



# Canada is Prepared for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: ***Pro Side***



We've come through  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the century and we're doing fine

We can't know for what to prepare

We needn't waste effort preparing for things that won't happen

There's time to detect and respond to threats

We're quite good at solving problems



We dealt with Madison's American patriots (~1812)

We beat off the Fenians (~1870)

We helped defeat the Kaiser (~1914) & Hitler (~1939) & their allies

We & our allies sent the North Koreans & Chinese packing (~1950)

We & our allies took down Milošević, Karadžić, & friends (~1990)

We outlasted Levesque (1995)



We mostly get along well & are working on reconciliation

We're well educated & are good at solutions

Sandford Fleming gave the world coordinated universal time (1879)

William Osler help invent diagnostic medicine (1889)

Fred Banting (MC) & Charles Best gave us insulin (1922)

John Hopps invented the pacemaker (1941)

Norm Rolston gave the world the able walker (1986)



E.F. Rolston & his students built a practical electron microscope (1938)

AECL, ON Hydro, & GE Canada built the CANDU nuclear reactor (1954)

George Klein invented the electric wheelchair (1956)

We built the supersonic Avro Arrow (1957)

We built the Canadarm (1975)

We gave ourselves & the world a Charter of Rights & Freedoms (1982)



We weathered rebellions & wars

We survived many epidemic & pandemics

We made it through the Dustbowl & the Great Depression

We went through innumerable recessions

We all hope that we will be able to deal with whatever we face



## Conclusion

Canada can use its population's resilience, intelligence, & positive outlook to handle anything short of catastrophic natural phenomena beyond human control, which makes us prepared for the rest of the 21<sup>st</sup> century