

Tracking Perceptions on US-Canada Relations

Canadian-American Annual Survey Summary – Year 11

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Year 11 of Tracking

In 2005, Nanos Research, in partnership with the State University of New York at Buffalo embarked on a cooperative research initiative. The objective of the initiative was to add to the unfolding dialogue and discussion on Canada-US relations in a manner that engaged stakeholders, institutions, and entrepreneurs in a direct fashion. Now in its eleventh wave of tracking, the current wave of research is based on the opinions of 1,000 Canadians and 1,000 Americans. Parallel questions on bi-national issues are tracked by means of a hybrid telephone and online random sample of Canadians in the month of August, and a random representative online sample of Americans conducted in the month of December.

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The comparative countries tested in the research grid are based on the top trading partners common to both countries, including: Britain; Japan; France; Germany; China; and, Mexico. This initiative is intended as a mechanism through which Canadian and American regional and national stakeholders and institutions can (i) measure ongoing public opinion on issues relevant to the Canada-US relationship; and, (ii) continue the dialogue among key national, state and provincial government and business stakeholders.



Americans and Canadians see the British as representing their values; however, international cooperation between the US and Canada on the rise

The Nanos-UB North American Monitor has been tracking the sentiment of Canadians and Americans for eleven years. A look at the data trends suggests changing perceptions of the bi-national relationship.

In the last year Canadians now see Britain as the closest to them in terms of family values for the first time since tracking began, their opinions of Americans as closest continuing to fall, after a two-way tie between the United States and the United Kingdom in 2014.

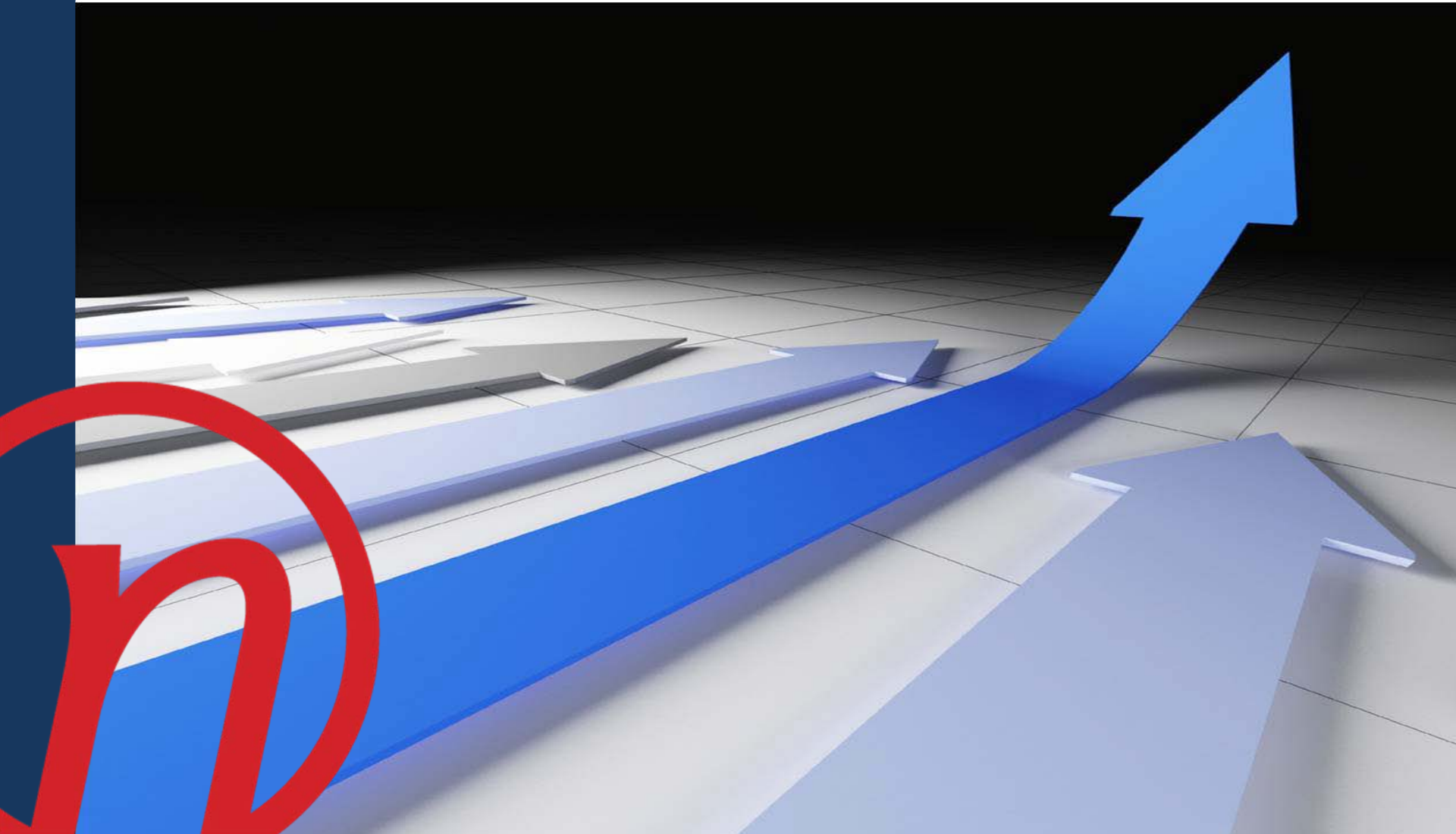
Americans, when asked about which country is closest in terms of business values narrowly chose Britain for the first time since tracking began, with Canada as a close second.

Though over the past few years there has been erosion in support in both the United States and Canada for closer cooperation on national security, there has been a move towards more cooperation in the last year for both nations. Regarding border security, while the decline seen since the beginning of tracking continues to persist in Canada (2005 – 75%; 2015 – 56%) there has been an upswing among Americans, and support for closer cooperation has increased in the last year.

While closer cooperation on anti-terror measures between the two nations is increasing in the US, the appetite in Canada remains stagnant and unchanged since 2014. However, moving towards an integrated energy policy to reduce dependence on Middle Eastern oil has seen an increase in support in both countries.

Bi-National Tracking Numbers

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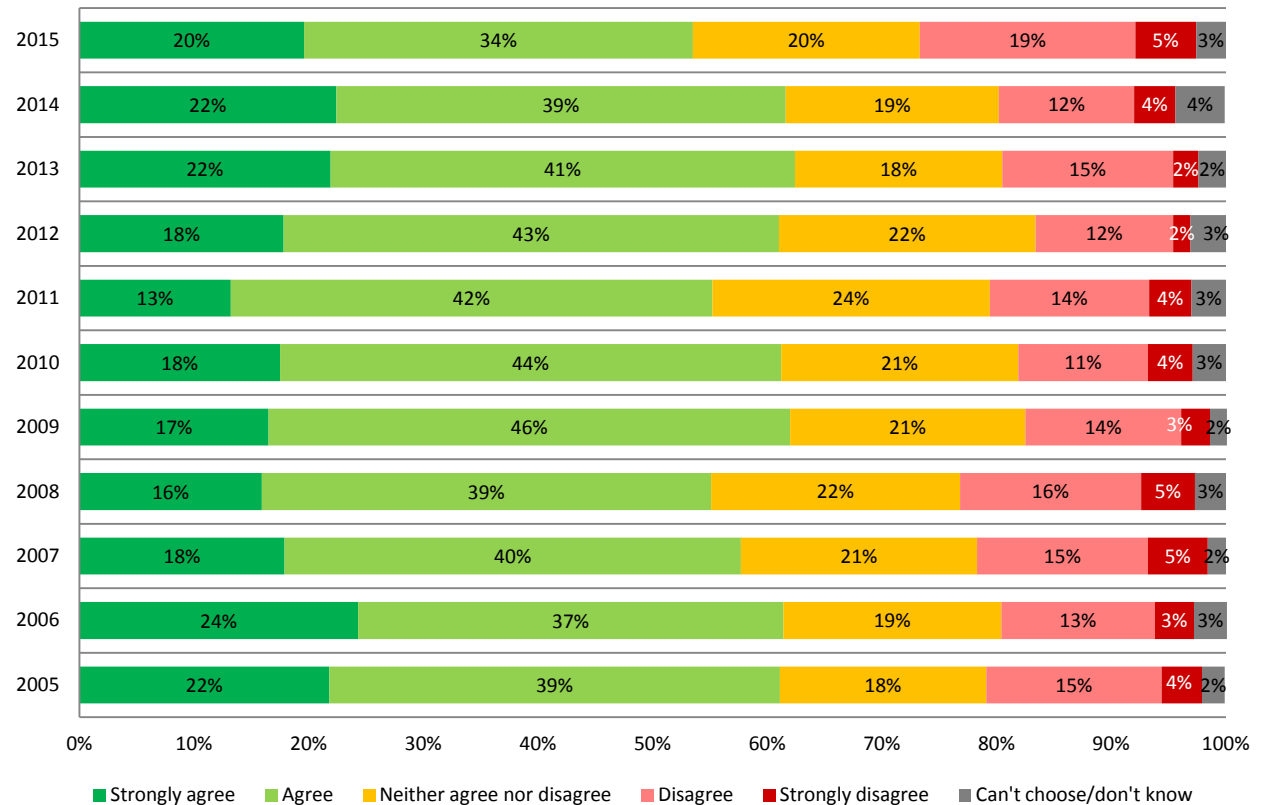
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Canadians on whether Canada should follow its own interests...

