# SOCIAL ASSISTANCE IN CANADA: HISTORICAL ROOTS AND CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES

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### Five Sessions:

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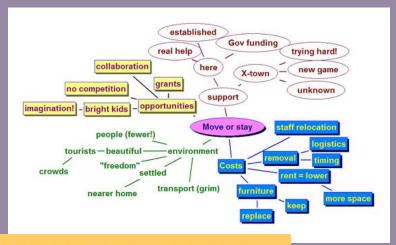
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# Requirements:

- Attendance
- Cognitive Map OR Article Review

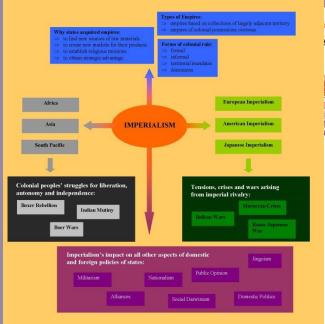
### Cognitive mapping, mind mapping, conceptual mapping:

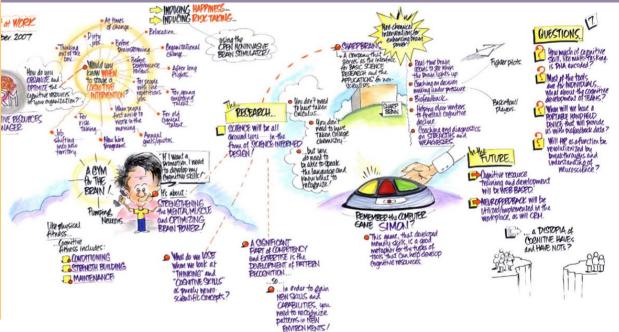






- ⇒ You can define nationalism (blue).
- ⇒ You can assess areas that were colonized, including Africa, Asia and South Pacific
- ⇒ You can evaluate the colonial peoples' struggles for liberation (dark grey).
- ⇒ You can appraise the tensions, crises and wars that were stimulated or triggered by imperialism (dark green).
- ⇒ You can discuss imperialism's impact on other key issues such as nationalism, militarism, alliances, etc. (purple).





### Session 1:

### Canada: A Background

### Canada: Land of Prosperity?

#### The Colonial Roots of Social Assistance in Canada

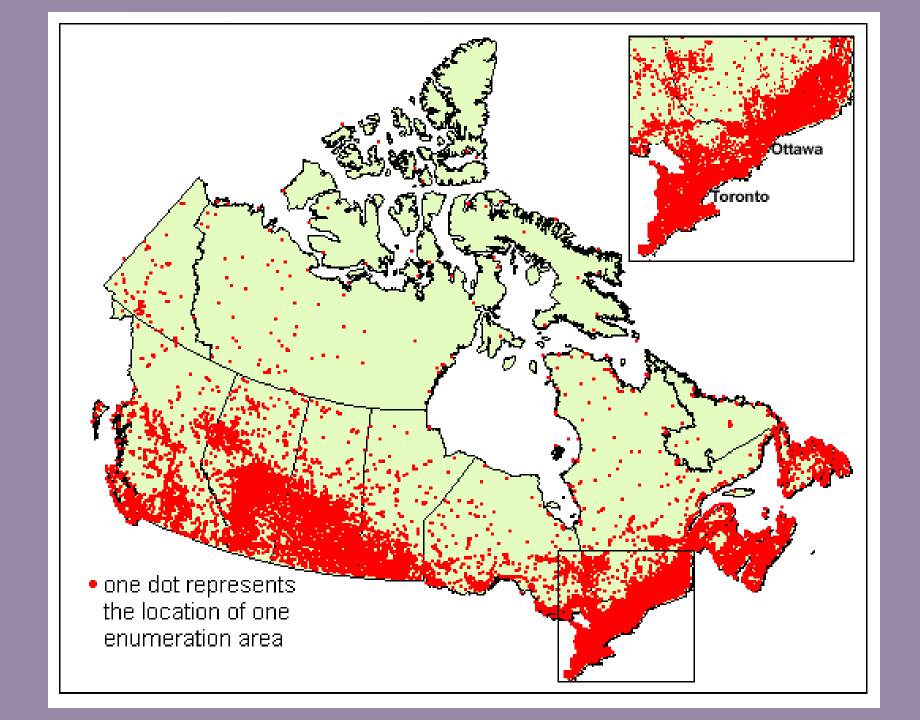
- Atlantic Provinces, Central Canada,
   Prairie Provinces, West Coast,
   Northern Territories
- Multiculturalism Act (1985)
- "welfare colonialism"
- parties: Liberal, Conservative, and National Democratic
- social assistance
- welfare states: social democratic, corporate and liberal
- United Nations Human Development Index (HDI)
- social minimum"
- Statute of Labourers
- Poor Laws
- "less eligibility"
- Protestant Ethnic

