

What does being a Canadian Mean to Me?

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We are in a time where there are parts of our world that are not doing so well. This should remind us to be proud of our peace governing nation, Canada.

The ISIS mission spreading across the globe is causing trauma to whomever it hits. The rape and murder of a young girl is only one of the twenty seven women killed in Turkey during the past first month of 2015. Greece is in financial trouble. These are just a few headline news stories that remind me of how lucky I am to be Canadian. All of these issues have been caused by a clash in opinions or a difference of religions. To be a Canadian to me means to respect others and help to make a difference in a positive way.

Canada as a country is known as the land of opportunity, peace and freedom. Canada was the place for people to come from around the world to start a new life, to escape and live without crime, abuse, and assault, without racism, or poverty. I believe it is my job as a Canadian to withstand these values and help keep them true.

We are a rich country, with lots of resources to offer and strong legs to stand on. We have the prairies that offer oil and wheat, and the Maritime and BC that offer fish. We have a very capable work force. To be a good worker means to be committed, passionate and resourceful. I believe Canadians honor these qualities and deem them to be very important to maintaining a well-balanced society. As a Canadian I honor our resources and believe they should be cared for. As a Canadian I am grateful for all the trees, plants and wildlife that surround me. For being able to walk out my door and smell the scent of fresh air, that gorgeous smell of dirt mixed with water and leaves.

We are not perfect, we have had our differences. Such as the war of 1812, that separated us from our neighboring country the United States of America. Throughout time we have stood strong, fought for peace, human rights, health care and democracy. Britain is the birth mother of our parliamentary system and Aboriginals were the first people to make Canada their home and continue to influence our culture.

We are a very special country full of diverse characters each special and unique, and I as a Canadian respect and am grateful to be one of these characters.