

# It's politics as usual for PM Harper

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Re: "Terror bill beefs up spy agency," Jan. 31. ¶

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper's latest adventure is one of the oldest ploys in the sly politicians' books. And it's so simple! ¶

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Identify an enemy, exaggerate the perception of that enemy's danger to the people, foster fear, portray yourself as the heroic leader ready to defeat that enemy, denounce those who disagree with you as unpatriotic and gain more personal power for yourself in the name of "national security." ¶

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Beware creeping authoritarian rule! ¶

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Terry Huntington, Victoria ¶