

Foreign Policy Assignment

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☆ There are 5 questions to be answered... they are multi-part, so make sure you go through this whole document. ☆
(questions are in purple and bolded)

1. Watch the short YouTube video [150 Years of Canadian Foreign Policy](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Fsnq0ZUENI) (5m:55; Credit: OpenCanada)

This clip highlights and visualizes Canada’s foreign policy goals since 1867 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Fsnq0ZUENI>).

Consider the following questions after viewing the video:

- ✳ What kinds of decisions does Canada make about how to interact with the world?
- ✳ How are Canada’s decisions seen by the rest of the world?

2. Complete this survey: [Visions of Canadian Foreign Policy Survey](#)

The following survey is intended to help you comprehend the layered structure of Canadian foreign policy and its implications on domestic and international relations. Please answer each question and fill out the necessary information.

“Foreign policy” is the collection of decisions made by a country regarding how it deals with the international community.

1. For each of the following reasons, would you approve or disapprove of the use of the Canadian military?

<u>Statements</u>	<u>Support</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
To destroy a terrorist group		
To ensure the supply of oil to Canada		

To help bring peace to a region where there is civil war		
To free hostages		
To uphold international law		
To assist a population struck by famine		

2. Whenever Canada sends its military into dangerous situations around the world, there is a chance that some members of the military may be killed. Which of the following statements about military intervention is closest to your view?
- Canada should send troops to help people in countries in Asia and Africa when they are threatened by dictators, human rights violations, or starvation, even if no Canadian civilians are at risk and Canada has no direct interest at stake.
 - Canada should do what we can to help people in Asian and Africa countries, but when countries collapse or when there are serious human rights violations, we should not put the lives of members of the Canadian military at risk unless there is a real threat to Canadians or our national interest
3. Are you interested with international events or issues? (Select one).
- Very interested Somewhat interested Hardly interested I don't follow the news
4. Is Canada growing stronger, weaker, or staying the same in terms of its ability to make a difference in the world? (Select one)
- A lot stronger Somewhat stronger No difference Somewhat weaker A lot weaker
5. Should Canada take an active part in world affairs? (Select one)
- I feel that we should take an active part I feel that we should stay out

6. Read the list of statements some people have made about Canada and the world. Do you agree or disagree with each of these statements?

<u>Statements</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>
Canada should be more like Switzerland and focus on being a great place to live rather than working on international issues.		
The best way we can make a difference in the world is to focus on our ability to influence the United States.		
Protecting Canada's trade relationships should be our top foreign policy priority.		
In the world today, power still comes mostly from the "barrel of a gun."		
Canada should mainly focus its international involvement on helping other countries resolve their conflicts.		
Canada should promote the way we treat our First Nations peoples as a good example to the rest of the world.		
Canada should pay more attention to Asian countries like India and China, due to the increased immigration rates.		
Canada should spend as much money as it takes to be an international power, even if it means sacrificing areas like health and education.		
Canada should focus its international efforts on working with NGO's to attack problems like the ban on landmines and climate change.		
It is wrong for any country, even Canada, to push its values on other countries.		
What happens in the rest of the world really doesn't make much of a difference to me in my daily life.		

7. Regardless of how much foreign aid Canada provides to other countries, there will always be more international projects than we can afford to fund. Which of the following statements is closest to your view? (Select one)
- a) Canada should spread its foreign aid money among all the countries in need in order to be fair.
 - b) Canada should focus its money on a smaller group of countries so it can make a bigger difference in those countries.
8. Canada has played a pivotal role in important world events over the past 75 years.
- Strongly agree Somewhat agree Somewhat disagree Strongly disagree

3. Fill out the Nationalism Spectrum below with three examples for each:

The Nationalism Spectrum:



Term	Ultrationalism	Nationalism	Internationalism	Supranationalism
Definition	The extreme devotion to the interests of a nation, regardless of the effect on any other country or minority within the country.	The collective, shared sense of pride and belonging of people who identify themselves as a nation.	The belief in the importance of cooperation among countries aiming to promote the common good for all countries.	The desire to promote the alliance of nations above and beyond the authority of individual countries
Example 1				
Example 2				
Example 3				

4. Take a moment to consider your survey responses and the nationalism spectrum, then **respond to the following question** (your response will be marked according to the rubric below):

When it comes to Canada's participation in international military conflicts, I agree most with a(n) _____ (ultranationalist/ nationalist/ internationalist/ supranationalist) perspective because:
(Justify your statement with at least 3 pieces of evidence from your survey responses and the spectrum definitions)

Rubric:

