

- Canada does not have a colonial/neo-colonial heritage;
- Canada is seen as standing up for others and as promoting international standards;
- Canada is seen as having an expertise in managing conflicts (i.e., assisting interventions, mediating between the big powers, etc.).

Some of the traits that may hinder the impact/leverage of Canadian foreign policy in the world include:

- Canada's close relationship to the United States, G-7 and most importantly the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation;
- apparent incongruence between domestic and international policy;
- cutbacks to the development assistance;
- the monopolisation of Canadian media by Conrad Black;

Conclusion

Value-led Canadian foreign policy demands that peacebuilding and other interventions are not limited to interstate conflict, but include environmental disasters, inter-ethnic conflicts and large-scale human rights violations. There is a need to negotiate better the link between Canadian foreign policy interests and Canadian values. More discussion on what the terms "Canadian values" and "civil society" means is necessary. Education, information sharing and communication are frequently stressed as key to ensuring Canadian values are embedded in public policy and promoted abroad.