

Canada



Woah, Canada!

A North American Country

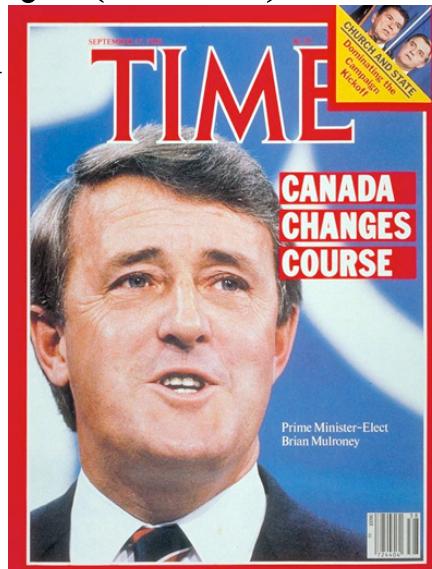
Targets

Historiography

- **Seymour Martin Lipset** (1989) – small but significant differences in law and loyalty to UK. CAN tries to separate identity
- **James Bryce** (1921) – CAN more traditional due to monarchy roots; national character different
- **W.L. Morton** (1961) – CAN didn't have revolution → *allegiance* achieved independence
- **Arthur Schlesinger** – multi-culturalism prevents development of national identity



- **Louis Harty** – “Founding Fragments Theory” – Both come from EUR history, but British CAN has “Tory touch” → more conservative.
- **Harold Innis/Donald Creighton** – Laurentian Thesis – CAN stretched Westward from St. Lawrence → developed own “economic nationalism”
- **J.M.S. Careless** – “limited identities” of provincialism and multiculturalism → no national identity
- PM **Brian Mulroney** (1992) – CAN becoming more and more American

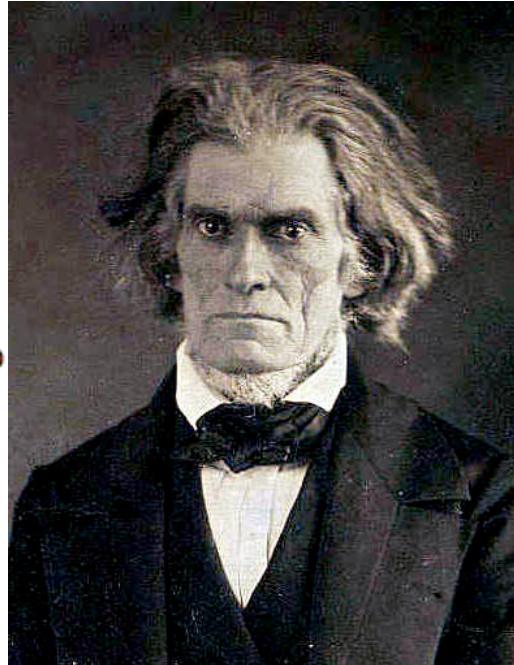


Values Differences

- Gov't – Confederation w/ more provincial authority
- Religion – Anglican (British) or Catholic (French) w/ church and state often blurred
- Economics – States are a partner to federal gov; Public enterprise system → planned economy



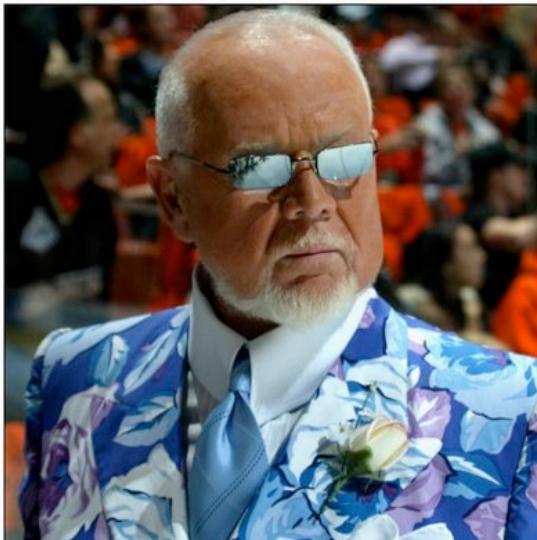
- Law – 1867's “Peace, Order, & Good Government”
→ stressed ordered society and collective resp.
- **Canada Act** – Protects minority rights & provinces can “opt out” of constitutional provisions
- Low crime rates; Stiffer gun control
- Deep respect for law → less likely to protest



If only
SC was in
Canada!



- **Elitism** – More structured class system; education
- **Immigration** – Mosaic vs. Melting Pot
 - less pressure for immigrants to assimilate
 - Multi-Culturalism as law (1971)
 - **Bibby** – “unassembled mosaic” rights valued over collective good → coexistence is national goal
- **Provincial Autonomy?** – Grown since 1867. Changed since founder’s intent (strong provinces)



