

# Links between the notion of separatism in Quebec and the Catholic religion

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For Quebecois of origin, people coming from elsewhere, are perceived by the residents as foreigners. The foreigners, for a strong percentage of Quebecois of origin - about 20% - are people toward whom we have to develop mistrust and even worse, if a fellow citizen seems to differ from the majority, this latter one is immediately excluded from the group, « everyone alike like the bees» ! It is an implicit order that touches the collective unconsciousness of a lot of Quebecois of origin. The human group must have the same color, the same language and the same religion ! You are not to come out of that framework or else ostracism develops and it is the beginning of hateful behavior, sometime even destructive and despicable. Then imagine how a percentage of Quebecois of origin perceived the English. They practice for the most another religion. They did not speak French and worst of all, a lot of them were very rich !

The reality tells us a different story concerning the English. These people coming from elsewhere, were very much like us Quebecois of origin, except when it comes to religious education. For those latter as a whole, religion is a personal matter which is not taught in school. The English, as opposes to Quebecois of origin, do not learn religious notion in school as we do. However, they learn how to do business everywhere around the world. For us, Quebecois of origin, becoming a priest or nun was what was well seen to want to prosper and become rich ! Priest would say that it is more difficult for a rich to go to heaven than for a camel to pass through the hole of a needle. Wealth for our grandparents was badly seen because of the Catholic religion. That is why the majority of Quebecois of origin did not have the money to start a business. Things began to change after the « *quiet revolution* » at the time when we collectively kicking out our religious dictators. Even so, we citizen, Quebecois of origin, risk to live a collective “neurosis” because of the hatred that developed in the past. This hatred grew slowly because of the language and the religion, all encouraged by our francophone priest. What cemented the French Canadians together was the religion. With that cement, (religion) trust toward the foreigners was impossible to develop for a lot of us.

Me, Jean-Pierre Chabot, I have been expelled from the French public

school, even if I am a Quebecois of origin. As a child and as teenager, I only has access to public French school for three and half years. I did not enter the rigid framework of the thinkers, the organizers of our francophone, white and Catholic society. I was not Catholic anymore and those responsible of public education stole my right to education. I was expelled the tenth of December 1953. I lost my citizen rights, like a criminal. At the beginning of January 1954, hundreds of children Quebecois of origin were also expelled from French public schools. The religious hatred manifested itself directly against us. We were not part of the group anymore, even if we were white and francophone.

The thinkers of this abject action are Paul-Émile Léger, chief of the Catholic Church at the time, Lionel Groulx, counselor of the bishops, Monseigneur Aldée Desmarais of Amos, Monseigneur Albert Sanschagrin, Prime Minister Maurice Duplessis, his Ministers and other accomplices difficult to identify since this injustice lasted from 1953 to the creation of the law 101 or just about. The creator of the law 101 are the same kind of intellectuals who rejected other cultures in Quebec and who did me wrong from 1953 until now. They created this law to supposedly protect our Quebec culture. Me, young child, I could not go to the French public school because I could have influenced the other students. With a different point of view, my fellow citizen would maybe reasoned. Then, the religious leaders, reasoning by the flock was not what they hoped for. That is the reason why hundreds of children of Quebec were submitted to that shameful injustice, kept secret by the accommodating francophone media. Law 101 permitted the political leaders, influenced by the religious environment in which they were educated, to oblige the children of Quebec to adapt by force to our pseudo culture, not to say, to our particular culture.

Those Quebec intellectuals who came from the great colleges influenced by de Church, were mistaken on the whole line as today, we have proof of that. Our closed in Quebec culture could not attract ethnos groups without using laws. Parizeau made it well understood after losing his referendum in 1995 : « It is the fault of money and of the ethnos groups » ! If those responsible of education had used kindness instead of hatred, instead of being despicable toward the difference, maybe the ethnos groups coming from elsewhere would have accepted to be closer to the Quebecois. Even today, it is impossible because an important percentage of us collectively want to keep the Quebec culture closed, the separatist movement is the uncontestable proof. Even more, I who travel across the country, regularly see Quebecois of origin ridiculizing Quebecois and Canadians perceived as different. For the

separatist Quebecois, everyone has to be alike, like bees !

