

True Allies

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Did you know that Canada and the USA have one of the best relationships that allies could have? Countries need allies. From 1776 to the present time these countries have grown as neighbours and many would say, as friends. Wondering how Canada and the USA survive each other's past differences, we will journey with them through their prosperous history. Consequently the first theme will be historical differences. The second theme introduces similarities which shows the best qualities in each country. Undoubtedly both countries have endeavoured to make sure that this great relationship stays firm.

National Issues

In 1961, John F. Kennedy, who was president of the United States, was quoted saying "Geography has made Canada and America neighbours. History has made us friends. Economics has made us partners. And necessity has made us allies." Defining identities of Canada and the USA, nonetheless, slowly started forming in 1776 through their relationships, immigrant policies, and alliances. The first topic is multiculturalism, which will discuss the differences between the "melting pot" and the "salad bowl." Secondly birthday history shows us that each country thrived for forms of independence. Finally the last topic, highlights the different freedoms American people have gained through national government. Since multiculturalism, national government, and birthday history were dividing issues, likewise they will be discussed in this essay. Surely, both countries have persevered to make great decisions for their people, while building a prosperous free country.

In Canada, there is a colourful fabric of cultures, although most people call it a mosaic. During this present time, the UK and France have resolved to compromise with the accommodations of 'outsiders'. Fortunately, in Canada these 'outsiders' are allowed to practice their cultures freely. Integration has been an issue, for many cultures, for a longtime. Within the US, they have a nickname for this form of multiculturalism which is known as 'the melting pot'. Americans view this as an adverse assimilation, then again, there is a risk to this multiculturalism. That risk is loss of identity. Conversely, Canadians welcome people of diverse cultures, and celebrate it's lively mosaic.

On July 1st, 1867, the British North America Act formed a constitution in Canada. Dominion day became Canada day! Canada was now a constitutional monarchy, because they wanted to continue to hold the Queen as head of state. When Britain owned the US, they resented the King's inevitable taxes much like a man-eating bear. During that time, on the other hand, they had no representation even though there was a large protest. Angrily the diligent Americans fought for freedom from the huge tyranny Britain was putting upon them. Nevertheless, they finally obtained their Independence on July 4th, 1776. Canadians need to remember that on July 1st, Canada day was once called Dominion Day.

The British North America Act has given Canada a strong national government. Surprising to most people, Canada is a Constitutional Monarchy, yet, it's powers are limited. The Queen as the Head of State, the Prime Minister as her advisor, and the Governor General represents the Queen in Canada respectfully. 100 years later, after the US was determined to write their own Declaration of Independence, they resolved to become a Republic, rather than, "a Democracy". Shockingly a Republic and Democracy don't have the same sovereignty between their people. A republic has sovereignty in each individual person, which is like a father and a son, and in democracy there is sovereignty only in the group majority. This defining decision compelled peace. In Canada, however, the BNAA has created a strong national government that successfully represents individual citizens without the intervention of the provinces.

The three dividing issues, that have been discussed in this essay were multiculturalism, national government, and birthday history. Certainly the most important topic in this essay was national government because it tells us how Canada still wanted the Queen as head of state, because it tells us how zealously the US wanted to be a separate country, and because it explains the differences between a republic and a democracy. Beyond a doubt these two countries which have travelled different paths, have thrived as allies. Looking forward, the future seems amiable for these countries. Regardless, geography keeps them close. Yet, in a surprising way, their prominent desire to deal with national issues separately, if nothing else has allowed them to remain friends.

Canada and the United States differences were the solemn topics of the previous essay. Inadvertently, multiculturalism, birthday history and national government were the main issues which caused Canada and the U.S. to

aspire down different paths. Thinking ahead these findings in the up coming essay will investigate the popular topics of religion, media industries, and lifestyles within Canada and the U.S. Since we highlighted these differences it's time to, instead, carefully consider the compelling similarities concerning Canada and the U.S. because it will complete the picture. Similarities are also defining. Within the next essay we will discover whether similarities have brought these two countries closer as allies and neighbours or increased their differences.

