

A ballistic missile heading for Prime Minister Martin

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Dear All,

I for one find this a very bizarre article. If security trumps everything post September 11, then the fact that the BMD system isn't even being properly tested before deployment ought to doom it to oblivion. If security trumps all, then surely this means REAL security not some ideologically driven patronage boondoggle draining money away from real security threats.

But the really important point that is being hidden - and Graham has really contributed to this - is that by arguing that the whole issue is really about Canada-USA relations, not real security needs, the REAL security DANGERS of BMD are also completely camouflaged.

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And the glib assertion by Travers that Bush will likely be re-elected reminds me of all those glib assertions prior to the Iraq war, not to mention all the dire predictions about what would happen to Canada if we did not go along with the USA invasion.

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