- Law of Settlement and Removal
- workhouses
- Spenhamland system
- Charity Organization Societies (COS);
   St. Vincent de Paul; YMCA
- Social Darwinism
- Poor Law Amendment Act
- three traditions: poor laws, social insurance, welfare state
- William Beveridge
- three social security strategies: social assistance, social insurance, social allowance
- New France (Lower Canada), Upper Canada
- Margurite Bourgeyos
- Bureau des Pauvres
- British North America (BNA) Act

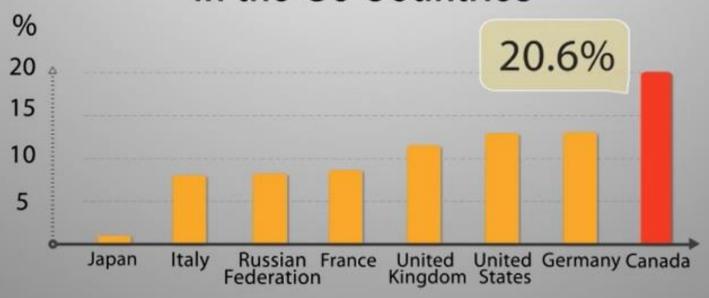
# What comes to mind when you think of Canada?

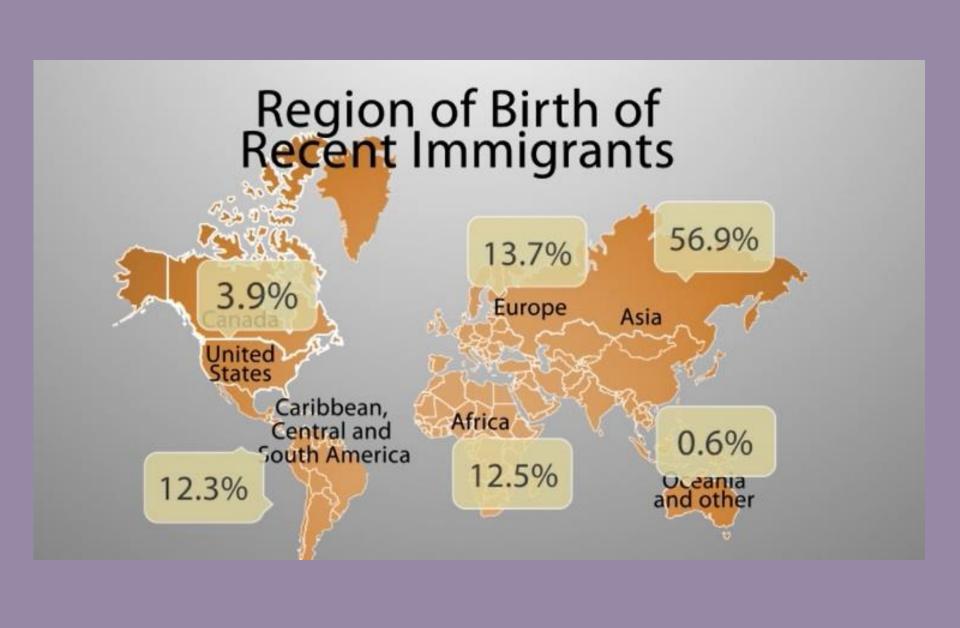


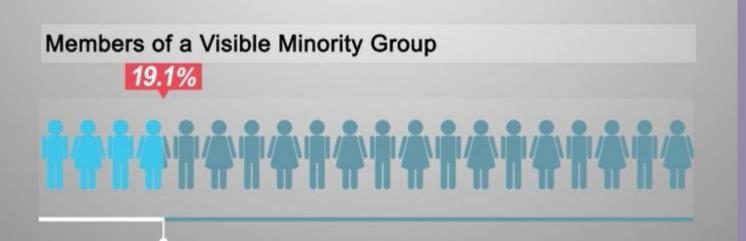




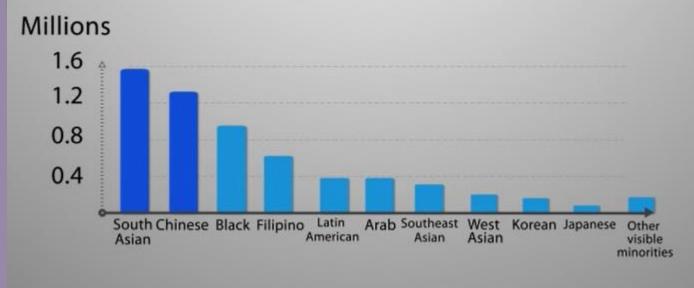




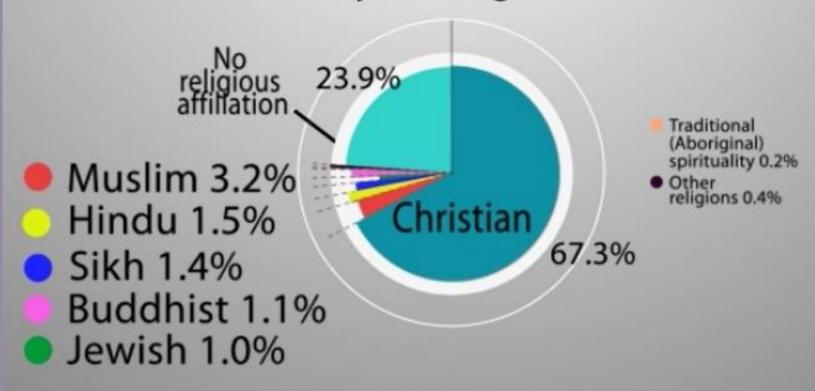




### Visible Minority Groups



### **Major Religions**



| Government                    | Elected Officials   | National Defence     Foreign Policy     Cittzenship     Policing     Criminal Justice     International Trade     Aboriginal Affairs     Immigration (shared)     Agriculture (shared)     Environment (shared)      Education     Health Care     Natural Resources     Highways     Policing (Ontario, Quebec)     Property and Civil Rights     immigration (shared)     Agriculture (shared)     Property and Civil Rights     immigration (shared)     Agriculture (shared)     Environment (shared) |  |  |
|-------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Federal                       | Members of Parliament (MPs)   |   |  |  |
| Provincial and<br>Territorial | Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) or     Members of the National Assembly (MNAs) or     Members of the Provincial Parliament (MPPs) or     Members of the House of Assembly (MHAs) |   |  |  |
| Municipal (local)             | Mayor or Reeve     Councillors or Aldermen  | Social and Community Health     Recycling Programs     Transportation and Utilities     Snow Removal     Policing     Firefighting     Emergency Services   |  |  |







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- What is social assistance?
- How would you define social assistance?
- What are the key themes associated with social assistance?
- Right or privilege?



