

Dear Mr. Montpetit.

Below are my responses to your eight e-mail questions of March 22, 2023. I insist that you use my responses either in full, as part of an accurate and fair-minded summary, or not at all.

If you choose the second alternative, **do not** cherry pick the words and phrases that support your narrative bias which is blatant in your tone and in the nature of your questions.

If you make the last choice, **do not** say you reached out and I refused comment or use some other variation of that journalistic trick. It would be a falsehood and might have legal implications for you if it proves malicious or dishonest.

I am responding here. You must say that I responded my way, not according to your script. **I will be watching.**

I have consulted legal counsel and received advice from experienced sources knowledgeable about media practices. I have a plan in place for follow-up legal or administrative response. I will evaluate any disregard you show for my conditions should your report cause me, my family, my foundation, or my business relationships any material harm. I trust this is understood. If you have any questions about my approach, please do not hesitate to ask.

Until then, let me answer you by asking some questions of my own, beginning with this one: Who do you think you are?

Repeatedly in your questions you ask me to justify to you how I, as a private individual with a private foundation, legally and in accord with all tax requirements, *give away* my private wealth. Do you not understand you are an employee of a State-funded corporation whose financial existence depends upon politically motivated granting of public tax dollars – indeed many of *my* tax dollars that I am obliged to hand over to your corporation?

Does being a “senior investigative reporter” blind you to the obvious misalignment here. It is I who should be asking you whether you or your superiors are ever directed by the Prime Minister’s Office or the Liberal Party of Canada to toe the party line. It is I who should be asking whether you are ever bidden to “investigate” and create documentaries for the greater good of the current government.

The question isn’t abstract.

Only this week, Adam Zivo asked in the National Post why the CBC has demonstrated such a “questionable and partisan” approach to the allegations about Chinese government interference in Canadian elections. He suggested the answer might lie in its track record as “the Liberals’ state-funded PR wing.” Whether you like the description or not, Mr. Montpetit, inquiring minds want to know.

Did the lofty title of “senior investigative reporter” prevent you from recognizing that those inquiring minds are far more keen to know about the Communist Party of China undermining our democratic foundations than they care about the obscurity you refer to as “Christian Reconstructionism in Canada.” Do you not realize that there may be a more credible “organizing principle” at work in your documentary? Did you not, as a “senior investigative reporter,” consider that matter before spending State-funded resources on your documentary?

Having asked who you think you are, I must now ask how stupid you think I am.

Do you really believe I am so gullible that I would fail to see you are simply using me as a late-stage prop to lend your “documentary” a pretence of journalistic “fairness?”

Think about it, Mr. Montpetit. I have had a business career so successful it allows me to give away more money than you will earn as a State-funded corporate employee in your lifetime. Why, then, would you assume, as you apparently do, that I lack the ability to read the bias in your characterizations of individuals well as in your questions to me personally?

I will suppress the natural assumption that being a “senior investigative journalist” comes with alarming levels of obtuseness and ask you a final question directly and in all sincerity. Is your “documentary” an exercise in anti-Christian hostility – either on your part or that of your superiors – rather than an effort to “tell Canadian stories” as the CBC once insisted was its mandate? If so, and unlike you I don’t presume to know the answer before the question is even asked, I would say you need to give serious thought to the work you are doing, and whether it even qualifies as journalism.

You have my answers. I wait for your reply.