

WHICH GO TO CANADA STILL REPRESENT A HUGE US INTEREST. AND, POLITICALLY, THE GLOBAL ROLE OF THE US SURELY ASSUMES US INTEREST IN PRODUCTIVE, STABLE RELATIONS WITH A STABLE, RESOURCE-RICH ALLY IN AN INCREASINGLY RESOURCE-SCARCE AND TURBULENT WORLD.

STILL, THE BASIC TRADITIONAL DIFFERENCE IS NONETHELESS THERE: A GLOBALLY PREOCCUPIED US, VASTLY MORE POWERFUL, WHOSE NATIONAL INTEREST IN THE CANADIAN RELATIONSHIP IS SIGNIFICANTLY LESS THAN THE IMPORTANCE OF THAT RELATIONSHIP IN CANADIAN EYES.

THE "NEW" DIFFERENCES EMERGING

AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF TRADITIONAL SORTS OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, EVENTS OF THE LAST DECADE OR SO, IN EACH COUNTRY, AND IN THE WORLD, HAVE BROUGHT NEW DIFFERENCES TO THE FORE.

MOST OF THESE RELATE TO DIFFERENT DYNAMICS IN THE TWO COUNTRIES THEMSELVES. AGAIN, THIS IS NOT UNNATURAL NOR UNHEALTHY: THEY ARE, I REPEAT, DIFFERENT COUNTRIES. I DON'T KNOW TO WHAT EXTENT THEY REPRESENT