Drawbacks:

- Specific Issues that NGOs address must fit into CIDA framework in order to get funding.
 - 2. Human Security Policy is very broad and does not adequately address Economic security of livelihood.
 - 3. Peace Building policies often fail to address the infrastructure that needs to be put in place in African countries before peace building will be most effective.
 - 4. Canada provides far too much of its aid as tied aid with the objective of furthering trade interests and not reducing poverty or resolving conflicts.
 - 5. Canada continues to be a major supporter of World Bank/IMF policies of structural adjustment that are severely damaging the societies in Africa.
 - 6. Canada's new anti-terrorist legislation makes dealing with small civil society organizations extremely risky for Canadian NGOs as nobody knows at what point they may suddenly be classified as terrorist groups. As many have pointed out, funding of the ANC as part of an anti-apartheid strategy would have been classified as funding of terrorism under the new law.