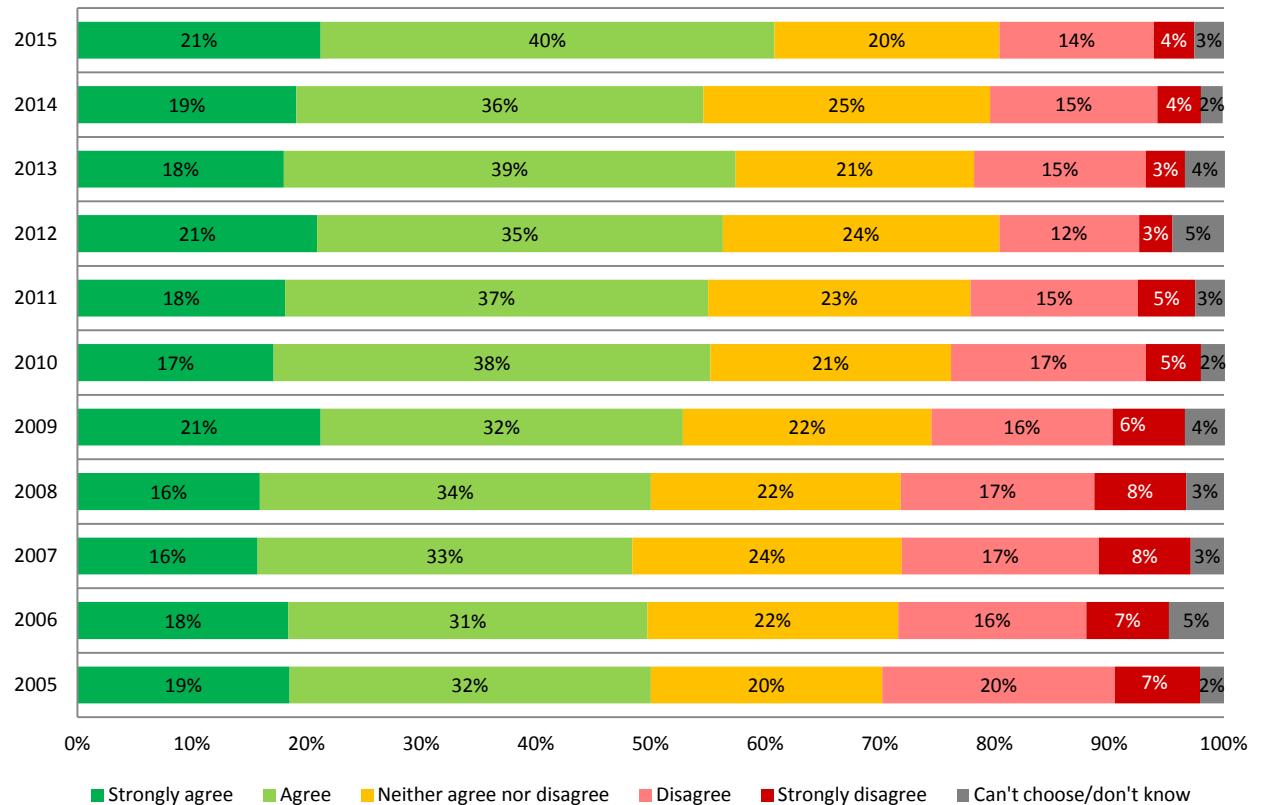


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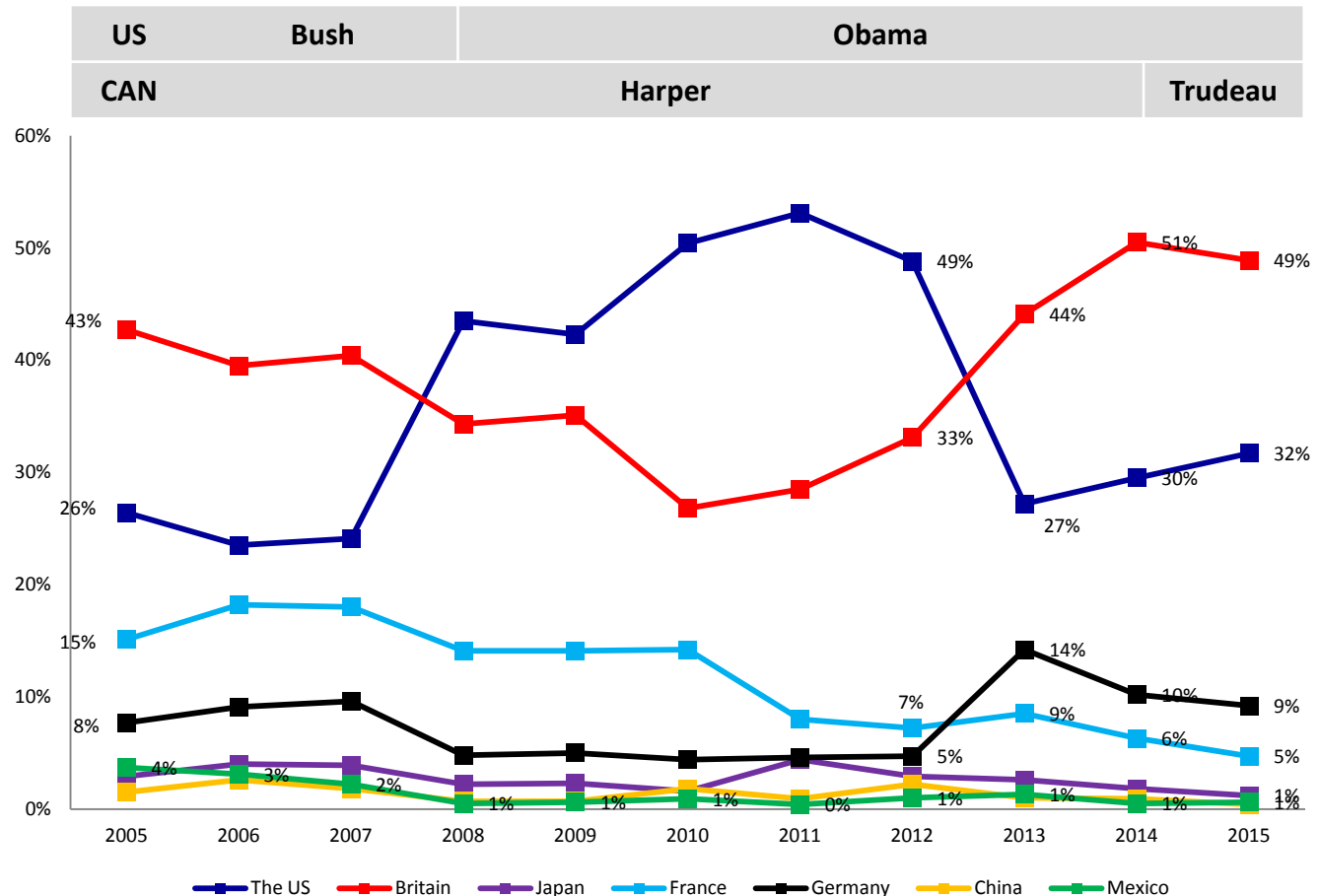
Human Rights

