

Civic Minds

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Article Title: **Trudeau victory likely to improve ties with U.S.**

Section: Main, A1

Vocabulary:

Look up the definition of ***liberal***. Please write the definition and create a new sentence, using your own words.

“With Trudeau’s decisive victory on Monday, Canadian voters reclaimed their country’s ***liberal*** identity, giving the new prime minister a commanding majority in Parliament that will allow him to govern without relying on other parties.”

Comprehension Questions

1. The stunning victory of Justin Trudeau will reverberate beyond Canada’s borders after the Liberal Party leader emphatically ended nearly a decade of rule by the most _____ leadership in the country’s history.
2. What are the areas in which the new prime minister differs from his predecessor, Conservative Stephen Harper?
3. “I want to say this to this country’s friends around the world: Many of you have worried that Canada has lost its _____ and _____ voice in the world over the past 10 years. Well, I have a simple message for you on behalf of 35 million Canadians. We’re back,” he declared.
4. The son of the late Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau, who swept to office in _____ on a wave of support dubbed “Trudeaumania” and governed for most of the next two decades, the younger Trudeau channels the star power — if not quite the political heft — of his father.
5. Tall and trim, he is a former _____ and member of Parliament since 2008.
6. He becomes the _____ prime minister in Canadian history and has been likened to Obama.
7. The White House said Obama called to congratulate Trudeau on Tuesday afternoon and said in a statement the two leaders are committed to what?
8. What did Obama tease Trudeau about?
9. Still, there are differences that could lead to friction with the U.S. What are they?
10. “Canada’s days of being a less-than-enthusiastic actor on the _____ file are behind us,” Trudeau told the news conference in Ottawa.
11. Trudeau, who has promised to raise taxes on the rich and run deficits for three years to boost government spending, said _____ led to his victory.

Class Discussion Questions and Essay Prompts:

- What do you know about the political relationship between the U.S. & Canada?
- What are some similarities and differences between the two countries?
- What do you think about Trudeau, from reading about him in this article?

Essay

“The whole tone of the U.S.-Canada relationship will change. Philosophically Obama and Trudeau are much closer,” Bothwell said.

- Do you agree or disagree with the above statement?
- How will the tone of the relationship change between countries?
- Do you think it will strengthen or weaken ties, with Trudeau being elected?
- What will Trudeau’s main challenges be?

What kind of leader do you think our next President should be? Why?

Newspaper-related CBA activity: U.S. Policy

How the United States government interacts with the world affects people across the globe. Analyze and evaluate the causes and effects of US foreign policy on people in the United States and across the world.

- Using The Seattle Times e-edition, find an article from this week that deals with world politics or foreign policy.
- What are the main points of view from someone living in that particular country? How is that “view” similar and different than your own opinion, regarding the specific issue the article is discussing?
- Why is it important to study and learn about foreign policy? How does it help you understand the world we live in, using current issues and events?

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