

## THE U.S.A. AND CANADA 2: ATTITUDES Part 1

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Hello and welcome to another podcast of NaukaBezGranic, LearningWithoutBorders. Today, I'll be your host, Bulent Akman, and today we'll be talking about some of the attitudes of Canada and the United States that are different from the attitudes of Europe. Canada, America's hat. That's a joke. Canadians can make fun of themselves and laugh about it. Be careful when making jokes about the United States to an American. Sometimes, Americans don't have a sense of humour about their own country. Canadians like to joke that the difference between Canadians and Americans is Canadians can laugh at themselves and Americans can't.

But moving on, the values that Americans living in the United States value above all others are: life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. And the national mascot of the United States is the American Bald Eagle, a bird of prey. Fun fact: Which country has the most powerful air force in the world? If you guessed the United States, you are correct. But, which country has the second most powerful air force in the world? If you guessed the United States, you are correct. Because the U.S. air force and the U.S. navy maintain their own fleets of aircraft. But wait, which country has the third most powerful air force in the world? If you guessed the United States, you'd be correct because the marines maintain their own fleet of aircraft.

But turning now to Canada, Canada's national mascot is unusual because it's a human being. The national mascot of Canada is a Royal Canadian Mounted Police officer and we Canadians value (above all other things) peace, order and good government. And these values are enshrined in the laws of our country. Peace, order and good government. What a contrast to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Both have their advantages and disadvantages and certainly Canadians value life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness but not more than peace, order and good government.

When you think about the differences between Canadians and Americans, I hope you remember this one.