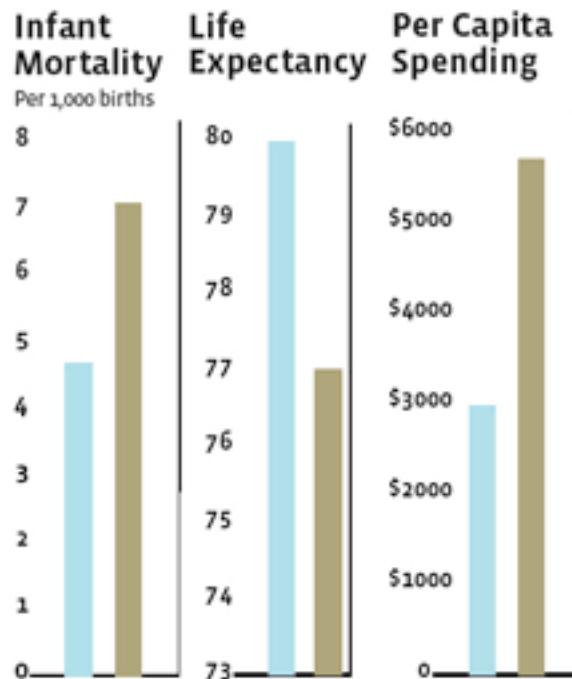
- **Social Programs** – Socialist welfare state
 - Paid out of tax revenue
 - Social security, welfare, healthcare provided with more extensive coverage
 - Of course, high taxes. Fits w/CAN social mentality
- **Development** – About 2-4 decades behind US



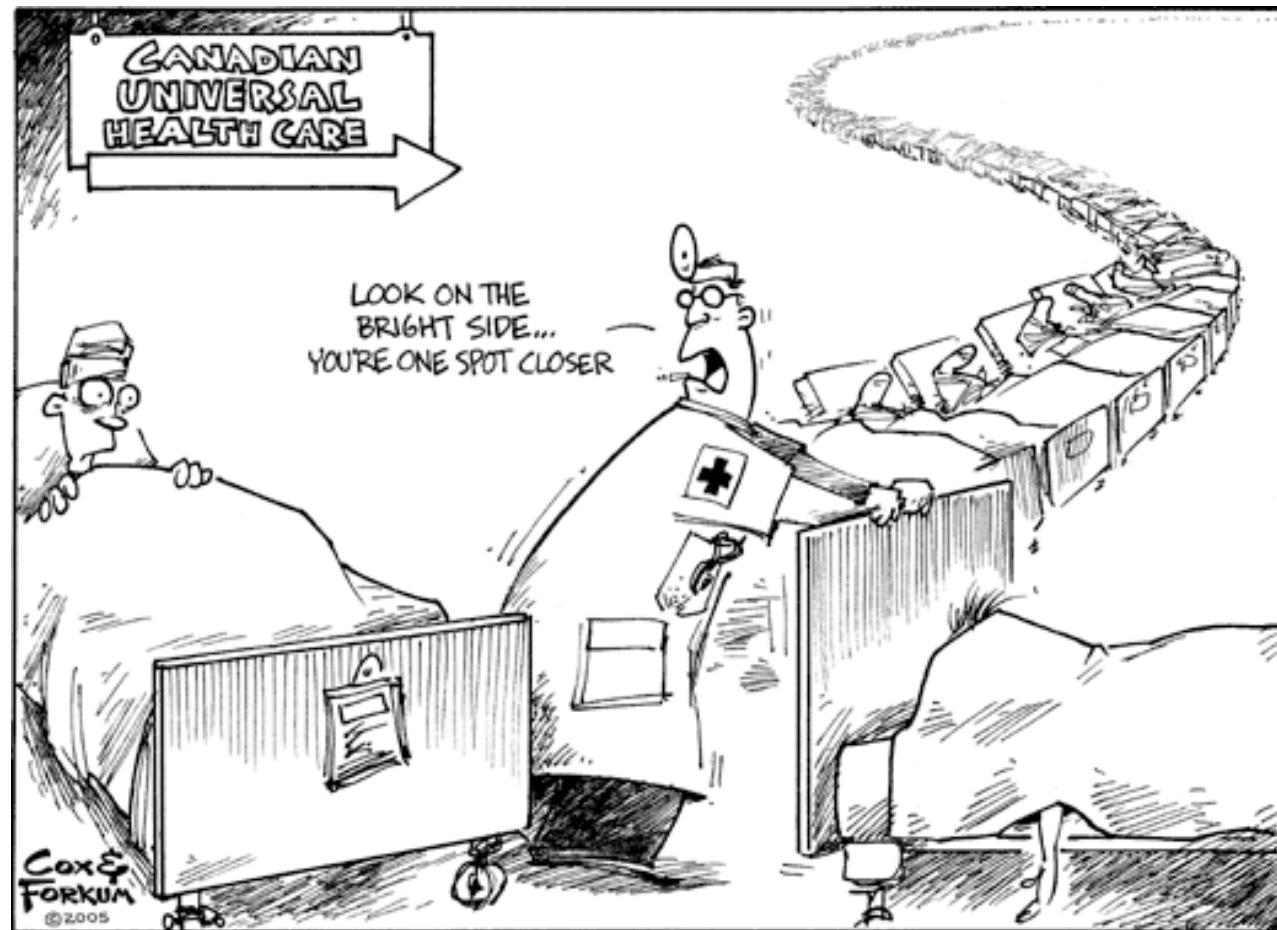
Side-by-Side: No Comparison

Canada U.S.

Canada and the U.S. used to be twins on public-health measurements. Here's how it looks after 35 years of Canadian universal health care.



Canadian Healthcare



Source: World Health Organization; CIA World Fact Book,
Centers for Disease Control

Similarities

- Shared British legacy
- Frontier settlements
- Comparable immigrants
- Same continent (flora/fauna/terrain/etc.)

