

Seldom mentioned in the volunteered listing of our national attributes were any of the distinguishing characteristics of our political system. When probed, participants agreed that the freedoms enjoyed by Canadians were a source of considerable pride when compared to many other countries, but acknowledged that they tended to take these things largely for granted.

Differences in political structures (i.e., Parliament, federal-provincial distribution of powers) were usually not mentioned as national traits, apparently because few were able to make comparisons between our structures and those of other countries.