

diversity of views and ideas broadens the menu of possible foreign policy options. The "process of diversity" points to Canada's willingness to work in different ways. Both make Canada an attractive partner for diversified societies in peace or in conflict. (Here peace includes the precarious pre and post conflict state.)

2. **Promotion and nurturing of inclusiveness and dialogue:** Canada promotes consultative approaches, aims to include minorities and the marginalised in developing policies and encourages indigenous-grass roots movements. Besides Canada's acceptance of diversity, Canadians display distinctive willingness to listen and learn from others. This Canadian trait is reflected in Canadian foreign and development policies. Both take steps to ensure democratic development assistance reflects local values and history. Canada is also more willing than other countries to recognise its mistakes and disengage from unsuccessful mandates.
3. **Support for democracy:** Canadians hold high democratic principles. In the context of foreign policy, the most cited principles include: the rule of law, commitment to protect human rights, commitment to promote fundamental equality (gender equality, for instance), and "good" governance. These values should permeate all foreign policy. Respect for human rights (and increasingly also social, cultural and economic rights) has been frequently promoted by Canadians as one of the most important components of Canada's foreign policy.
4. **Strong sense of social justice:** While Canadians do frequently recognise the important role of private business in economic development, they also promote issues related to social justice (i.e., universal social programmes, public education, large role of labour and other unions in Canada's economic life, etc.).
5. **Environment and sustainable development:** Care for the environment and making development self-sufficient and sustainable frequently make it to the list of Canadian normative priorities for foreign policy development.

Canadian Practical Experience/Expertise and Possible Canadian Niches¹

The most cited "hands-on" areas where Canada could offer practical assistance, expertise or simply share information include:

1. **Modes of coexistence:** Canadian experience with coexistence in the context of flexible federalism could be useful to some multi-ethnic/multi-nation countries (particularly in

¹Some of these points trace Canadian experiences that are directly linked to values and principles addressed in the previous section.