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SPP needs analysis

I would like to congratulate *The Cord* for publishing and Alex Hurdert for writing his article on the security and prosperity partnership (SPP) though I disagree with his idea that the issues surrounding this partnership have been discussed in the national press. This was one of the few articles in any media that talks about the issues with the SPP.

The use of provocateurs and excessive force by the security agents on the peaceful protesters was all that the large media outlets covered, thusly accomplishing the goal of those in charge to hide away the issues. The only major media outlet which consistently covers the SPP and the North American Union is unfortunately CNN's Lou Dobbs. The SPP issue should be on the front pages and in the opinion/edi-

torial sections of every newspaper in Canada but only gets mentioned when people are being gassed. I was at Montebello on Tuesday, arriving at the gates just after noon and sat all day with the few other protesters who returned after being violently attacked by police the day before, tear gas still lingering in the air. Harper described the protesters as "sad", what I find truly sad is that police aggressiveness was

able to deter our RIGHT of peaceful protest from continuing. This show of force is the security part of the SPP, security for corporate elite who wish to trample on our diminishing democracy. Please continue to write and publish on the SPP for the dissemination of knowledge is the only way to drive change.

- Dan Kellar

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