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[ROTATE]

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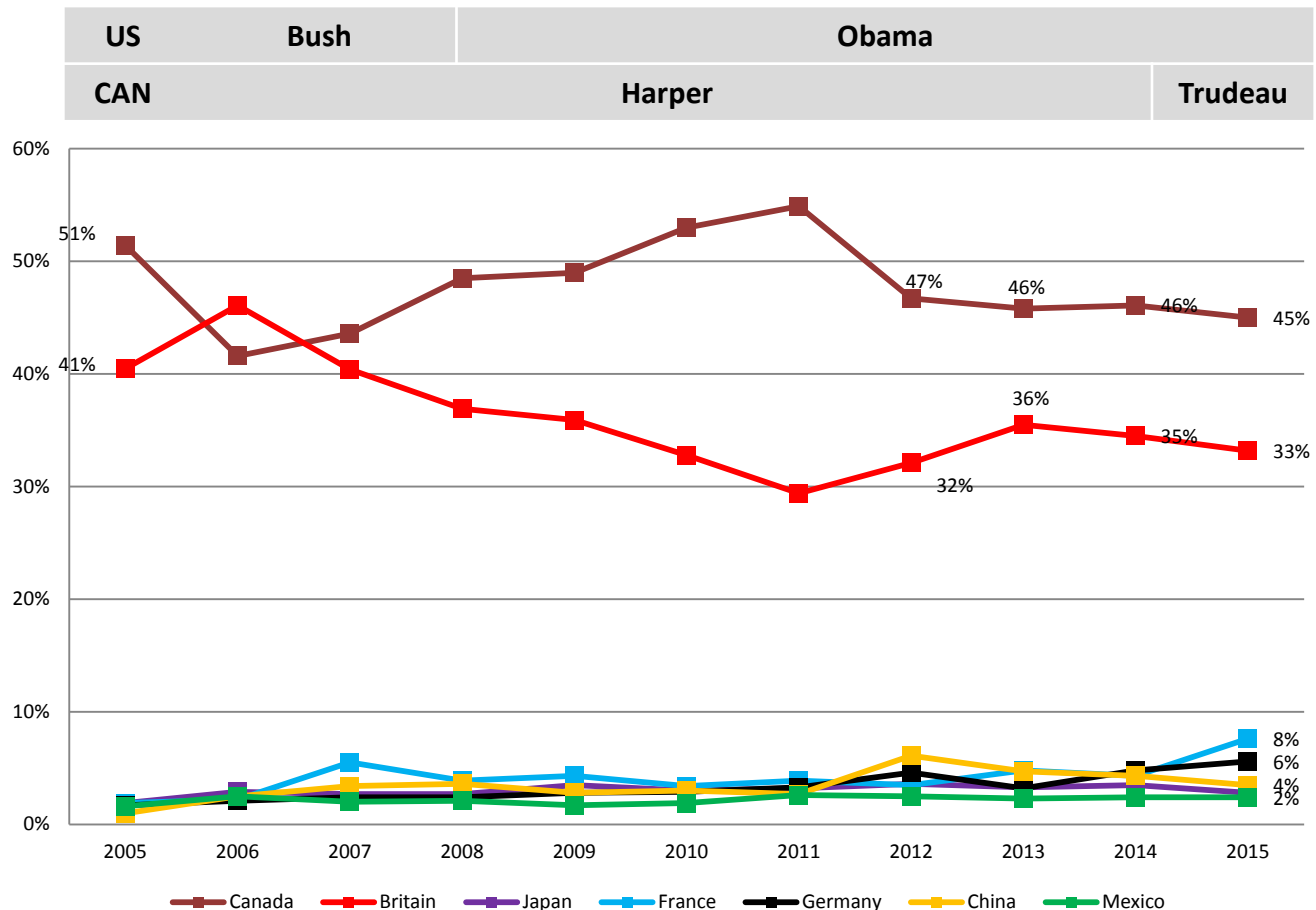
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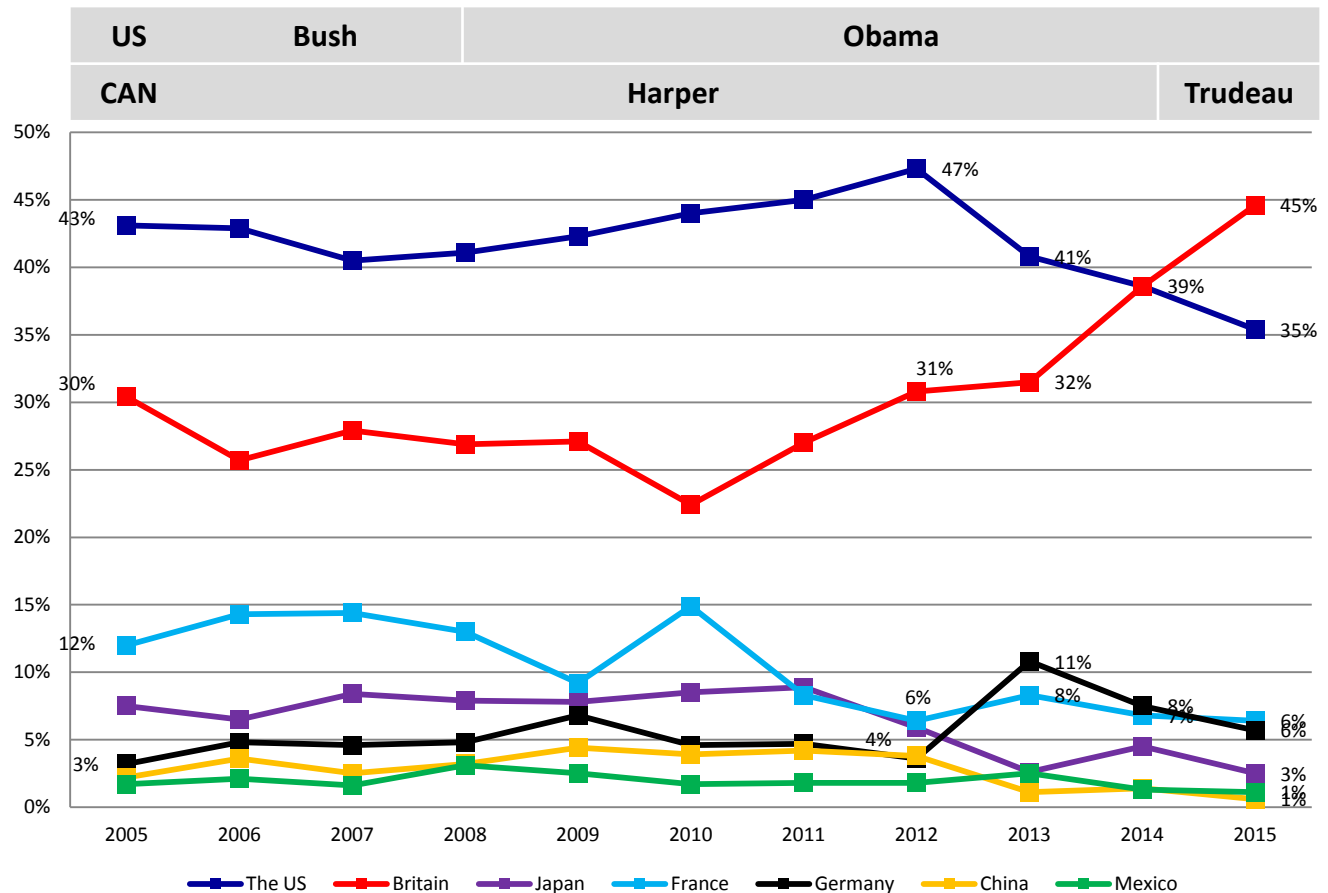
