

defence of summitry: Here's what will, or will not, be done at the summit
political leaders and must be perceived as such

Myth 6: Domestic political problems can make leaders lame ducks. On the contrary, the G8 leaders, all of whom are elected and know a lot about political infighting, have a natural sympathy for each other's plight. They become friends as well as colleagues. They use first names. They constitute something of a mutual support system. And the fact they become friends can be of enormous importance, for example in the relationship that developed between former Russian president Boris Yeltsin and then-U.S. president Bill Clinton, and the one that is developing