

# *Factoids, Caring Canada*

*element: A tolerant society, with values and progressive policies  
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## *message: Canada is Very Tolerant*

Gay/lesbian rights

- In 1969, Prime Minister Trudeau amended the Criminal Code by decriminalizing homosexuality in Canada
- In 1979, the Canadian Human Rights Act has "sexual orientation" added
- In 1999, the Supreme Court of Canada rules same sex couples should have the same benefits and obligations as opposite sex common law couples

Religion

- in Canada, the population consists of 42% Roman Catholics, 40% Protestant, and 18% other
- faith groups cooperate with each other
- Christian, and some non-Christian faiths combine forces to speak out on topics like poverty, and the federal budget
- Canada is very tolerant, and respects religious diversity

## *message: Canada Has Liveable and Proactive Communities*

Town Hall Meetings - an expression of thoughts, ideas, actions

- exchange and discuss news and information
- are committed to inform, educate, empower

Excellent transportation infrastructure (buses, ferries, subways, car pooling programs)

City beautification programs-parks, green spaces

Excellent recycling programs

Social engineering