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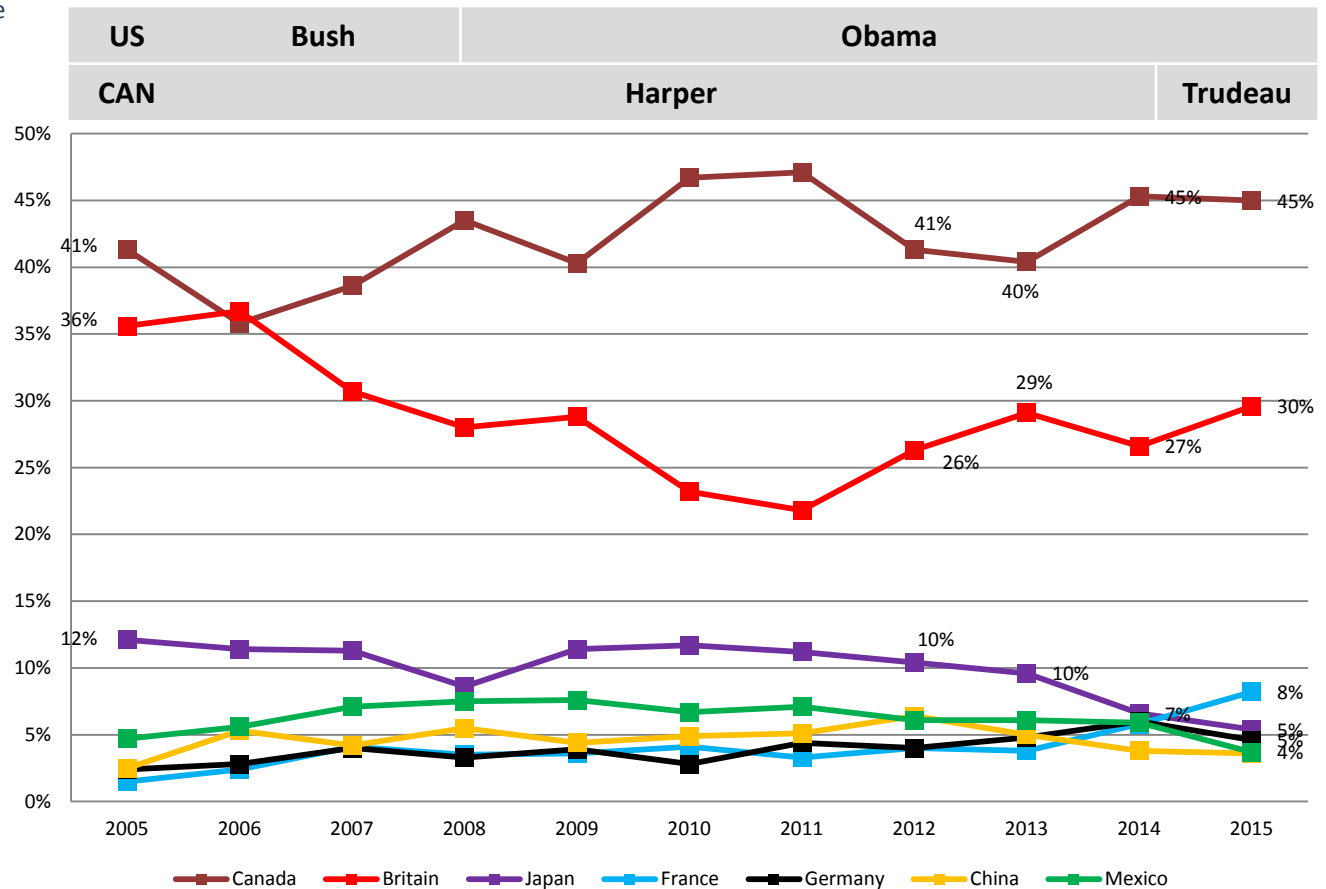
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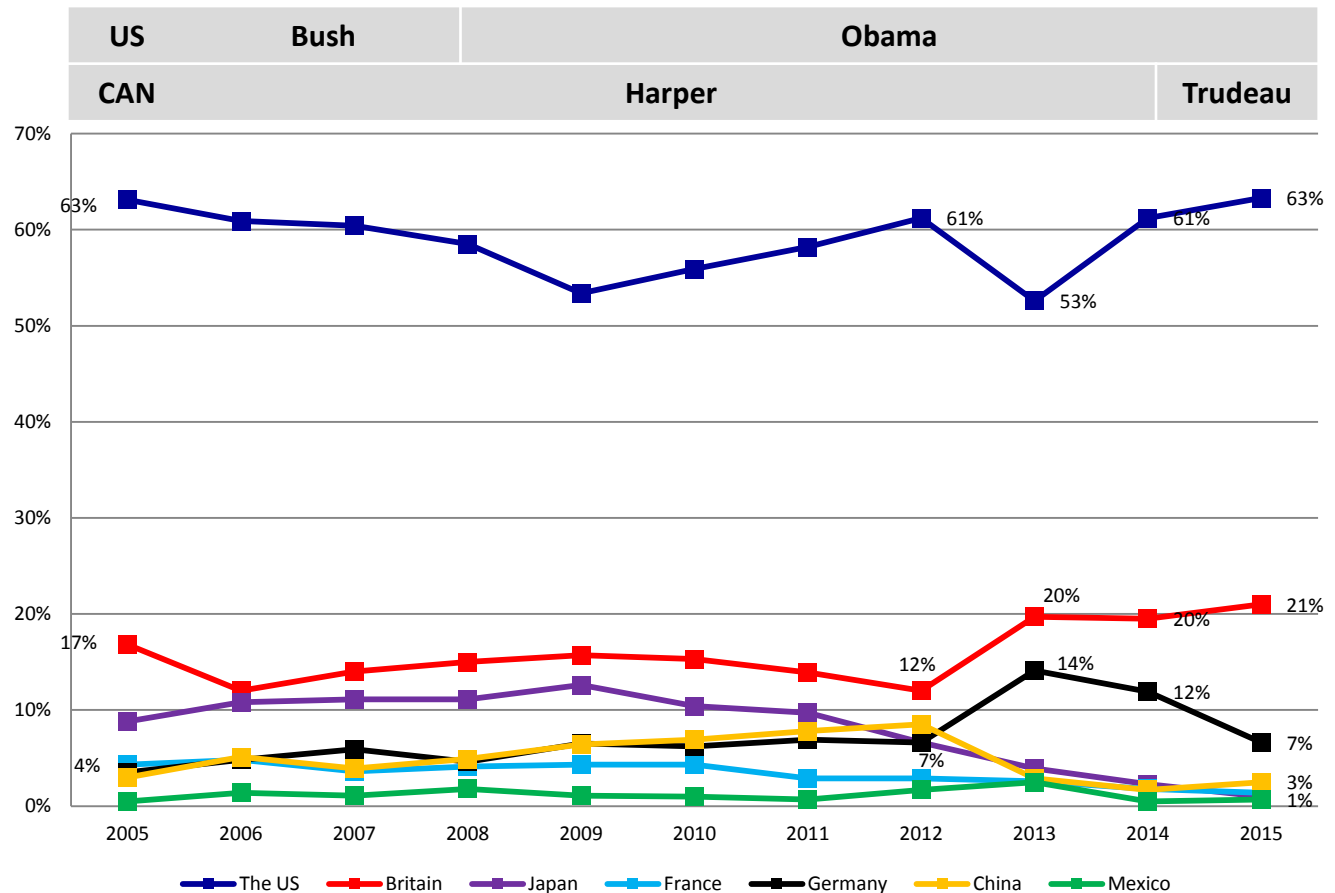