Social assistance helps individuals, families, groups and communities enhance their individual and collective well-being. It assists individuals in developing their own skills and the ability to use their own and community resources to resolve problems. It is also concerned with broader social issues such as poverty, mental health, unemployment, family violence, elderly abuse and re-socialization. Historically, social assistance was associated with religious charities and voluntary aid to the needy. It is currently associated with public service provision and citizenship rights of the welfare state.

#### DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Clinical social work services and case management for state and local agencies and schools

#### AGING AND GERONTOLOGY

Home health care, geriatric care management and adult day care at hospitals, nursing homes and assisted living homes

#### **JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONS**

Corrections, probation and forensics for prisons, courts and victim services programs

#### SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Individual, group and family counseling in inpatient and outpatient treatment centers

#### CHILD WELFARE AND FAMILY

Family preservation, child protection and adoption at adoption agencies, foster care agencies, public and private welfare agencies

#### **HEALTH CARE**

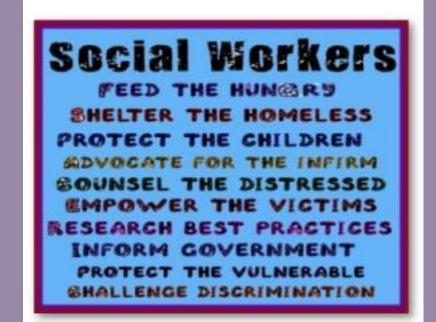
Case management, counseling and continuity of care planning in hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living centers and other health care facilities

#### OCCUPATIONAL.

Substance abuse and health and wellness education for corporations and employee assistance programs

#### MENTAL HEALTH

Case management, counseling, coaching and community programming with individuals with mentally illness

