

Should Canada provide foreign aid to developing nations?

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The issue of foreign aid is a dilemma for both the Canadian government and for many Canadian citizens. The Canadian governments and Canadian citizens must decide whether it is best to provide foreign aid and risk losing money or if it is better to keep the money only for Canada's problems. Internationalists would advocate that Canadians should support foreign aid. Internationalists would support this action because they believe that Canadians have an obligation to spread the wealth of this country. Internationalists also believe that Canadian citizens are blessed to be born into this country and not everyone around the world have plenty opportunities like Canadians. Nationalists would support a decision by the Canadian government to support foreign aid but only to a point. Nationalists want to provide aid but on the other hand do not want to lose Canada's money to corrupt governments and Bureaucracies. It is hard to help other countries when the help does not get to the foreign countries. In conclusion, the Canadian government and Canadian citizens must decide if providing aid or to not contribute to foreign aid would be the best course of action.

Citizen One believes that the Canadian government and Canadians should not support foreign aid. Citizen one states, "Providing foreign aid to developing nations is a waste of money. Foreign aid doesn't end up in the hands of the people who need it. We have enough of our own problems in Canada. We need to look after Canadians first." This statement indicates that Citizen One believes in nationalism. This statement is evidence that Citizen One believes in the importance of keeping all the foreign aid to Canadians, Citizen one does not believe Canada should sacrifice the wealth. To conclude Citizen One believes the Canadian government should not provide foreign aid because it doesn't help the people in need.

Citizen Two holds a different viewpoint than Citizen One. Citizen Two believes that the Canadian government and Canadians should provide as much foreign aid as needed. Citizen Two states that, "We have a moral obligation to share our wealth and help all of our fellow human beings – not just Canadians." This statement indicates that Citizen Two believes in internationalism. This statement is evidence that

Citizen Two believes in the importance of helping people in need with the resources and wealth that Canadians have. To conclude, Citizen Two believes that the Canadian government and Canadian citizens are obligated to provide foreign aid.

I believe that Canadian citizens do have an obligation as human beings to care for other people around the world. Foreign aid something the Canadian government should take seriously and provide to other countries.