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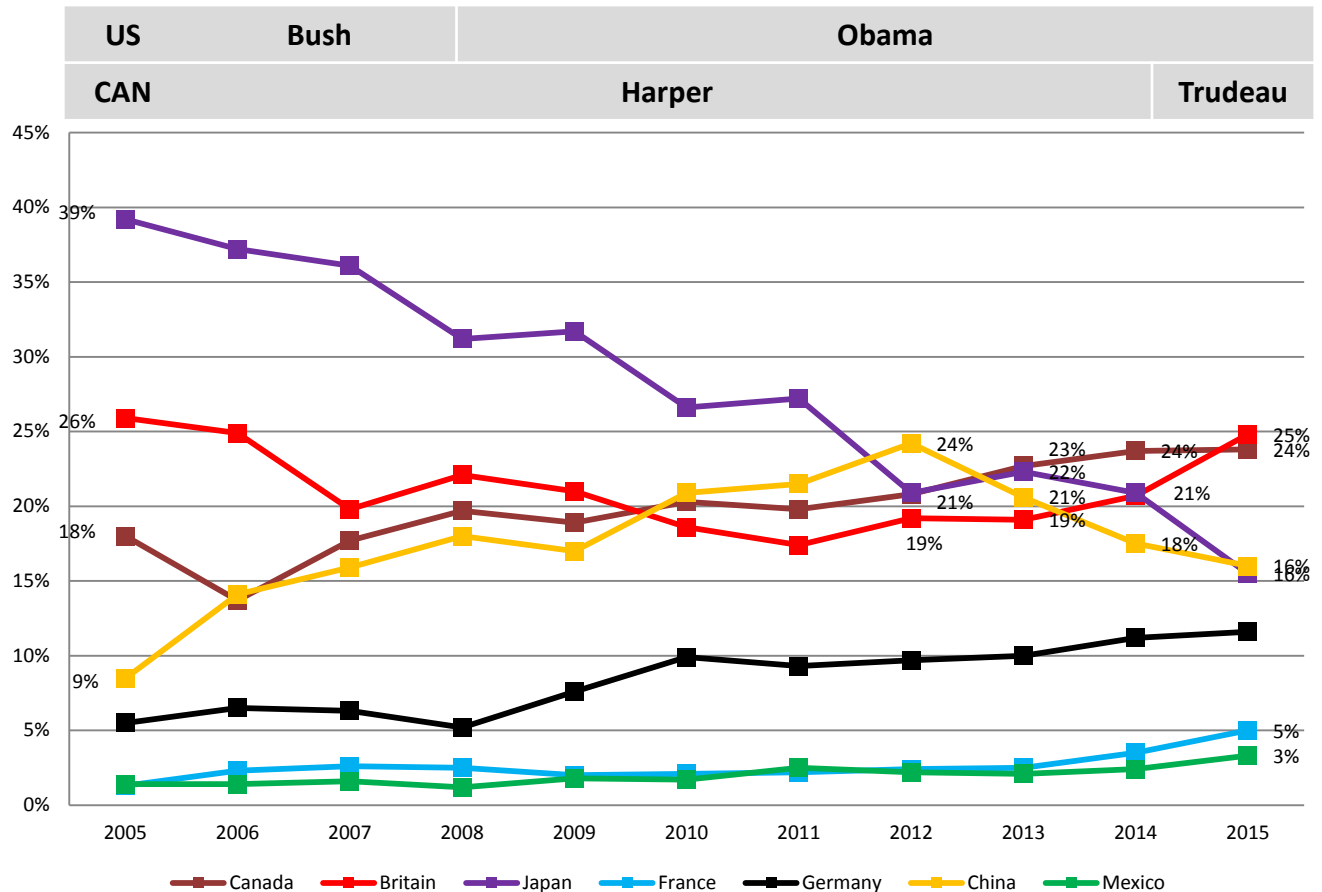
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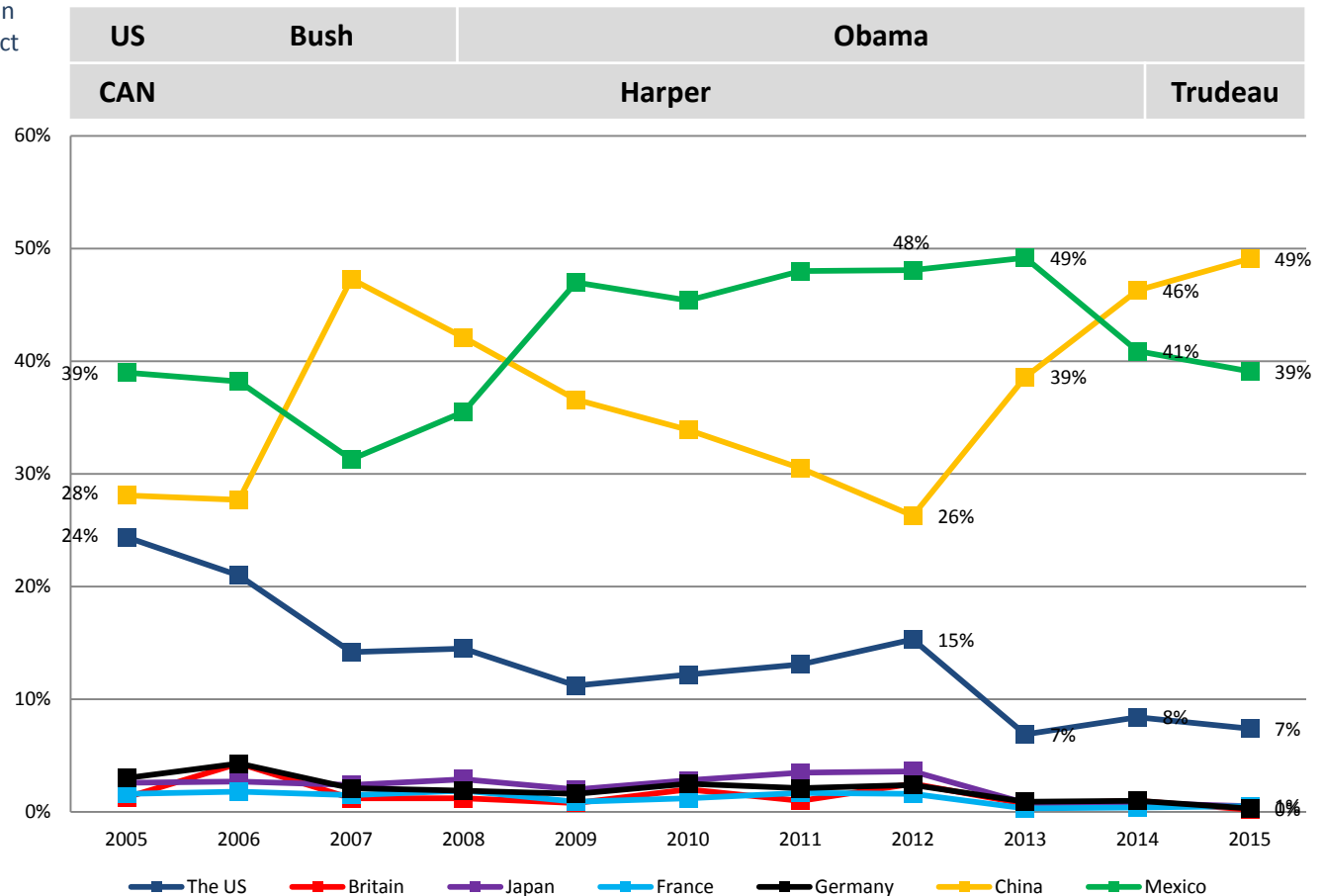
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