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Dear Ms. Francis

Your remarks that Greece needs a "military dictatorship" is insulting to the Canadian Hellenic community and to Hellenes in general and we demand a retraction and an apology.

It is a myth that dictatorships restore discipline and morality, they only cause human misery and they are the most heinous form of government that destroys the human spirit, kills its own people because they do not share its views and leaves behind a legacy of terror, remember Chile in the 1970s.

Greeks are not deadbeats, they work harder than anyone else in Europe. You can check the statistics:

<https://data.oecd.org/emp/hours-worked.htm>

The last five years the syndicate (EU, ECB and IMF) driven austerity policies and programs have destroyed the country's economy, create a humanitarian crisis with unprecedented proportions since WWII. Notwithstanding these autocratic imposed policies and programs, the Hellenic spirit has not broken, but it lives and prevails.

In the 21<sup>st</sup> Century we do not need bayonets. We need compassionate, just and fair policies and programs that benefit the **people**, not the oligarchs. Greece is a democracy and its people are free to choose their leaders and their future. You may not like it, but that is democracy.

As a national newspaper editor and as a "distinguished" Professor we should expect more from you than your simplistic, ridiculous, and racist remarks.

Yours truly,

George Manios  
President

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