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John Kirton is dreaming in Technicolor. Many African nations, as well as Saudi Arabia, have plentiful natural resources, but they can hardly be called superpowers. As the Star's David Crane has often reported, we rank poorly in innovation compared to America, Europe, and India. Our few success stories, like Bombardier, CANDU, and Nortel are either on the point of bankruptcy or artificially propped up by billions in subsidies.

As for immigration, which Kirton showcases as a strength, most skilled immigrants here cannot find work in their fields and are reduced to menial labor and poverty.

I hope that we Canadians do not actually buy the theories that Kirton is peddling, lest we become 'legends in our own minds'.

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