Re Laibar Singh

I agree heartily with you that the man should be extradited immediately without any further niceties. Though I have plenty of compassion in my bosom, the way he and his crowd have shown flagrant disrespect for Canadian authority and law is beyond all bounds.

I do not agree that he should be given a chance to reapply. He has shown himself for what he is. We do not need his kind.

Having lived in the so-called Third World for most of my working life, I recognize in his story all the symptoms so native to that world of tribalism—my tribe and its members uber alles!—that has wrecked many countries and keeps them down. Another recognizable trait is total disregard and disrespect for law and authority.

The do-gooders in immigration and your lawyer friend have no idea what awaits you when you import such people en masse. This saga should give them a sample of what lies ahead when you import those 10,000 waiting in New Delhi and elsewhere.

Though I understand the hesitation of the authorities, they better do something decisive this time, even using force if necessary, if they don’t want to become the total laughing stock of that crowd.

Our Western gentrified politeness simply does not work in such contexts. You need to treat them in ways Laibar and his crowd understand—force.

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1 Letter to Pete McMartin, VS columnist, about an abusive immigrant.