

to follow his lead in proposing amendments to the U.S. constitution, I am hard pressed to strike a note of promise for the future. Yet that note exists, quite independently of any possible suggestions for restructuring the U.S. approach to foreign policy. I have stressed the differences between Canada and the USA in these remarks, but it is the similarities I rely upon. If this underlying optimism reflects pride in Canada, it also reflects faith in the USA, confidence in our friendship, and the expectation that reason and fair play will again prevail.

Finally, given the number of academics with us today, I would not wish to conclude without saying how much we appreciate the growth of teaching and research about Canada in American universities. It is quite remarkable how much Canada has risen in academic popularity in the last decade. I would like to encourage more such studies, as I believe they lead to better understanding of Canadian interests and concerns, and therefore to a well-managed and mutually beneficial relationship.