

- There might also be a dark side to Canada's influence on the policies of other countries, particularly in the area of arms sales.
- In addition, the Canadian government asks countries less significant to Canada's economic interests (e.g., Nigeria) the "hard questions" on human right abuses, while being reluctant to ask those same questions of more important states (e.g., People's Republic of China).
- Finally, global concerns such as human rights abuses in foreign countries often seem too remote to most Canadians, who are more concerned with personal problems. How can we encourage the media to provide more coverage to human rights issues, human rights violations in other countries? The Canadian government's direct and indirect support for repressive regimes deserves greater public scrutiny.

Discussion Group #2:

The Principles of Restorative Justice, Retributive Justice and Other Methods of Conflict Resolution

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- Restorative justice is seen as a useful basic principle to be applied in the re-implementation of criminal justice systems in post-conflict situations;
- What is justice? Can we speak of criminal justice without referring to broader issues of social justice?
 Restorative justice – "restoration of harmony in the community".
 - Restorative v. retributive justice – defining in terms of differences.
 - Restorative justice can, in a way, be a fallacy. If 60,000 people are dead now, how is it possible to return to where you were? It is important to look at what there was before. Is that really what the desired goal is?
- Are systems based on the dominant Western adversarial model of justice at all useful in a post-conflict situation? Should the new institutions not promote reconciliation, and thus, a more restorative approach to criminal justice?
- Is it not also important to look at the mechanisms within the criminal justice system which have permitted impunity or allowed abuses of power to take place?
- Is it not useful to think in terms of the importance of restoring the community to its position as the arbiter of community standards?