

# Exploring Nationalism

## Chapter Highlights

### Chapter 3: Reconciling Nationalist Loyalties

This chapter investigates factors associated with nationalist loyalties and choice, contending and affirming loyalties, cultural pluralism, and reasonable accommodation. Often loyalties create conflict and an act of reconciliation is necessary; however, there are times when reconciliation attempts fail, resulting in political struggles or even war.

**Chapter Issue:** *To what extent should people reconcile their contending nationalist loyalties?*

#### In this chapter you will learn about the following concepts:

- That, when faced with a choice, contending loyalties play a role in the decisions you make and sometimes there are competing loyalties;
- That people affirm their nationalistic loyalties either individually or as a group;
- That Canada has a reputation for cultural pluralism and that Canada has a constitutional concept of *reasonable accommodation*;
- That nationalistic loyalties can create conflict; and,
- An attitude of reconciliation can sometimes help people to coexist in peace.

#### Topics covered in this chapter include:

1. How nationalist loyalties shape people's choices. (*patriotism, choices, contending loyalties*)
2. What choices have people made to affirm nationalist loyalties? (*affirming First Nations loyalties, the Inuit South Baffin Place Names Project, Kiviat, reasonable accommodation*)
3. How nationalist loyalties can create conflict. (*July 1 in Newfoundland, contending loyalties*)
4. How people have reconciled contending nationalist loyalties. (*the Oka crisis, Royal Commission on Aboriginal peoples, Statement of Reconciliation, land claims*)

#### You will apply these skills to your understanding of how and why people reconcile contending nationalist loyalties:

1. **Develop** a scenario in which a person must choose among several loyalties.
2. **Explain** if a person needs to be immersed in a nation to be loyal to it.
3. **Read** Canada's citizenship oath to decide if immigrants are asked to reject their cultural values and beliefs when becoming Canadian citizens.
4. **List** three key arguments in favour of making reasonable accommodations and three drawbacks.
5. **Create** a slogan or symbol that celebrates Canada as a nation that draws its identity and strength from its diversity.
6. **Examine** figures in a chart and a graph that show trends influenced by Bill 101.
7. **Create** a list of the stakeholders in the Oka crisis.
8. **Identify** a nationalist loyalty that might contend with one of your own loyalties.