



"I live a dream in a nightmare world"

Always Remember That The Cosmic Blueprint Of Your Life Was Written In Code Across The Sky At The Moment You Were Born. Decode Your Life By Living It Without Regret or Sorrow. - ONE DAY AT A TIME -

The Killing Of A Profession Scoundrels - Pretender & Wanabe's

By Joe Ingino BA. Psychology
Editor/Publisher Central Newspapers
ACCOMPLISHED WRITER/AUTHOR OF OVER 800 ,000
Published Columns in Canada and The United States

This past week, we witnessed Whitby councillor Victoria Bozinovski asking the town to report back on how to get around the law and not hire legal immigrants. This is illegal, racist, xenophobic, and unacceptable. In turn, it could cost the Town hundreds of thousands of dollars to defend. My stance on immigration is not the issue here. If you want your opinions on immigration reform heard, take them to your local MP. Understanding the law and jurisdiction is an essential life skill.

This situation sparked interest from a right-wing, online-only, self-proclaimed news group. Here is where the problem arises. Today, anyone and everyone can claim to be a journalist—and that is far from the truth. It is also an insult to a profession that has played a very important role in society.

In this case, Rebel News took it upon itself to go after an elected official. No justification can rationalize unprofessional behaviour. This particular reporter acted more like an activist than a bona fide journalist.

Journalism, by definition, involves researching, gathering, verifying, and presenting news and information to the public through print or broadcast. Journalists act as community watchdogs, maintaining accountability while operating under ethical guidelines to provide accurate, fair, and contextual information.

What took place was not reporting. It was not journalism. It was an attack driven by an agenda regarding a particular decision by the councillor.

She is not innocent either. I think it is wrong for any elected official to politicize their opinions and then hide behind their sexual orientation. Her blunt, label-driven approach toward a very sensitive issue like immigration was inappropriate. It appears that, when faced with limited argument, it has become fashionable to point fingers and label others—as she did in her statement: "not hire legal immigrants is illegal, racist, xenophobic, and garbage."

First and foremost, she should tone down her aggressive position. She is supposed to be a representative of all people. That means everyone. Her statement isolates some and empowers others—and, worse, it shows a lack of national pride and understanding of the issues facing society.

For her, it was easier to point and label. Wrong. I believe she should apologize and retract her statement. As for the alt-right activist group masquerading as journalists—their actions are understandable, but not justified.

Their aggressiveness may make sense, but it is still unacceptable. So how do we get a right from two wrongs? We don't. This is a sign of the times. Society is fractured. On one hand, we have elected officials in roles for which they may lack the necessary understanding of society as a whole. Instead, they make personal attempts to deal with issues that are beyond their capabilities.

Victoria is not alone—this kind of confusion is evident across Canada. So what does that tell us, as taxpayers and as people who see the bigger picture?

Perhaps it is time to reconsider municipal governments, as they are clearly not representing everyone's best interests.

As for activists masquerading as journalists—the same criticism applies. We cannot go around pretending to be something we are not.

Activists in the media are a dime a dozen. At best, they are columnists—not journalists. In this case, the activist uses a video camera to justify whatever angle they choose to push. This is wrong because it confuses the public and feeds the highway of misinformation.

The fact that they do not print or broadcast in the traditional sense, as per the definition above, speaks to their credibility. To add insult to injury, this reporter has had multiple run-ins with the law for similar occurrences. A good journalist asks the right questions and leaves the subject wanting to have their side heard.

What took place in Whitby was unprofessional—from both the activist and the councillor.

Two wrongs never make a right, just as two rights will never solve everything or anything — because perfection is an elusive concept that requires a good journalist to help interpret.

JOE INGINO
Proud Member of:

- Royal Canadian Legion #43 ★ Member since 2014
- MASON LODGE No 649 Oshawa ★ Member since 2016
- Moose Lodge 2132 Oshawa Lodge 2132/WOTM Chapter 1759 ★ Member since 2015
- WING 420 ★ Member since 2017
- WE ARE OSHAWA ★ Member since 2015
- ✓ Wheeling and Area Chamber of Commerce ★ Member since 2000
- ✓ Weirton Chamber of Commerce ★ member since 2000
- ✓ Wetzel County Chamber of Commerce ★ member since 2000
- Former Kiwanis Westmount (Oshawa)
- Former Kinsmen of Oshawa Member 2015 - of Courtice 2015, Secretary 2017
- Former Courtice Lions Club
 - Member 2015 (Director)
 - Member of fundraising committee 2017
 - Chair of Membership 2017
 - Vice President - 2017-18
- Oshawa Naval Veterans Club ★ Honorary 2025
- C.O.P. Canadian Owners and Pilots Association ★ Member Since 2026
- City Of Oshawa Mayoral Candidate 2014, 2018, 2022,
- City Of Oshawa Mayoral Candidate 2025, Member of Provincial Parliament candidate for *The New Blue Party*

★ JOE INGINO IS A PROFESSIONAL JOURNALIST & ★
ACCOMPLISHED WRITER/AUTHOR OF OVER
800,000 Published Columns in Canada and The United States

The CENTRAL NEWSPAPER
Well Written, Well Read · Time Tested And Proven
#1 Newspaper Across Durham Region · Supporting Local
Supporting Local Businesses

The Middle East Crisis and the Fragility of the Global Economy
by Maj (ret'd) CORNELIU, CHISU, CD, PMSC
FEC, CET, P.Eng.
Former Member of Parliament
Pickering-Scarborough East

The world is once again being reminded—brutally and unequivocally—that geopolitics still drives economics. The unfolding crisis in the Middle East is not a distant regional conflict. It is a direct test of the resilience, or lack thereof, of the global economic system.

