



12 Conclusion: Canada in the World

Chapter Outline

- Canada's Century: The Twentieth or the Twenty-First?
- Globalization and Canada
 - Globalization and Anti-Globalization in Canada
 - Globalization and the Canadian Economy
 - Globalization and Canada–US Relations
- Canada–US Relations and the Trump Presidency
- The Canadian Dilemma in Foreign Affairs
- What Now with the United States?
- Summary and Conclusion

Learning Objectives

After reading Chapter 12 in *Canadian Democracy*, you should be able to do the following:

- Discuss the pros and cons of globalization.
- Explain the history and significance of Canada–US trading relations.

- Outline the asymmetrical economic relations between Canada and the United States and explain the implications of this asymmetry for Canada.
- Discuss whether Canada, as a modern, prosperous, and peaceful state in the world, has responsibilities to the rest of the world.
- Discuss the advantages of multilateralism for Canada.
- Compose one or two paragraphs that use as many key concepts (listed below) as possible.

Key Concepts

Globalization The political, economic, and social integration that comes from the increased international flow of goods, people, capital, and ideas (p. 424)

Hyperpower Term used to describe the unprecedented economic, cultural, and military dominance of the United States. (p. 422)

International relations A branch of political science that studies the relationships between states and the international system of governance (p. 421)

Multilateralism The resolution of international differences and conflicts through structures and processes that represent many states. (p. 434)

North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) A US–Canada–Mexico deal designed to reduce trade barriers and open up markets to stimulate economic growth. (p. 429)

Protectionism The theory and practice of protecting domestic industries (the opposite of free trade theory and practice). (p. 432)

Soft power A term coined by Harvard’s Joseph Nye, which refers to international influence based on intangible or indirect factors that include culture, values, and a sense of legitimacy ascribed to a nation’s international aims. (p. 435)

Supranational organization An international institution with a purpose that transcends national boundaries and that has acquired some legal authority and decision-making power from its member states in order to achieve that purpose (p. 430)

World Trade Organization (WTO) A comprehensive international trade agreement that has formalized and institutionalized trade liberalization. (p. 425)

Critical Thinking Questions

1. Make a list of all of those you think qualify as “soft power” countries. How do they compare with Canada’s position economically? What unique role does each play in the global community?
2. Make a list of the key industries and leading employers in your community. How dependent on international trade is your community? How close are your community’s economic ties to the United States relative to other countries? Do these industries export raw materials or finished manufactured products?

3. List as many international organizations as you can. In how many of these is Canada a direct participant? What other countries are participants in each? What have been the major issues faced by each organization?
4. Make a list of countries (other than the United States) with which Canada has foreign dealings (look at international companies, trade agreements, etc.). Which countries stand out in terms of longest and consistent trading partners? Why are these countries specific to Canada's trade involvement?
5. List all of Canada's peacekeeping involvements in the last 100 years. What were some of the significant developments and obstacles during these peacekeeping missions? Why do you think Canada is slowly trying to move away from peacekeeping altogether?

Additional Resources

CBC archives, video clips on international politics
http://archives.cbc.ca/politics/international_politics/

CBC archives, video clips on peacekeeping
<http://www.cbc.ca/archives/categories/war-conflict/peacekeeping/>

CBC archives, video clips on Canada- US Free Trade agreement
<http://www.cbc.ca/archives/topic/the-canada-us-free-trade-agreement>

CBC archives, video clips on Foreign Affairs
<http://www.cbc.ca/archives/tag/foreign+affairs/>

CBC archives, video clips on national security
http://archives.cbc.ca/politics/national_security/