

US woman sparks transatlantic tea war with brutal online brew

An American TikTok user going by the name of Michelle from North Carolina posted a video showing how to make what she describes as "hot tea", which entails mixing milk with powdered lemonade, **cinnamon**, **cloves**, sugar and Tang, which turns out to be a soft drink.

cinnamon 肉桂

clove 丁香

As an afterthought she dunked a teabag, and then put the whole thing in the microwave. Her subsequent attempt at "British tea" involved cold water first. The British internet lost its marbles.

Phillip Schofield did a bit on "This Morning". Davina McCall described it as a "call to war". Inevitably, Dame Karen Pierce, the British ambassador to Washington was **obliged** to **weigh** in.

oblige 迫使; 强制; 义务

weigh 权衡; 考虑

She posted a viral video of her own on Monday, where she threw to three branches of the armed forces, who took it in turns to demonstrate how to make what one Royal Navy sailor called a "proper British cup of tea".

The US ambassador in London, Woody Johnson, recognized the impossibility of his position on the tea front and quickly shifted his forces to a classic British weakness: coffee.

"I'm going to make an American cup of coffee, the way I make it every day, " he deadpanned, allowing his host nation's collective anxiety about not really understanding the difference between a cappuccino and a flat white to do its own work.

Johnson's intervention appears to have stunned his British counterpart into silence for the time being. But on Wednesday evening, a source at the Italian embassy asked for a view on the US video replied: "What he made was American coffee. And I stress... American coffee." In winning one war, it appears that Johnson may have **inadvertently** started another.

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