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It would be fair to say I feel a substantial degree of satisfaction that Pierre Poilievre lost, not just the election but his own seat. I think more importantly Canadians have spoken very clearly about the need for a credible, capable leader in dealing with Donald Trump's threats to Canada's economy and sovereignty. Poilievre was not perceived to fit that bill.

Canadians saw through his three-word grade-school rhyming, and his toxicity and bullying nature which points more to a tearing down, not a unifying of our country. Poilievre repeatedly failed to demonstrate his ability to deal with the serious and complicated issues at hand.

His utter disrespect for the media and by extension Canadians themselves – whether it be apple munching, refusing to allow reporters to travel with him on the campaign trail, or limiting access and vetting of questions with no follow-ups – took a direct page from Trump's playbook and raised many questions about his ability to represent Canadians. As for the viral "apple clip" from fall 2023, it was an undeniably clear reflection of his character.

Quite simply his overarching desire to control information and limit the media was unprecedented and potentially dangerous to Canadian democracy.

This surely won't be the end of Poilievre or the masterminds of his political persona, but at least for now, Canada has dodged a bullet.

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