Canadian Citizenship:  
Celebrating without Complacency  

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Vice-Rector, Academic 1980-84
Sir George Williams University 1970
Three-month internship 1972: The Open University, UK
MA in Educational Technology
Quebec's 1995 referendum: 140 minutes of agony
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Spain

Catalonia
The House of Commons has the power to decide if a referendum question on secession is clear > if the question is not clear, the federal Government cannot negotiate the secession

The House of Commons has the power to decide if the majority in favour of a secession is clear by evaluating the size of majority, the turnout and any other matters or circumstances it consider to be relevant

Under the constitution of Canada there is no right of unilateral secession > an amendment of the constitution would be required for a province to secede from Canada
“But if you believe you’re a citizen of the world, you’re a citizen of nowhere. You don’t understand what the very word ‘citizenship’ means.”
UWC Atlantic
Llantwit Major, Wales

The Rt. Hon.
Julie Payette
Governor General
Canada
UWC Adriatic
Duino, Italy

The Hon.
Chrystia Freeland
Foreign Minister
Canada
“To make education a force to unite people, nations and cultures for peace and a sustainable future.”

By bringing together a diverse student body, immersing them in a global community experience and challenging them formally and informally, students grow in their abilities to be active global citizens.
United Nations
Nations Unies

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Montreal 1700

The International Space Station
Foreign Ministers of Canada
‘To collaborate is the hallmark of the Canadian approach’.

‘Multi-lateralism is the Canadian approach’.

‘Canada is a reconciling country: we respect the differences we reconcile’.

‘Canada doesn’t have to sit at the head of the table’.

‘Canada can only succeed when the world works’.
‘Pearson viewed the world as interdependent’.

‘Pearson was an architect of NATO as well as a diplomat’.

‘Pearson had the guts to speak truth to power. He opposed giving UN Security Council members vetoes’.
Back home in Quebec City
Citizenship ceremony – Vancouver - 2016
Trudeau welcomes first batch of Syrian refugees at Toronto airport 2015-12-11

Trump signs executive order banning Syrian refugees from US 2017-01-27
Canada and immigration

- 300,000 newcomers in 2016
- Of which 48,000 refugees
- ~ 85% become citizens
- Annual immigration equals roughly 1% of our 36 million population
The Canada experiment: is this the world's first 'postnational' country?
‘There is no core identity, no mainstream, in Canada’
Prime Minister Justin Trudeau at the United Nations
### The world’s 15 most liveable cities in 2016

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The founding of Maple Valley

Canada... has made a virtue of limited resources, developing an alternative model of innovation based on openness to unorthodox ideas.
The Hon. Chrystia Freeland
Foreign Minister

‘Canada can only succeed when the world works’
Ten Reasons to Look Forward to the Future
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‘the economic, social and cultural success of nations relates directly the trust that their people have in each other and in their institutions’
‘strangers learned to trust one another when signing contracts, allowing them to do deals outside the circles of family, tribal or in-group kinship’
### Democracy Index 2016

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Economist Intelligence Unit
Confidence in Parliament, 2005–07
(proportion of respondents who indicate either “a great deal” or “quite a lot” of confidence in parliament, as a percentage of all respondents)
With the result that the US no longer figures in this year’s list of the (19) ‘full democracies’ EIU
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Thank you!

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