

The Canada-U.S. Border Today

Canada-U.S. Relationship

Among the nations of the world, none enjoy better relations than Canada and the United States of America. For almost two centuries our relationship has been marked by peace and the remarkably free flow of people, goods and ideas. Our countries and cultures are distinct, and citizens of both nations are proud of those distinctions. But we have much in common, including our commitment to democratic values both at home and abroad, our unparalleled trading relationship, our partnership in environmental protection, and the family and professional ties that bind millions of our citizens. Our cooperation is a model to other countries that share borders around the world.

Citizens of both countries have come to take peaceful relations for granted, and Canada and the United States have been able to concentrate instead on threats and crises in third countries. U.S. defense arrangements with Canada, including NATO, the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and the Permanent Joint Board on Defense, are more extensive than with any other country. Canada and the United States also work closely together in multilateral fora including the UN, the Organization of American States, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the Asian-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum, and the Group of Seven industrialized countries.