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 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.

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

Canadian Universal Health Care

Look on the bright side... you're one spot closer

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Similarities

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