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Like many other countries, Canada has been troubled in recent years by populism, political polarization, and violent extremism, and there are signs that Trump-style reactionary authoritarianism might be spilling over the border from the US. How have these developments affected Canadians' ideas about who they are, and what the country stands for? How serious is the threat to Canadian democracy? What would it take to (re-)establish a sense of shared identity and purpose?

And what is—or should be—the role of foreign policy in all this? During the Cold War, a fairly broad and stable consensus on Canada's foreign policy priorities helped to reinforce a sense of collective identity and common purpose in an otherwise deeply divided country. Can foreign policy still be a kind of “glue” to help hold the country together? If so, how?

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