

social programs

a program that is offered to the public by the government to address economic inequality and improve welfare for all

Health Care

a social program that takes care of your health

Social Services ex.

health care, income assistance (welfare), affordable housing, pension, child protection, food banks, employment insurance, education, child care

Canadian Services

has public health care paid for by the government

US services

has private health care that you must pay for by yourself, run for profit

Provision of Programs

Programs are provided by both the federal and provincial governments. For example, healthcare is a program provided by the provincial government. This ensures that different provinces can meet the health-related needs of their citizens.

Canadian Values

values the collective good, taking care of those in need

American Values

values individualism, profit, and people taking care of themselves

Taxation in Canada

The Canadian government collects more than 222 billion dollars in taxes each year from Canadians. GST and PST are taxes collected on the sale of new items. GST is set federally (5%), PST is set by each individual province, depending on their needs and their governments' political platform. Income tax is collected on money that is earned. The more money you earn, the more you pay. Hidden taxes are built in to products such as tobacco, alcohol and gasoline. Property taxes are paid on land that is owned. The bigger the house, the more taxes that are paid

Liberal

This is one of the major political parties in Canada. They are on the left side of the political spectrum. They believe in values such as: high taxes, change (such as gay rights), public services.

Democrat

Is one of the two political parties in the U.S. they are on the same side of the political spectrum as the Liberals. However they have the same beliefs and values as the NDP

Republican

This is the other political party in the USA. This party is on the same wing of the political spectrum as the Conservatives.