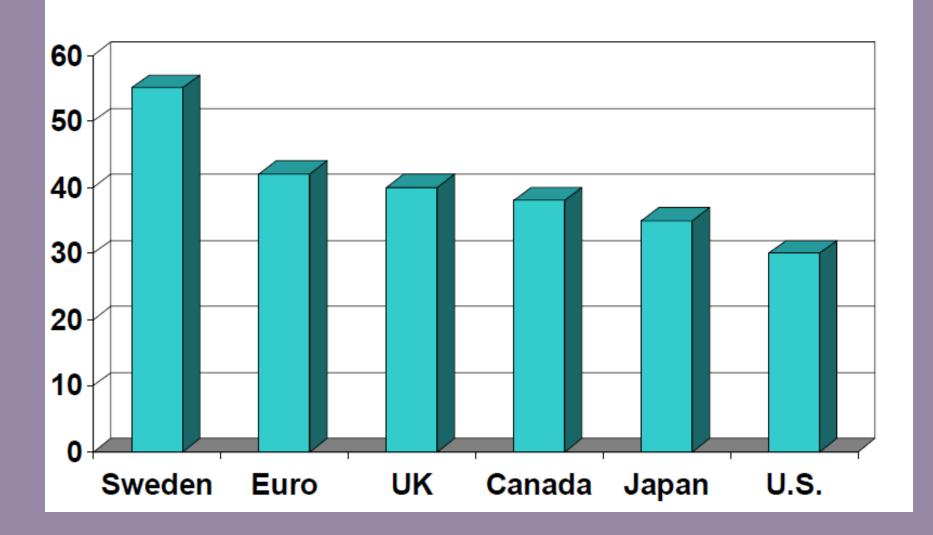


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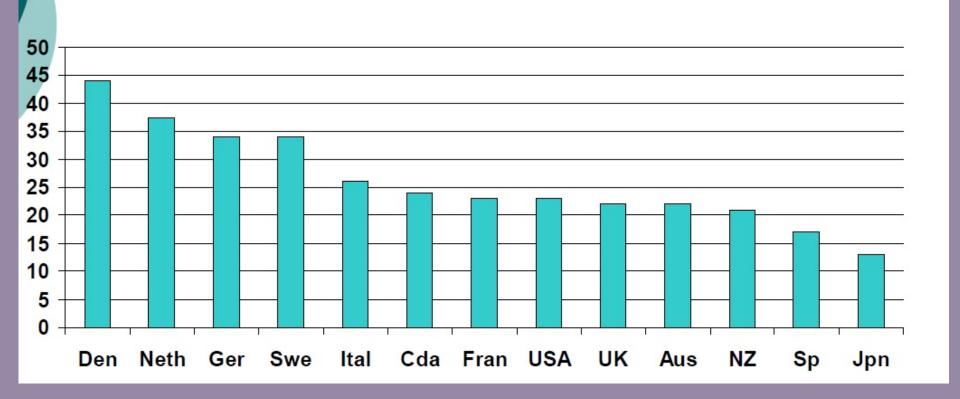
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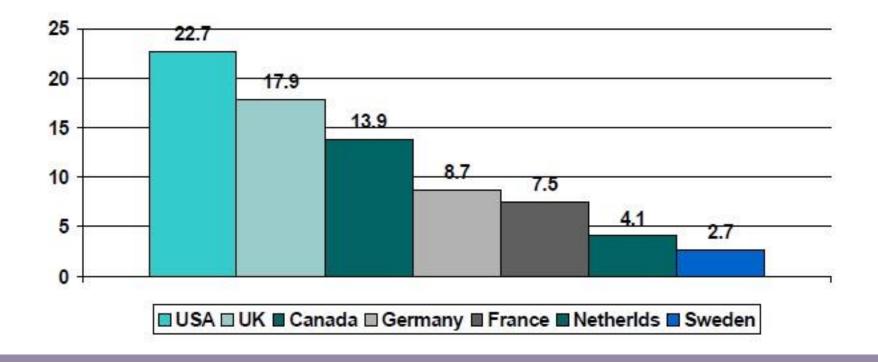
# Government Revenue as a Share of GDP 2002 (est)



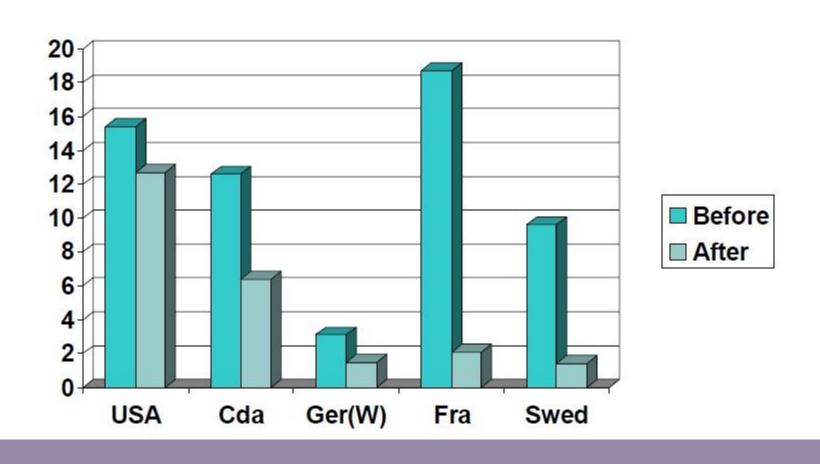
## Per Cent of Earnings Paid in Tax, 2 Earners and 2 Children