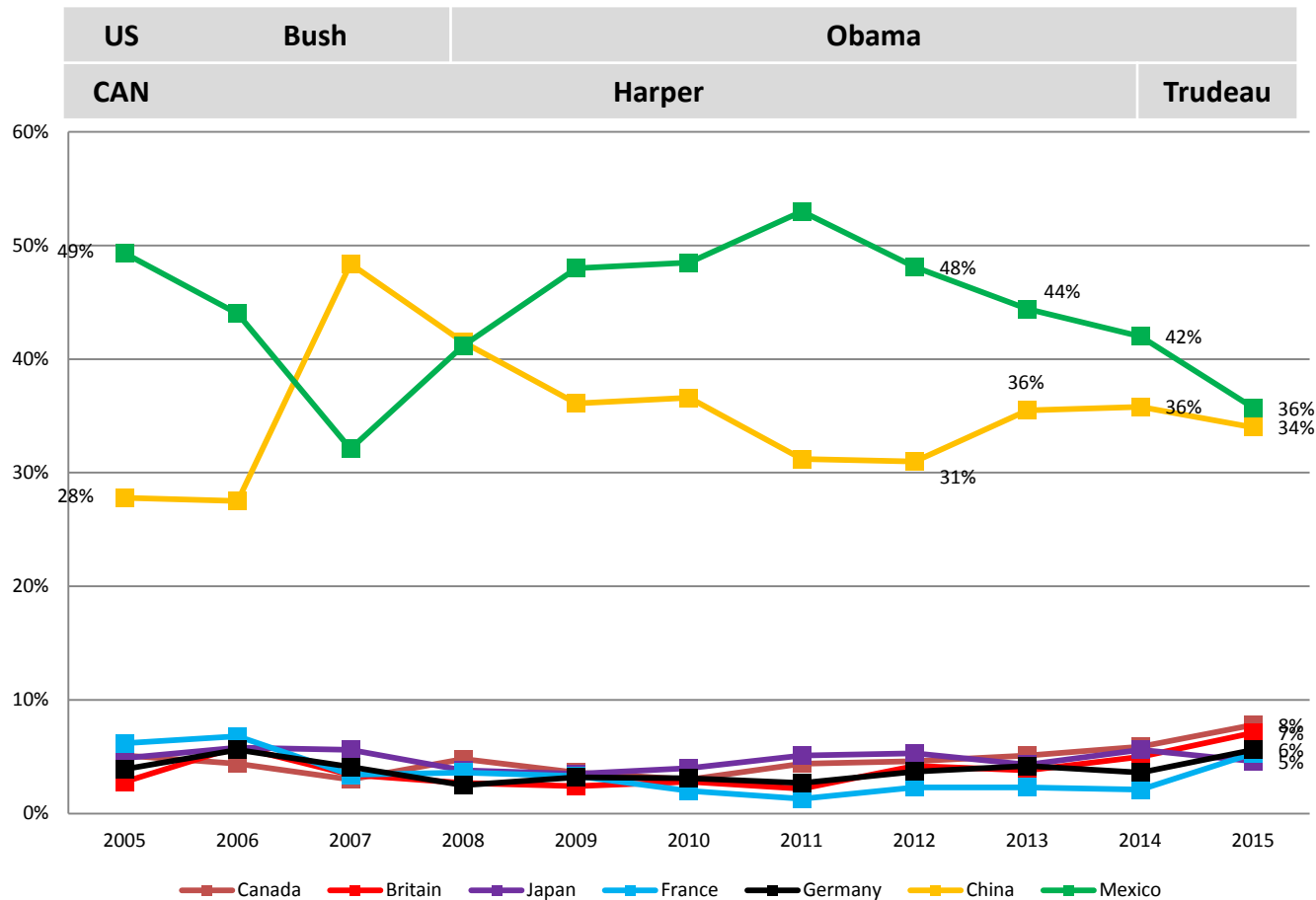
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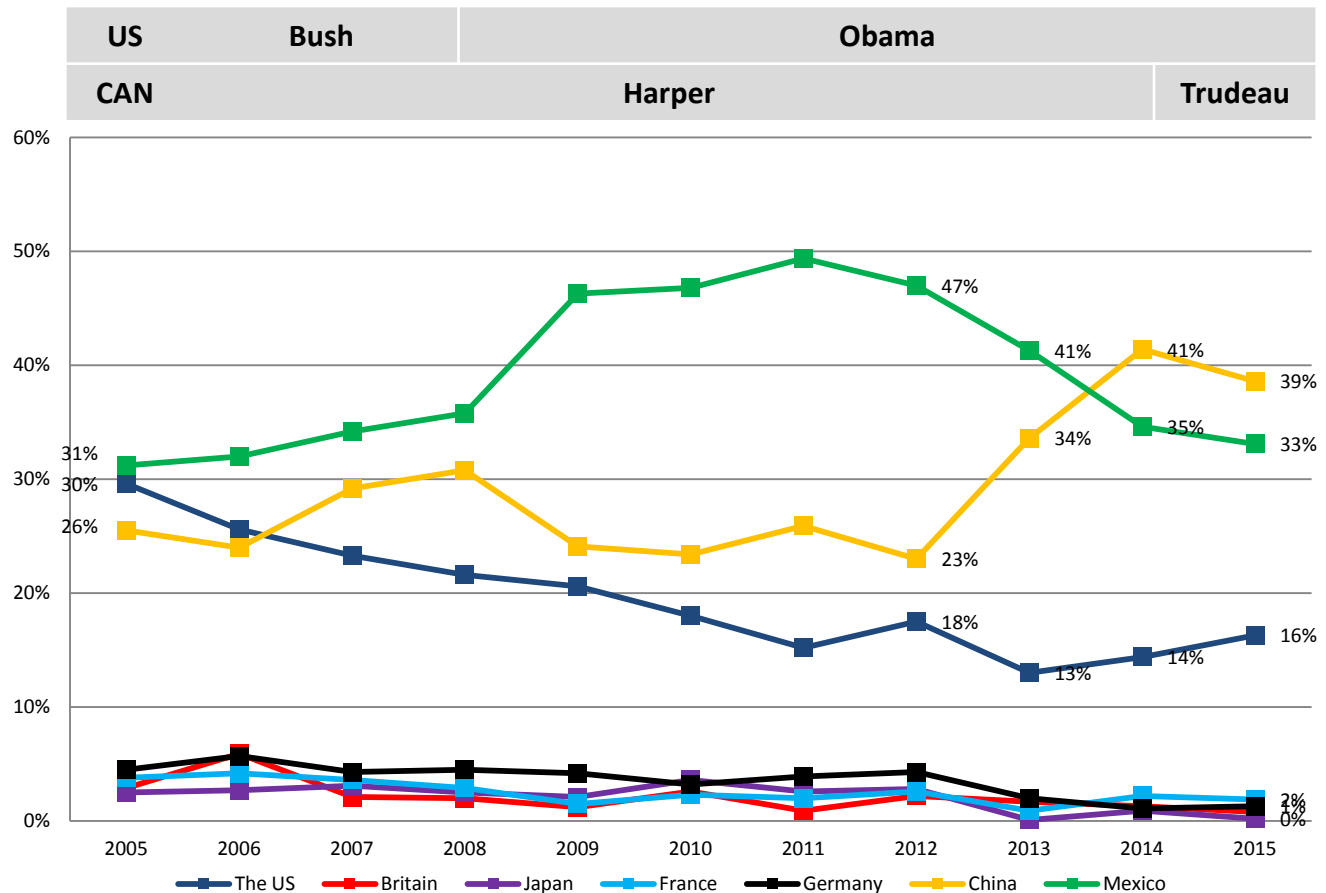
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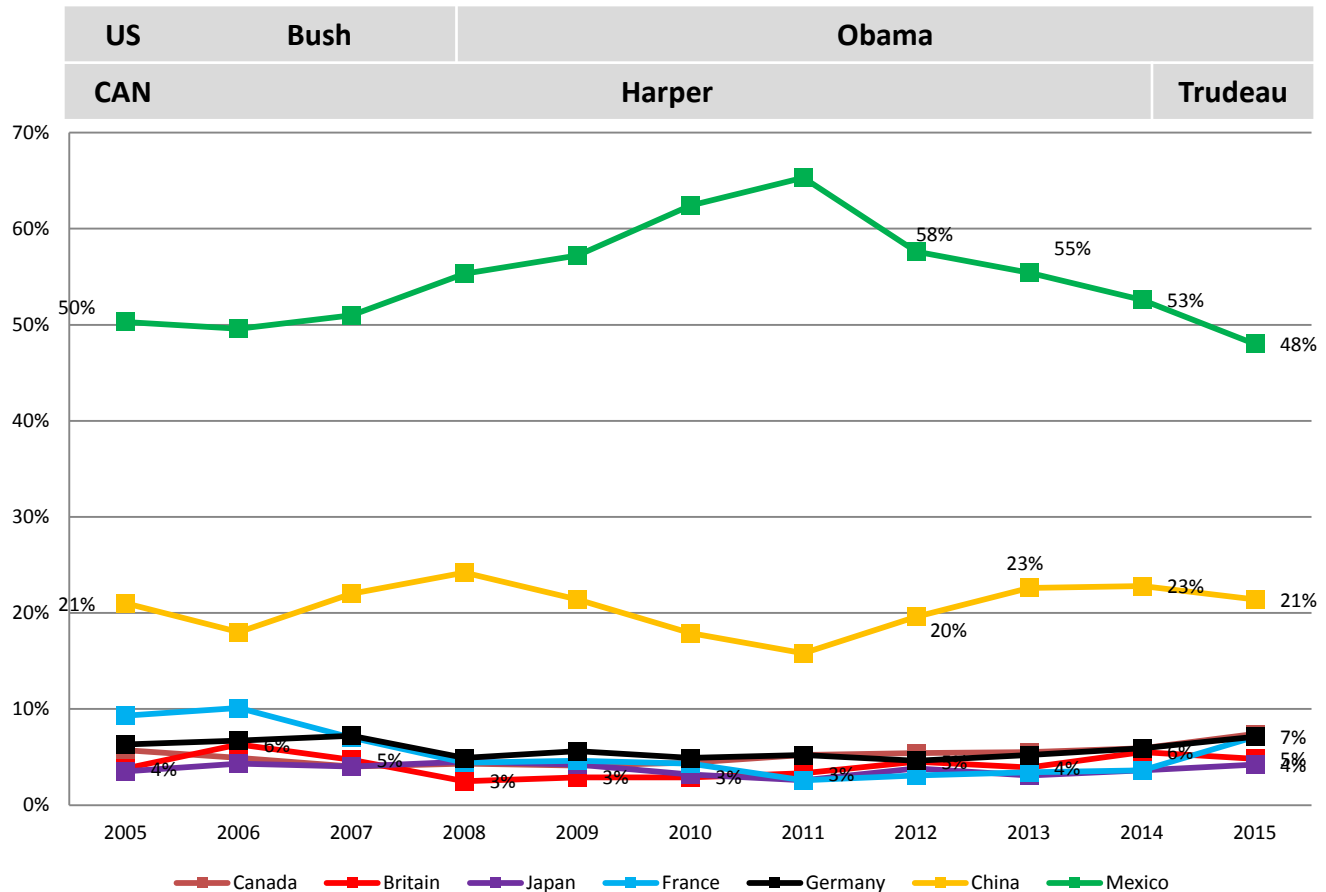
