Why should American students study Canadian politics? And in particular, why study Canadian politics at Western?

Canada is the United States’ closest neighbor and historically largest trading partner. What happens in Canada has an impact on the U.S., especially locally.

Despite some surface similarities and shared qualities as industrialized North American states, Canada differs from the U.S. in important ways in both political culture and institutional structure. A better understanding of Canada - including issues such as Indigenous rights, the social safety net, and individual freedoms and liberties - provides a context for a better understanding of the U.S. itself.

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