



Canadian Universities Alumni in Greece

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RE: Canadian Prime Minister and Parliament Speaker Invoke Ancient Greece to Reject U.S. Annexation Proposal.

During his inaugural address to Parliament on **May 26, 2025**, newly elected Speaker **Francis Scarpaleggia** invoked a powerful classical metaphor, likening Canada to ancient Athens—a nation defined by its democratic principles, cultural depth, and philosophical legacy. He contrasted this with the image of the United States as modern-day Rome, marked by power and dominance. This framing positioned Canada as a thoughtful, values-driven society in a turbulent global landscape. The video is available here: <https://youtu.be/EDZswb9szBs?si=sXFipLrvnuZ8SKnL&t=254>.

Prime Minister Mark Carney later echoed and reinforced this comparison in his own speech on **May 30, 2025**, embracing the Athens-Rome symbolism to firmly reject the idea of U.S. annexation and to reaffirm Canada's independent identity on the world stage. The video is available here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cvVtrR_HYGo.