For years, policymakers in Western capitals have spoken confidently about diversification, energy transition, and supply chain resilience. Yet today, a single region—already burdened by decades of instability—retains the capacity to send shockwaves through every major economy on the planet. That is not merely a policy failure. It is a strategic oversight.

At the heart of the current crisis lies energy. The Middle East remains the central artery of global oil and liquefied natural gas flows. A significant portion of the world's energy supply still passes through narrow maritime corridors such as the Strait of Hormuz. When instability threatens that flow, markets react instantly—and often violently.

We are already seeing the consequences. Oil prices have surged, driven not only by actual supply disruptions but also by the anticipation of further escalation. Energy markets are uniquely sensitive to risk, and even the perception of constrained supply can trigger rapid price increases. The result is a cascading effect across the global economy.

Energy is not just another commodity. It is the foundation upon which all economic activity rests. When energy costs rise, transportation becomes more expensive. Manufacturing costs increase. Agricultural production becomes more costly. Airlines, logistics firms, and heavy industry all feel the pressure simultaneously. Ultimately, those costs are passed on to consumers.

This is how a regional conflict becomes global inflation. Central banks now face a familiar and uncomfortable dilemma. Over the past few years, they have fought to bring inflation under control through higher interest rates. Just as inflation appeared to be stabilizing, this new shock threatens to reverse that progress.

If energy prices remain elevated, central banks may be forced to keep rates higher for longer—even as economic growth slows. This is the classic recipe for stagflation: weak growth combined with persistent inflation. It is a scenario that most policymakers had hoped was confined to the 1970s. Yet history has a way of repeating itself when its lessons are ignored.

The impact will not be evenly distributed. Energy-importing economies—particularly in Asia and parts of Europe—are especially vulnerable. Higher import costs will strain public finances, widen trade deficits, and put pressure on currencies. Developing economies, already dealing with debt burdens and limited fiscal space, may face even harsher consequences.

Meanwhile, global supply chains are once again under stress. Shipping routes are being rerouted. Insurance costs are rising. Delivery times are becoming less predictable. Businesses that spent years recovering from pandemic-era disruptions now face a new layer of uncertainty.

What we are witnessing is not simply a temporary disruption. It is a reminder of the structural vulnerabilities embedded within the global economy. From a strategic perspective, this crisis underscores a fundamental truth: economic security is national security. Nations that rely heavily on external sources for critical inputs—whether energy, food, or industrial materials—are inherently exposed to geopolitical risk.

Diversification is not a slogan. It is a necessity. For Canada, the implications are both cautionary and instructive. As an energy-producing nation with vast natural resources, Canada has the potential to play a stabilizing role in global markets. Yet for years, infrastructure constraints and regulatory uncertainty have limited our ability to fully realize that potential. This is not merely an economic issue. It is a question of strategic positioning. In a world where energy security is once again at the forefront, countries that can provide reliable, stable supply will hold significant geopolitical influence.

Canada should be among them.

That requires a clear and coherent national strategy—one that balances environmental responsibility with economic realism. It means investing in infrastructure, streamlining regulatory processes, and strengthening partnerships with allies. It also means recognizing that the energy transition, while essential, will not eliminate global dependence on hydrocarbons in the near term. The current crisis also highlights the importance of maritime security. Protecting key shipping lanes is not just a military objective; it is an economic imperative. Disruptions in these corridors affect everything from fuel prices to food supply chains. International cooperation in safeguarding these routes must remain a priority.

Ultimately, the lesson of this moment is straightforward. The global economy is more interconnected than ever, but it is not necessarily more resilient. Efficiency has often been prioritized over security. Just-in-time supply chains have replaced strategic reserves. Cost optimization has taken precedence over risk mitigation.

Those choices are now being tested.

The Middle East crisis will eventually subside, as all crises do. However, the vulnerabilities it has exposed will remain. The question is whether policymakers will act on those lessons or return to complacency once markets stabilize.

We cannot afford the latter. If there is one enduring take-away, it is this: resilience must become the organizing principle of economic policy. That means building redundancy into supply chains, diversifying energy sources, and aligning economic strategy with geopolitical realities.

The cost of inaction is no longer theoretical. It is being measured, in real time, at the pump, in grocery stores, and across global markets. Are these costs the world can afford to ignore? What do you think?

READ THE OSHAWA DURHAM CENTRAL NEWSPAPER
Durham's ONLY In Print Newspaper
SUBSCRIBE TODAY!
(905) 432-2657
newspaper@ocentral.com
Email us your comments, news tips, and community stories.