most effective approach. Security alarms, locks and doors, security film, security screens, and security glass each provide different forms of protection. Understanding their advantages and limitations can help property owners choose the right combination for their needs.

Security alarms are among the most common security measures. Modern alarm systems can detect intrusions, motion, glass breakage, smoke, and other threats. Their primary advantage is immediate notification. When an alarm is triggered, the owner, monitoring center, or authorities can be alerted quickly. However, alarms do not physically stop a break-in. A thief may still gain access before police or security personnel arrive. While highly effective as a deterrent and early warning system, alarms are best paired with physical security solutions.

Locks and reinforced doors provide the foundation of physical security. High-quality deadbolts, commercial-grade hardware, and steel-reinforced doors can significantly slow forced entry attempts. Strong doors create an important barrier that can discourage criminals looking for an easy target. Their weakness, however, is that they only protect designated entry points. If windows or glass storefronts remain vulnerable, intruders may simply bypass the door altogether. Even the strongest lock is only as secure as the frame and structure surrounding it.

Security film offers an affordable way to strengthen existing glass. Applied directly to windows or doors, the film helps hold shattered glass together when impacted. This can delay entry, reduce injury from flying shards, and increase the effort required for a break-in. Security film is often used in homes, offices, and retail environments because it is relatively inexpensive compared to replacing glass. However, the glass itself can still break, and determined attackers may eventually penetrate it through repeated strikes.

Security screens add another layer of protection by covering doors and windows with reinforced mesh and durable frames. They provide excellent resistance to cutting, prying, and kicking while still allowing ventilation and visibility. Security screens are popular in residential applications where airflow and comfort are important. Although effective, they work best alongside strong locks and other protective measures rather than as a standalone solution.

Security glass provides the highest level of protection among these options. Unlike ordinary glass, security glazing is designed to resist impact, remain intact after repeated strikes, and significantly delay or prevent forced entry. Laminated and high-security glazing systems are commonly used in jewelry stores, pharmacies, financial institutions, and other high-risk environments. Unlike security film, which strengthens existing glass, security glass is engineered from the ground up to resist attack.

Ultimately, the strongest security strategy combines multiple layers of protection. Alarms provide notification, locks secure access points, security film reinforces existing windows, screens add another physical barrier, and security glass delivers superior resistance against forced entry. When used together, these solutions create a comprehensive defense that protects people, property, and valuable assets while greatly reducing opportunities for criminals to succeed. For businesses facing smash-and-grab risks and homeowners seeking maximum protection, security glass remains the most powerful physical barrier, while alarms, locks, film, and screens work together to form a complete security solution.