	4 (highest)	3	2	1 (lowest)
Use of evidence: (x2)	Statement is faultless. Reasons are obvious, thoughtful, and tightly connected. Three pieces of evidence for position are given.	Statement is clear. Reasons are understandable, considered, and tied to the position. Three pieces are given.	Statement is somewhat clear. Reasons are detectable, if somewhat superficial. At least two are given.	Statement is not clear. Reasons are difficult to discern. Position is vague. Lack of evidence is given.
Quality of writing: (x1)	Spelling and grammar are attentive. Tone is persuasive. Vocabulary choices are effective. Length and depth are deliberate.	Spelling and grammar are mainly correct. Tone is effective. Vocabulary is applicable. Length and depth are acceptable.	There are lapses in spelling and grammar, but the meaning is understood. Tone is reasonable. Vocabulary is straightforward. Length and depth are adequate.	Spelling and grammar compromise meaning. Tone is confusing. Vocabulary is immature. Length and depth are unacceptable.

5. Look at the Canadian Survey results below, how do your answers compare?

Canadian Survey: The following are the answers for the nation-wide survey results.

1. For each of the following reasons, would you approve or disapprove of the use of the Canadian military?

<u>Statements</u>	<u>Support</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
To destroy a terrorist group	73%	< 25%
To ensure a supply of oil to Canada	47%	45%
To help bring peace to a region where there is civil war	79%	< 18%
To free hostages	78%	< 18%
To uphold international law	84%	< 12%
To assist a population struck by famine	92%	< 5%

* Please note that the 'oppose' results were not provided in the original survey data, and so the results listed here are generalized based on supported data.

2. Canada sends its military into dangerous situations around the world, there is a chance that some members of the military may be killed. Which of the following statements about the military is closest to your view?

- Canada should send troops to help people in countries in Asia and Africa when they are threatened by dictators, human rights violations, or starvation, even if no Canadian civilians are at risk and Canada has no direct interest at stake. **[40%]**
- Canada should do what we can to help people in Asian and Africa countries, but when countries collapse or when there are serious human rights violations, we should not put the lives of members of the Canadian military at risk unless there is a real threat to Canadians or our national interest. **[53%]**

3. Are you interested with international events or issues? (Select one).

Very interested **[43%]** Somewhat interested **[45%]** Hardly interested **[7%]** I don't follow the news **[5%]**

4. Is Canada growing stronger, weaker, or staying the same in terms of its ability to make a difference in the world? (Select one)

- A lot stronger **[5%]** Somewhat stronger **[18%]** No difference **[44%]**
 Somewhat weaker **[19%]** A lot weaker **[10%]**

5. Should Canada take an active part in world affairs? (Select one)

° I feel that we should take an active part [75%]

° I feel that we should stay out [20%]

6. Read the list of statements some people have made about Canada and the world. Do you agree or disagree with each of these statements?

<u>Statements</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>
Canada should be more like Switzerland and focus on being a great place to live rather than working on international issues.	41%	52%
The best way we can make a difference in the world is to focus on our ability to influence the United States.	43%	52%
Protecting Canada's trade relationships should be our top foreign policy priority.	75%	21%
In the world today, power still comes mostly from the "barrel of a gun."	48%	48%
Canada should mainly focus its international involvement on helping other countries resolve their conflicts.	53%	40%
Canada should promote the way we treat our First Nations peoples as a good example to the rest of the world.	54%	39%
Canada should pay more attention to Asian countries like India and China, due to the increased immigration rates.	51%	44%
Canada should spend as much money as it takes to be an international power, even if it means sacrificing areas like health and education.	17%	81%
Canada should focus its international efforts on working with NGO's to attack problems like the ban on landmines and climate change	69%	23%
It is wrong for any country, even Canada, to push its values on other countries.	79%	19%
What happens in the rest of the world really doesn't make much of a difference to me in my daily life.	24%	74%

7. Regardless of how much foreign aid Canada provides to other countries, there will always be more international projects than we can afford to fund. Which of the following statements is closest to your view? (Select one)
- ° Canada should spread its foreign aid money among all the countries in need in order to be fair. **[42%]**
 - ° Canada should focus its money on a smaller group of countries so it can make a bigger difference in those countries. **[51%]**
8. Canada has played a pivotal role in important world events over the past 75 years.
- ° Strongly agree **[38%]**
 - ° Somewhat agree **[40%]**
 - ° Somewhat disagree **[12%]**
 - ° Strongly disagree **[5%]**

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Foreign Policy Assignment: Assessment

Filling out survey /2

Nationalism Spectrum /12

Written response /8

How do your answers compare /1

Total /23

Q#4 Rubric	4 (highest)	3	2	1 (lowest)
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