

People have many different opinions that often end in arguments. It is said that the two things that people should not argue about are politics and religion. General arguments such as which sports team is superior or which music genre reigns supreme are usually the safer choice if a discussion that is debatable is wished for. An argument that commonly happens in North America is whether Canada is better than America, and which is the best country to live in. Canada and the United States are similar in many ways, they are both nations settled by colonists from Europe and are much sought after destination by immigrants today. America is the older country compared to its Northern neighbour and has clear differences in regard to politics, attitudes towards religion, and economic practices; however some might say that these differences are disappearing and that Canada is starting to resemble America. As far as the United Nations was concerned, Canada constantly surpasses the United States as being the most desirable country to live in. If somebody were to debate which country is better, clearly there is evidence to support the claim that Canada would be the answer. Specifically, safety, diversity, and healthcare are all strong reasons as to why Canada is the superior nation when compared to the United States.

The first point to examine when comparing why Canada is better than the United States is each country's overall safety. This topic primarily focuses on gun violence and school shootings, as well as hate crimes. In the United States, gun laws are incredibly more lenient as they are determined by state governments, meaning firearms in the country are more accessible. This relates to an increase of weapon related crimes specifically school shootings and other forms of gun violence. In the year of 2018, there were 23 recorded school shootings that involved death or injuries. Exactly 113 people have been killed in these events. Obviously gun violence around schools has resulted in people not feeling safe as there has been a demand for the federal

government to do something about this. However, this only makes up a small portion of the total gun related deaths in the country. For example, nearly 40,000 people died due to gun related incidents last year. This quite clearly shows that the United States is not a safe country, Therefore, gun violence in the United States has clearly compromised overall safety which is an area that makes it not as good as Canada.

Unlike the United States, Canada's gun laws upon examination will show why Canada is better than America. Many Canadians own firearms and are hunters and sport shooters and the Canadian government has determined what the laws governing ownership and usage will be. The gun laws in Canada are far more restrictive than those in America. For example, Canada's gun laws are split into 3 categories, non-restricted, restricted and prohibited and in order to obtain a firearm a person must have a license and to get a license there is a long process which includes background checks and safety training. Due to these strict gun laws Canada is clearly safer and therefore a better country than the United States. Canada has a much lower gun associated crimes rate than the U.S which also makes it better. For example, in Canada there have been fewer than 10 major school shootings in the last 30 years when in the States there has been 288 school shootings in the last 10 years. Obviously, this is a result of tougher gun laws which shows why Canada is better than America. Thus, it is clearly visible that, through the examination of gun laws, why Canada is better than America.

Along with safety, the next point to analyze when showing why Canada is better than the United States is the diversity in the respective societies. Diversity is the existence of different cultural or ethnic and religious groups in a country who have the ability to practice their own religion and/or cultural observances and customs (separate from that commonly practice in a

country). In the United States there are many different ethnic and religious groups, however because of the American melting pot they aren't as diverse as they believe. For example, when people immigrate to America they are encouraged to leave their cultural practices, such as dress, behind and adopt those observed in the United States. Clearly not being able to do this results in a lack of diversity as people abandon their traditional customs. Freedom to observe one's own holidays can allow for a diverse society, but this doesn't exist in America. For instance, people from Europe are not permitted to take time from work to observe such holidays as Burns Day, Guy Fawkes Day, or Boxing Day. Obviously it is evident how not allowing people to observe their cultural holidays doesn't promote a diverse society as other people don't get to learn and thus hopefully understand and accept cultures different from theirs. Thus, it is graphically visible how a lack of diversity is bad for America.

Unlike America, Canada is a society that allows for diversity which is one facet that makes it better than the United States. Canada has seemed to pride itself on accepting all cultures and allowing those who immigrate to not have to conform to a Canadian identity. However, this is only true of Canada after 1970. Canada is a very diverse country with many cultures that come here from all places on the globe. Canada is a far more diverse country with a higher tolerance for different races.. For example, people who immigrate to Canada are permitted to wear their cultural dress, a right that is protected by the nations code of Human Rights. Clearly it is obvious how something like this allows for a diverse society where people are allowed to live as they wish without the fear to conform. Since Canada has allowed for a greater acceptance of different races and cultures there is less religious and racial tension in Canada. For instance, there aren't the race riots in Canada that have happened in places like Ferguson and Los Angeles in the late 20th and early 21st Centuries. This proves that Canada is a more diverse nation which

proves that Canada is better than the United States. Thus, upon comparison of the diversity that exists in each nation , it has been visibly proven how Canada is better than the United States.

Along with safety and diversity, the last facet to examine when explaining why Canada is better than America is health care. Health care relates to how nations take care of their sick. In some countries it is funded through taxes and in others individual citizens pay for it when they access it. The United States does not have a health care system that is affordable by all. For example, if somebody broke a leg in the United States and are taken to the hospital, they have to pay for the cast, crutches, doctors and nurses time, and all the services incurred. This has led to some families going bankrupt. Clearly it is evident how a system like this is not a good one. Even an event which is supposed to be a joyous one (childbirth) there are the supports in place to make it so and thus it can become more stressful than it needs to be. For example, in the United States, not everybody has maternity leave which means they have to save up money to pay for any time off take which means that they will feel pressured to have to go back to work as soon as possible. Obviously it is clear how this is not a benefit to those who live in America, Thus, when looking at healthcare, America certainly doesn't have a fair and equitable system..

Unlike the United States, Canada's health care is much better and shows why Canada the better country. Healthcare for Canadians is paid through taxes. This plan was established by Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson in the 1960's and it is something that Canada is known for around the world. Canadians pay higher taxes but, in return, its citizens aren't presented with massive bills that can drain families savings for things such as retirement. For instance, when a Canadian goes to the hospital for a broken leg, the only thing they might have to pay for are the crutches and the ambulance trip (which is subsidized to reduce the cost). Everything else is

covered as they have technically paid for it in their taxes. It's pretty evident how this makes Canada a better country than America. Also, when it comes to prescription drugs, the health care in Canada is superior compared to the United States. For instance, Canadian citizens save up to 80% on over the counter and prescription drugs every year. This makes it pretty obvious how, yet again, Canada is better than America. Therefore, upon the comparison of healthcare systems, Canada is clearly the better than the United States.

In conclusion, while some may want to debate the issue further, the result is pretty clear; Canada is better than the U.S. Specifically, it's safety, cultural diversity and universal healthcare system all graphically illustrate why Canada is better than America. Canadians are safer than Americans due to such things as better policing, lower crime rates and stronger gun laws. Canada also support multiculturalism. In short, that means that each person/culture can fit together to form a grander picture without having to conform to a central controlling image such as the American Melting Pot. Finally, Canada's universal healthcare system makes it better than America. In Canada healthcare that is affordable is provided for all, regardless of income. All together this a solid metrics to measure whether or not a country is better than another. Regardless of what is said, year after year, both countries experience large numbers of people who wish to leave their native countries and immigrate to either American or Canada. If they had to make a choice, it's pretty clear; Canada is better than the United States.