Aspiring Models

"Canada and the United States have reached the point where we no longer think of each other as 'foreign' countries. We think of each other as friends, as peaceful and cooperative neighbours on a spacious and fruitful continent." foretold elatedly by President Harry Truman, who was the president of the United States, in 1947. This friendship has proven itself true. Proving the similarities between Canada and the United States will solidify this quote. The three topics begin in 1940 to the present time. The first topic of religion in each country provides revealing demographics. Secondly the entertainment industry in Canada and the USA share corresponding styles of media. Finally the last topic will identify the shared lifestyles in Canada and America. Beyond a shadow of a doubt, these two countries have persevered to have their own similarities and differences.

In North America, religion has been characterized by diversity, belief, and traditions because of the many cultures. Various faiths have prospered. During 2013, a study regarding religion throughout the US showed these contrasts. In Mississippi 61% of people were very religious, making it the most religious state in America. Whereas Vermont had 22% of the people who were religious, labelling it the least religious state. Notably Roman Catholicism is 18.7% higher in Canada, yet, at that same time they have 12% more non-religious citizens. When other religions are relatively higher this seems to be consistent with the 10% increase of Black protestants living in the US. Thankfully in North America one can choose religion without peril or fear of persecution, compared to many other countries in the world. Canada and the US have different religious polls yet, at the same time, for the most part, they practise the same faiths.

Distinction is drawn by media and other cultural activities such as fine arts, theatre, ballet, symphonic music, and so forth. Surprisingly, distinction is not a clear line. There is an obvious similarity with the programming on the internet, television, radio broadcasts, and retail chains. In the US television, radio, internet, cinema broadcasts, and newspapers flourish. They also have endeavoured to have a strong music industry. To the same extent, in Canada, they have a well-developed media industry because of the cultural output of English and French films which would be broadcasted on the radio, TV, and internet. Searching zealously, the Reporters Without Borders organization, have diligently published an annual ranking on their media industries. The USA received 46/179 countries. Canada received 10/179 countries! Although distinction has drawn a line in these industries between the USA and Canada, comparatively they still produce similar entertainment.

North America is shaped by similar attributes. Canada and the United States of America are two of the largest countries in the world. They also have some tall buildings. While Canada's CN Tower takes 4th place on the world's tallest buildings list, correspondingly the One World Trade Centre has taken 5th place, because the CN Tower is 7.8 meters taller. Interestingly enough, some of America's most beloved celebrities are Canadian, which was inevitable. Justin Bieber, Michael Bublé, Lady Gaga, Don Cherry, Carly Rae Jepsen, and Sidney Crosby to name a few. In hockey the nationalities are equally matched since over 50% of the NHL players are Canadian. During WWI America joined before Canada did, then in WWII Canada joined before America, and they both fought bravely together in Iraq. Both Governments have resolved to give their people respect and trust. Thus, lifestyles in both the U.S. and Canada has formed similar patterns.

The three prominent issues in this essay were religion, media, and lifestyles, which have similar attributes in each country. These differences are outweighed by similarities. Since Canada and the U.S.A have peacefully grown in appreciation of each other, they've shared some of the same values in their lifestyles and media. Definitely the issue of religion is the most important topic, because it is a part of everyday life, because there are many religions, and because it shows the similar religious freedoms for Canadians and Americans. Through this appreciation, they've become better neighbours. Complimenting each other, these neighbours are aspiring models to other nations.

Canada and the United States are exemplary neighbours who have differences and similarities. Within the topics of multiculturalism, birthday history, and national government both countries differ. Secondly, within the topics of religion, media industry, and lifestyles both countries are similar. What began as historical differences have now become future similarities. They resolved to adapt. Ultimately the most important theme of this essay are the differences, because they have brought these two countries closer together, because of their choices in politics, and because of the past wars they

fought diligently in together. During times of trouble and hardship these two countries have become true allies.