### Child Poverty Rates by Selected Country



## Poverty Rates, Before and After Taxes and Transfers: Families with 2 Earners



TABLE

## Human Development Index and its components

|                             | Human Development<br>Index (HDI) | Life expectancy<br>at birth | Mean years of schooling | Expected years of schooling | Gross national income<br>(GNI) per capita | GNI per capita rank<br>minus HDI rank | Nonincome<br>HDI |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|------------------|
|                             | Value                            | (years)                     | (years)                 | (years)                     | (2005 PPP \$)                             |                                       | Value            |
| HDI rank                    | 2012                             | 2012                        | 2010ª                   | 2011b                       | 2012                                      | 2012                                  | 2012             |
| VERY HIGH HUMAN DEVELOPMENT |                                  |                             |                         |                             |   |                                       |                  |
| 1 Norway                    | 0.955                            | 81.3                        | 12.6                    | 17.5                        | 48,688                                    | 4                                     | 0.977            |
| 2 Australia                 | 0.938                            | 82.0                        | 12.0°                   | 19.6 <sup>d</sup>           | 34,340                                    | 15                                    | 0.978            |
| 3 United States             | 0.937                            | 78.7                        | 13.3                    | 16.8                        | 43,480                                    | 6                                     | 0.958            |
| 4 Netherlands               | 0.921                            | 80.8                        | 11.6°                   | 16.9                        | 37,282                                    | 8                                     | 0.945            |
| 5 Germany                   | 0.920                            | 80.6                        | 12.2                    | 16.4 <sup>e</sup>           | 35,431                                    | 10                                    | 0.948            |
| 6 New Zealand               | 0.919                            | 80.8                        | 12.5                    | 19.7 <sup>d</sup>           | 24,358                                    | 26                                    | 0.978            |
| 7 Ireland                   | 0.916                            | 80.7                        | 11.6                    | 18.3 <sup>d</sup>           | 28,671                                    | 19                                    | 0.960            |
| 7 Sweden                    | 0.916                            | 81.6                        | 11.7°                   | 16.0                        | 36,143                                    | 6                                     | 0.940            |
| 9 Switzerland               | 0.913                            | 82.5                        | 11.0°                   | 15.7                        | 40,527                                    | 2                                     | 0.926            |
| 10 Japan                    | 0.912                            | 83.6                        | 11.6°                   | 15.3                        | 32,545                                    | 11                                    | 0.942            |
| 11 Canada                   | 0.911                            | 81.1                        | 12.3                    | 15.1                        | 35,369                                    | 5                                     | 0.934            |
| 12 Korea, Republic of       | 0.909                            | 80.7                        | 11.6                    | 17.2                        | 28,231                                    | 15                                    | 0.949            |
| 13 Hong Kong, China (SAR)   | 0.906                            | 83.0                        | 10.0                    | 15.5                        | 45,598                                    | -6                                    | 0.907            |
| 13 Iceland                  | 0.906                            | 81.9                        | 10.4                    | 18.3 <sup>d</sup>           | 29,176                                    | 12                                    | 0.943            |
| 15 Denmark                  | 0.901                            | 79.0                        | 11.4°                   | 16.8                        | 33,518                                    | 4                                     | 0.924            |
| 16 Israel                   | 0.900                            | 81.9                        | 11.9                    | 15.7                        | 26,224                                    | 13                                    | 0.942            |
| 17 Belgium                  | 0.897                            | 80.0                        | 10.9°                   | 16.4                        | 33,429                                    | 3                                     | 0.917            |

# The Four Stages of Canada's Social Assistance:

The Poor Laws and the Colonial heritage, Early Years to 1867

Moral Reform, 1867-1890s

Social Reform, 1890s-1947

Applied Social Science, 1947-present

# Five Key Themes:

- 1) the development of alternatives to the traditional means of distributing income, goods and services
- 2) the struggle to define the "social minimum"
- 3) the process of defining and redefining the cause of poverty and dependency
- 4) increasing amount of public interest in the form, content, and operation of social security programmes
- 5) the political structure of Canada since the British North America Act of 1867

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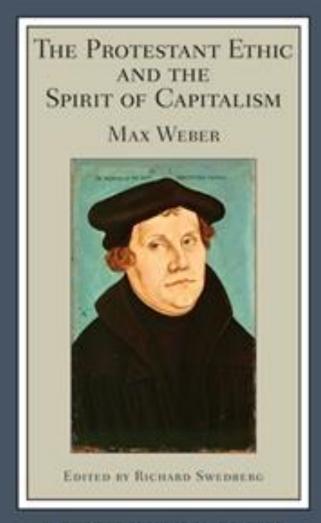






Who is eligible for assistance?

How is he need for assistance perceived?





A NORTON CRITICAL EDITION