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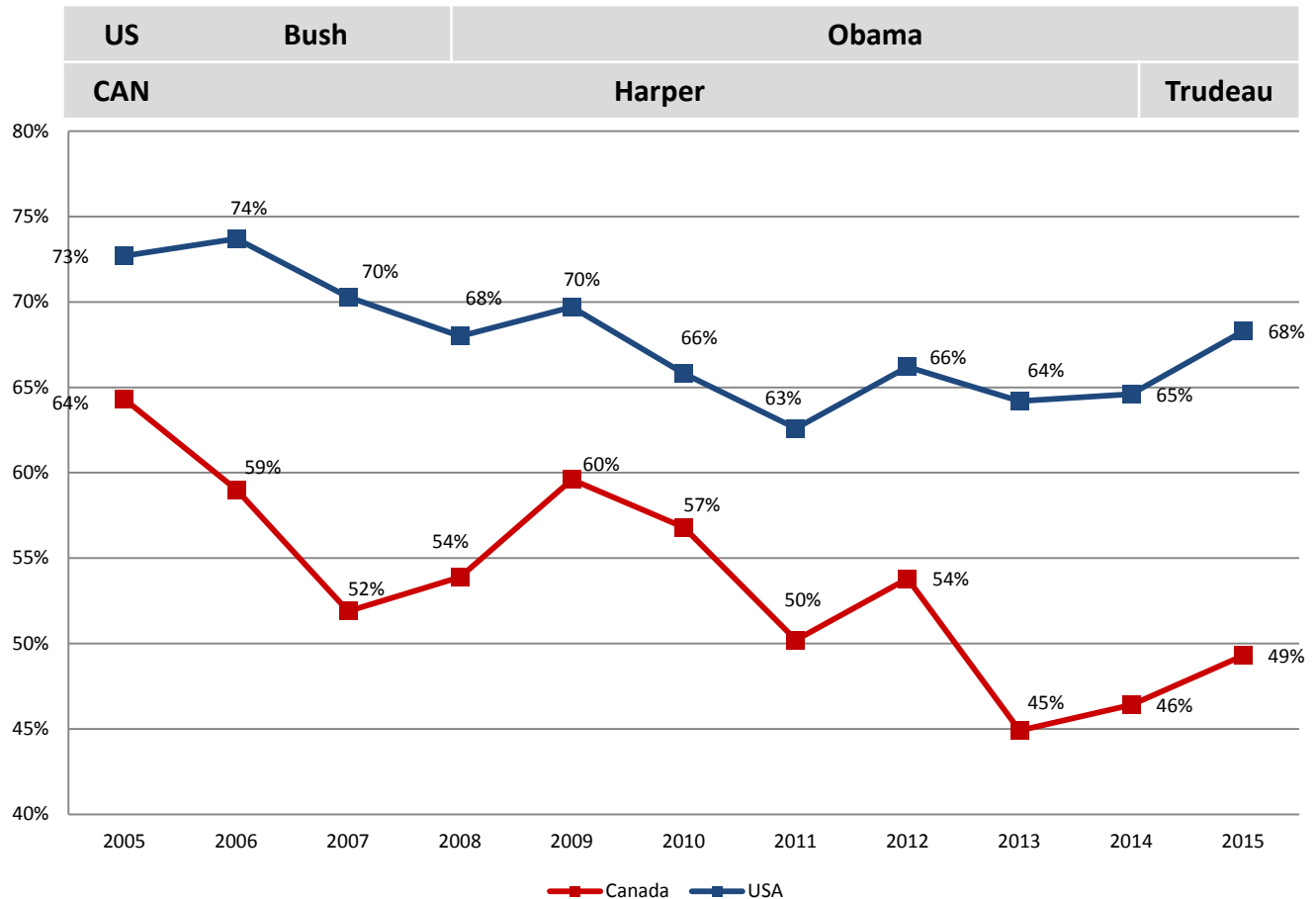
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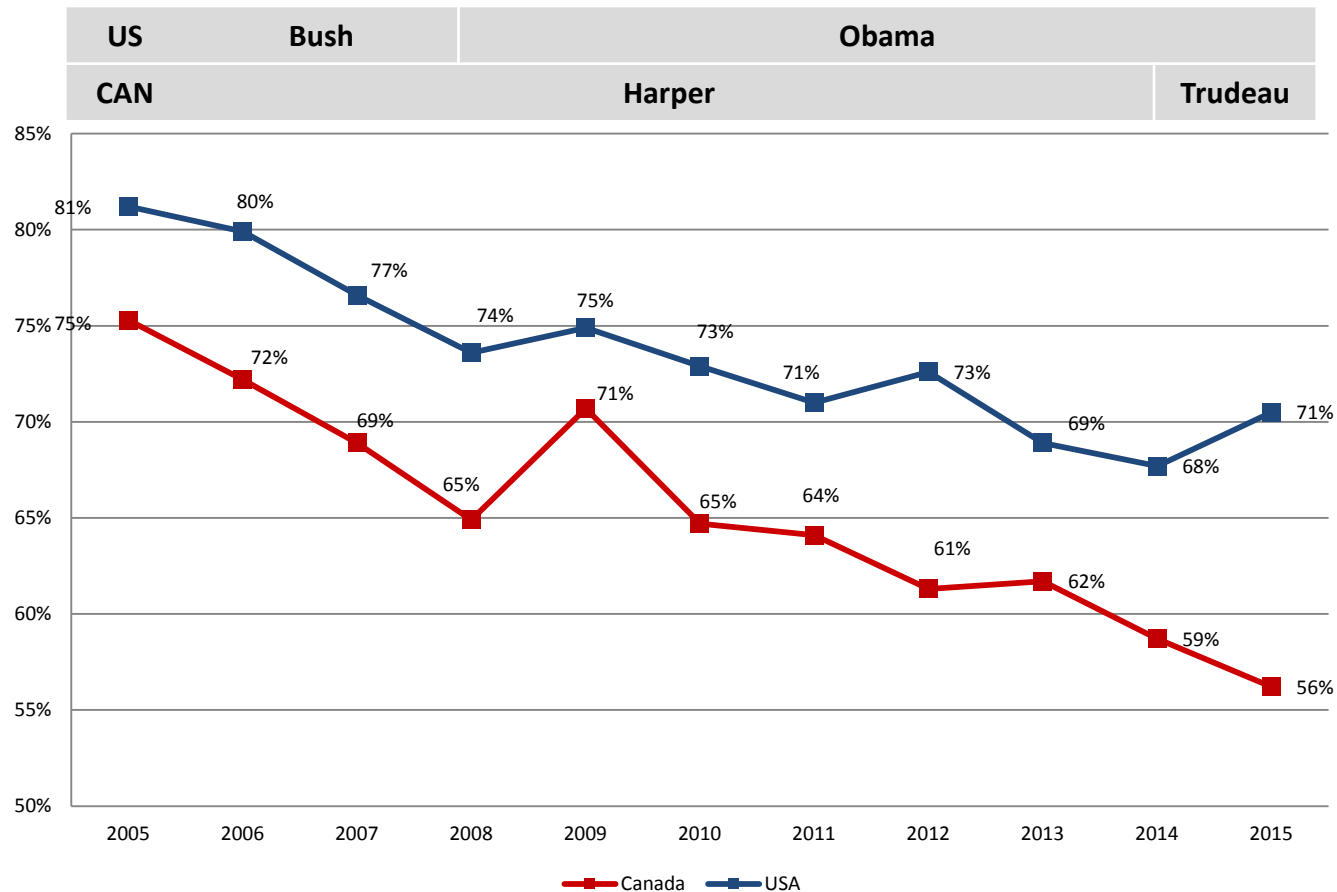
Border Security

