

What does a charter have to do to get some love from Harper?

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Dear Prime Minister Stephen Harper,

It is undignified for a Charter of Rights and Freedoms, such as myself, to have to draw your attention to my [30th birthday](#) while sitting here in my party dress drinking this bottle of champers Jean Chrétien sent all by myself.

I was hoping I wouldn't have to do this. I thought you understood that "please don't throw me a party" means: I've bought the dress and practised my "aw you guys, I had no idea!" face in the mirror.

Perhaps you think that by ignoring my birthday, people will just forget I exist. Sir, if I may, I believe that strategy will be as effective as Canada dealing with global warming by opening Cold Stone Creameries in every Tim Hortons. Yum, ice cream ... anyone know where I can get me some ice cream? Wait, where was I? Oh, right. Birthday parties.

Prime Minister, I know you've been busy buying up F-35s and printing see-through \$100 bills, so maybe you've forgotten that I ranked third in the Association for Canadian Studies' 2010 nationwide survey of the country's most significant moments of all time.

On the other hand, maybe you haven't forgotten and are worried that throwing me a bash would cost as much as the future Sweet 16 of Beyoncé's baby girl, Blue Ivy. Well, I can assure you, I am not the type of girl that requires bouncers, velvet ropes and bottle service. I am all-inclusive and non-discriminating. A tasteful tiara from the Dollarama would suffice.

In any case, don't think I haven't heard through the historic grapevine (who would have thought the Battle of Vimy Ridge would be so chatty?) that the War of 1812 is getting a blowout. Really? The war no one outside of Canada has ever heard of, that mostly involved us lending a hand to the British in their war with the Americans?

If this is about celebrating victory over the Americans, let us consider the fact that I am currently the No. 1 constitutional model for the world. THE WORLD! According to Canadian legal scholar David S. Law, a professor at Washington University in St. Louis, and University of Virginia law professor Mila Versteeg, I have displaced the U.S. constitution to become the world's "constitutional superpower." Can't a girl get a "woot woot" up in here?

You might be in charge of this country with your fancy majority government, but I've seen governments come and go. If I know the Canadian people, they were celebrating my 30th – official party or not.

In the words of the Beastie Boys, "You gotta fight. For your right. To paaaaarty!"

Or in my words, please refer to Article 2 (freedom of expression, peaceful assembly and association). All my best,

Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms

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