

Exploring Nationalism

Chapter Highlights

Chapter 10: Foreign Policy and Internationalism

This chapter explores how countries set foreign policy and how they can promote internationalism through foreign policy. International law and agreements are investigated as well as the ways Canada tries to balance national interest and internationalism.

Chapter Issue: *To what extent can foreign policy promote internationalism?*

In this chapter you will learn about the following concepts:

- That foreign policy affects us in our everyday lives;
- That, when setting foreign policy goals, most countries try to balance their national and international interests; and,
- That humanitarianism is often the main motive for providing aid to other countries.

Topics covered in this chapter include:

1. How do countries set foreign policy? (*influences on foreign policy decisions, foreign policy goals, foreign policy in a globalizing world*)
2. How states can promote internationalism through foreign policy. (*promoting peace, economic sanctions, collective security, international law and agreements, foreign aid, gross national income, tied aid*)
3. How does Canadian foreign policy try to balance national interest and internationalism? (*Canada and peacekeeping — myth and reality, landmines, the Ottawa Treaty*)

You will apply these skills to your understanding of foreign policy and internationalism:

1. **Think** about how you would use a collage to express your current ideas about nationalism.
2. **Connect** with the Internet to learn more about the position taken by the Council of Canadians on various foreign policy issues.
3. **Identify** common threads in three separate points of view about foreign policy decisions.
4. **Conduct** research to find out how Canada's case for extending its control of the continental shelf has progressed since 2008.
5. **Persuade, compromise, and negotiate** to resolve conflicts and differences of fishing on the Grand Banks.
6. **Respond** to the issue of donor countries placing restrictions on the way foreign aid money is spent.
7. **List** arguments from three different perspectives of a peacekeeper that is charged with failing to take action to prevent a war crime.
8. **View** a world map to determine the casualties of landmines.
9. **Prepare** a short briefing paper setting out your observations on the trends of foreign aid spending.