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I am a very concerned Canadian citizen.

I am concerned about the REAL effect 'free trade' is having on lesser developed, poor countries, as well as Canada. Statistically it is obvious that the companies that move to these countries do much more harm than good, employing people at very low wages, exploiting the environment, firing strikers because there is a constant pool of un-employed people to fill the gaps, thus disbanding unions... the list goes on. Prove to me that the education rates, or health care rates in Central America, for example, have gone up as significantly or at all, as promised in the FTAA, and NAFTA literature I have read.

Canadians, Americans, Europeans, Central/South Americans, Africans, Indians, Asians - there are many of us that know what is really going on, and what is behind the flowery language used in the preambles of these so called "free trade" agreements. I wonder why are the official documents of the FTAA not available to the public? This proves that it can be picked apart by intelligent people who are critical of the capitalist corporate agenda.

There are many questions to be answered, and we are waiting.

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