This desire of separation, in fact, is to distinguish oneself from the “English Protestant”. In Canada, there has always been an insane rivalry between these two religions. That is the reason why I and others like me have been expelled from French public schools, even if we were Quebecois of origin. The religious leaders of Quebec were afraid of losing the control over the population if the citizens individualized themselves and developed their own personality. These men, like Paul-Émile Léger, Maurice Duplessis and friends, had a cruel heart to do so much harm to innocent children !

The actual separatists are direct descendants of those retarded integrists. These separatists absolutely want to distinguish themselves from the other ethnos groups ! That is the almost unconscious reason (neurosis) why these people want to separate. They do not want Canada because in our country there are people too different from them. We must not forget that, the Quebecois of origin is white, francophone and Catholic. It is the “NOTION OF NATION” ! More than the blood relationship that can be present for an important percentage of us. ( but I doubt it because a lot of us have Amerindian blood.) There is the religious relationship (Catholic). This is why the intellectual separatists of Quebec say we form a NATION. We are united by the race, the language and religion. Lionel Groulx, would say to whoever want to listen : «Language for religion and religion for the language» ! The intellectuals from Quebec who want to develop a NATION, seriously prepare themselves since about 50 years. But, the Quebecois of back then perceived themselves as French Canadians ! The evidence, a lot of them installed themselves a little everywhere across the country and collectively became prosper. Those Quebecois who never leave their region do not know that reality.

For example, the ordinary citizens have not notion of what mass manipulation is and they a being had to the MAX. People of the street do not know that they are manipulated by an army of publicists. The publicists gather the information and make it available to the public. However, this public to a high percentage, cannot tell if the information is real or completely false. The citizens do not take the time to verify if the information is authentic. This is what happened in Quebec. The intellectual separatists of Quebec, for a question of a political control, have manipulated the citizens of Quebec without shame. The goal was to develop a collective emotion that would make the French Canadian react as if they were victims.

Slowly in Quebec, the intellectuals, helped by artists, singers,

comedians, humorists and media people started speaking of Quebecois instead of French Canadian. The word "CANADIAN" in Quebec had to disappear from the collective thought and by the end of 1980, it was done. The mass manipulation of the Quebecois, under the shape of publicity did work. An important percentage of them hate the English so much that they are ready to lose 70% of the territory. What a nonsense !!!

The separatist intellectuals have conceived the notion of country of Quebec by creating «La Capitale Nationale», the city of Quebec. The undercurrent that Quebec city would be the Capital of our future country is omnipresent in the collective unconscious of Quebecois. Distinct Society is invented. In Quebec, we are a society different than in the rest of Canada. As that concept touches more or less the Quebecois, lately (Autumn 2005) the separatists placed the Federal Government under an ultimatum. In a few days, they will make a motion that will force the Federal to recognize the Québécois as being part of a Nation, menaced Duceppe, chief of the Bloc. Theatrical move from the Federal, Prime Minister Harper recognizes the Quebecois as being part of a Nation before the motion was proposed by the separatists. These latter were so deceived that the Federal did not fight over that motion, that they had the idea to refuse the motion of Harper. Finally, they accepted the idea proposed by Prime Minister Harper. Smart move from this latter, is that the Quebecois realized that the motion of Nation does not mean much in fact.

The separatists wanted to use that abstraction to cause a dispute among us, Canadians. The goal, excite the emotions of Quebecois and make them feel aggressed by Canada to help out the Parti Québécois and the Bloc in Ottawa at the next election. Notice here, that the separatists still use the expression, «English Canada» ! In reality, Canada is not English, Canada is "cosmopolite". The Canada is made up of people coming from all around the world and was developed primarily by the Amerindians and by the French Canadians coming from the east. After, the people coming from everywhere composed Canadians citizens and make of our country a modern welcoming Nation.

Me, Jean-Pierre Chabot, I am a citizen of the world and I am not part of any Nation. I accept my human brothers coming from everywhere. We Canadians, have the chance to live in a secular and democratic country which a "mosaic" of the world. When we observe Canada, we observe humanity ! That is the reason why I am proud to be CANADIAN !

