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Most Canadians say ditching talks ‘right thing’ to do, poll finds.

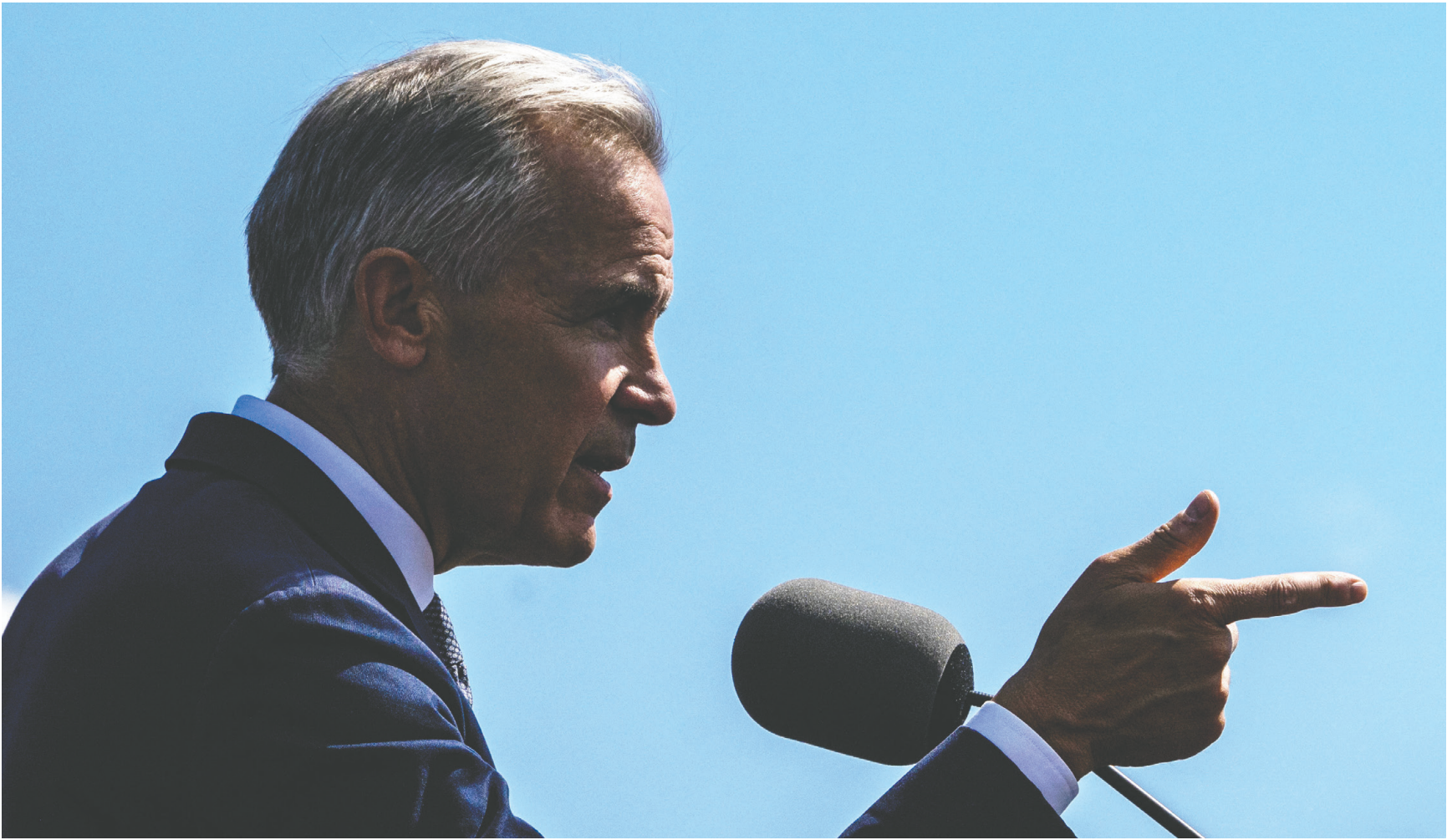
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Tories call on Liberals to reopen Parliament, share details of deal.

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Not signing a bad deal was good. Retaliation, not so much.

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The U.S. needs to lose the idea that Canada is its subsidiary before returning to the table to discuss trade, Prime Minister Mark Carney said Monday.

Breaking the ice on trade

While new ships are needed, so is private money



JESSE KLINE

Comment

A week after Prime Minister Mark Carney announced a new deal to expand the Churchill Falls hydroelectric project, he held a news conference in Lévis, Que., on Monday to announce a contract to build six icebreakers for the Coast Guard at the Chantier Davie shipyards.

While Canada desperately needs electricity to power its economy and icebreakers to protect its shores, Carney has yet to demonstrate that his government is capable of enacting economic policies beyond spending massive amounts of borrowed money.

Although Monday’s announcement was years in the making — Ottawa announced plans to purchase the new icebreakers in 2019 — the prime minister did his best to tie it to the trade negotiations with the United States that broke down on Friday.

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CARNEY SAYS U.S. NEEDS TO CHANGE ITS ‘ATTITUDE’ AFTER TRUMP THREATENS 50 PER CENT TARIFF ON AUTOS

JORDAN GOWLING AND CHRISTOPHER NARDI
in Ottawa

U.S. President Donald Trump threatened to impose a 50 per cent tariff on Canadian autos, trucks and auto parts, while Prime Minister Mark Carney said it would require a change in “attitude” from the U.S. to restart negotiations after trade talks collapsed late last Friday.

“On January First, 2027, Tariffs on all Cars, Trucks, both large and small, Automotive Parts, and Steel, will be increased to 50%,” said Trump, in a post on Truth Social on Monday. “Build in the U.S. and there are ZERO TARIFFS. Canada will be treated like a State no longer!”

The current tariff rate on Canadian autos is 25 per cent.

At a news conference on Monday in Lévis, Que., Carney said Canada wants to see a shift in demeanour from the U.S.

“When the Americans go to the negotiation table first with the right attitude towards our industries and a true partnership, of course, we’ll come to the negotiating table,” said Carney.

“But an attitude at the negotiation table that Canada is a subsidiary of the United States, that Canadian industry is going to be disadvantaged relative to American industry, that we’re going to set up terms so that over time, Canadian industry is going to face constant headwinds, that’s not something we’re going to accept,” the prime minister added.

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In the insult category, Ford matches Trump shot for shot

SCOTT STINSON
Comment

Doug Ford’s increasingly annoyed rhetoric toward Donald Trump reached a new level on Monday when the Ontario premier said the U.S. president could “kiss my ass” in response to his latest tariff threats.

Speaking on Toronto radio station NewsTalk 1010 shortly after Trump posted on social media that he would bring 50 per cent tariffs against Canadian automobiles and auto parts in January, Ford offered the pithy invite about his nether regions, and then said that Canada should “go at him full steam.”

Later on Monday, after a news conference in Hamilton, Ford refused to back away from his blunt language, saying that he had “plenty of real estate” on his behind for Trump to find a place to kiss.

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Ditch the political theatre

Simply a boost for PM’s ratings



MICHAEL HIGGINS

Comment

Walking away from trade talks with the United States was the easy part. Prime Minister Mark Carney now needs to sell Canadians a kiss-and-make-up strategy.

Because sooner or later we are going to have to sit down and hammer out a trade agreement or get very hurt in the divorce proceedings.

As expected, U.S. President Donald Trump is already threatening retaliation for Carney’s decision to collapse the U.S.-Canada trade talks at the weekend.

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Breakdown of talks shows limits of Trump’s aggressive trade strategy. FPI

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