

## DISCUSSION AGENDA

### A. Perceptions Regarding National Attributes

1. Volunteered list
2. Moderator probes on following:
  - . federal state
  - . democratic
  - . compassionate
  - . multicultural, tolerant
  - . advanced industrial society
  - . close to U.S.

### B. Perceptions of Current Situation and Recent (10-15 Year) Changes in Domestic Environment

1. State of national unity; improving/worsening
2. Nature of relationship with U.S.; improving/worsening  
Have perceptions changed about the costs/benefits of close relationship?
3. Expectations of continued prosperity; individually, as a country
4. Perceptions about the need for risk-taking (i.e., just to maintain current standards)

### C. Perceptions Regarding Current Situation and Recent (10-15 Years) Changes in International Environment

1. Growth in income (rapid, constant, mixed, uncertain)
2. Third World socio-political and economic stability
3. Role of U.N. and international organizations (changing?)
4. Global security (improving/worsening, changing?)

### D. In-Depth Probing on Canada/U.S. Relationship

1. Understanding of free trade concept
2. Ability to identify costs, benefits, potential risks
  - . perceptions of American desires, interests
  - . concerns/apprehensions about dealing with Americans