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Anti-Terrorism

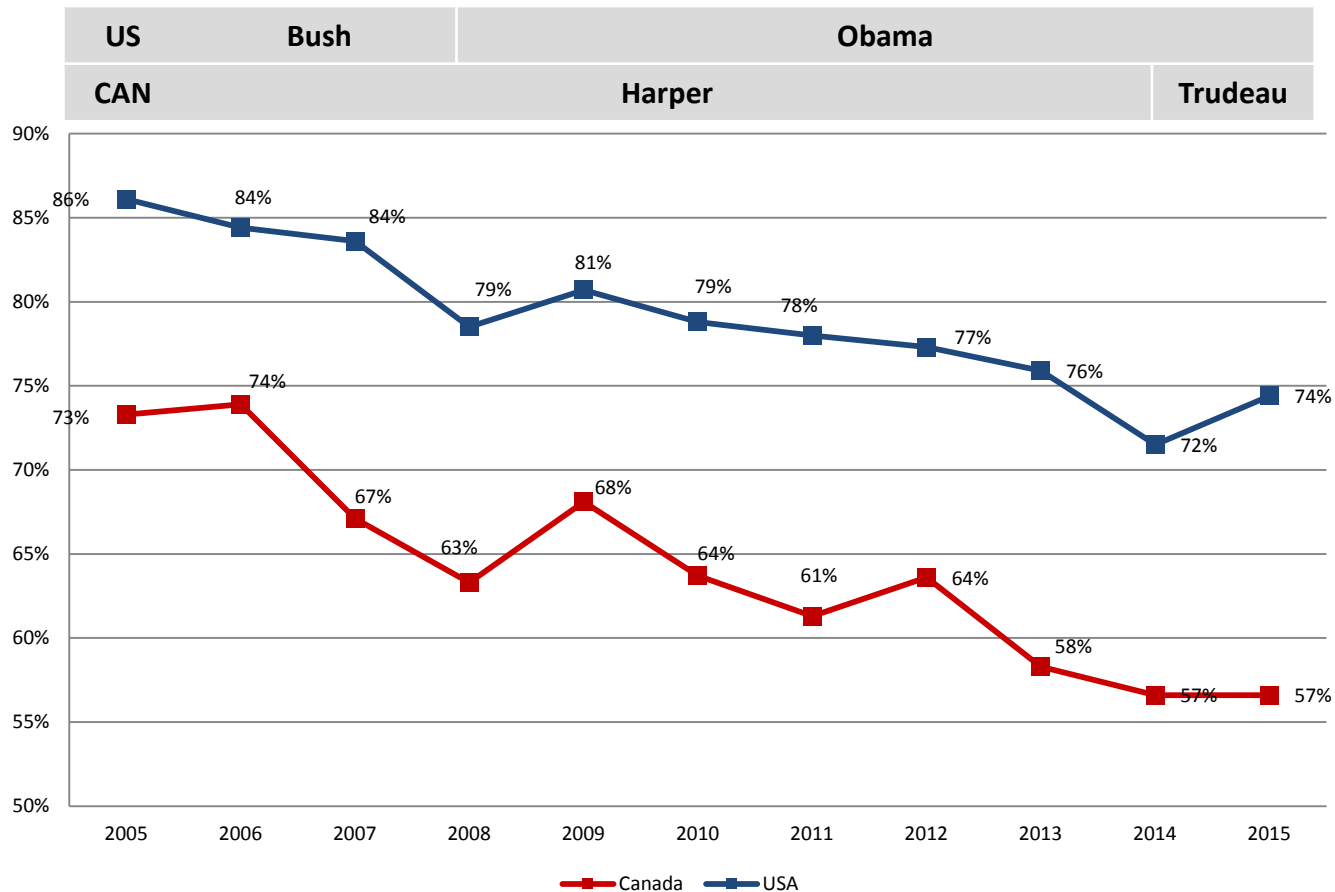
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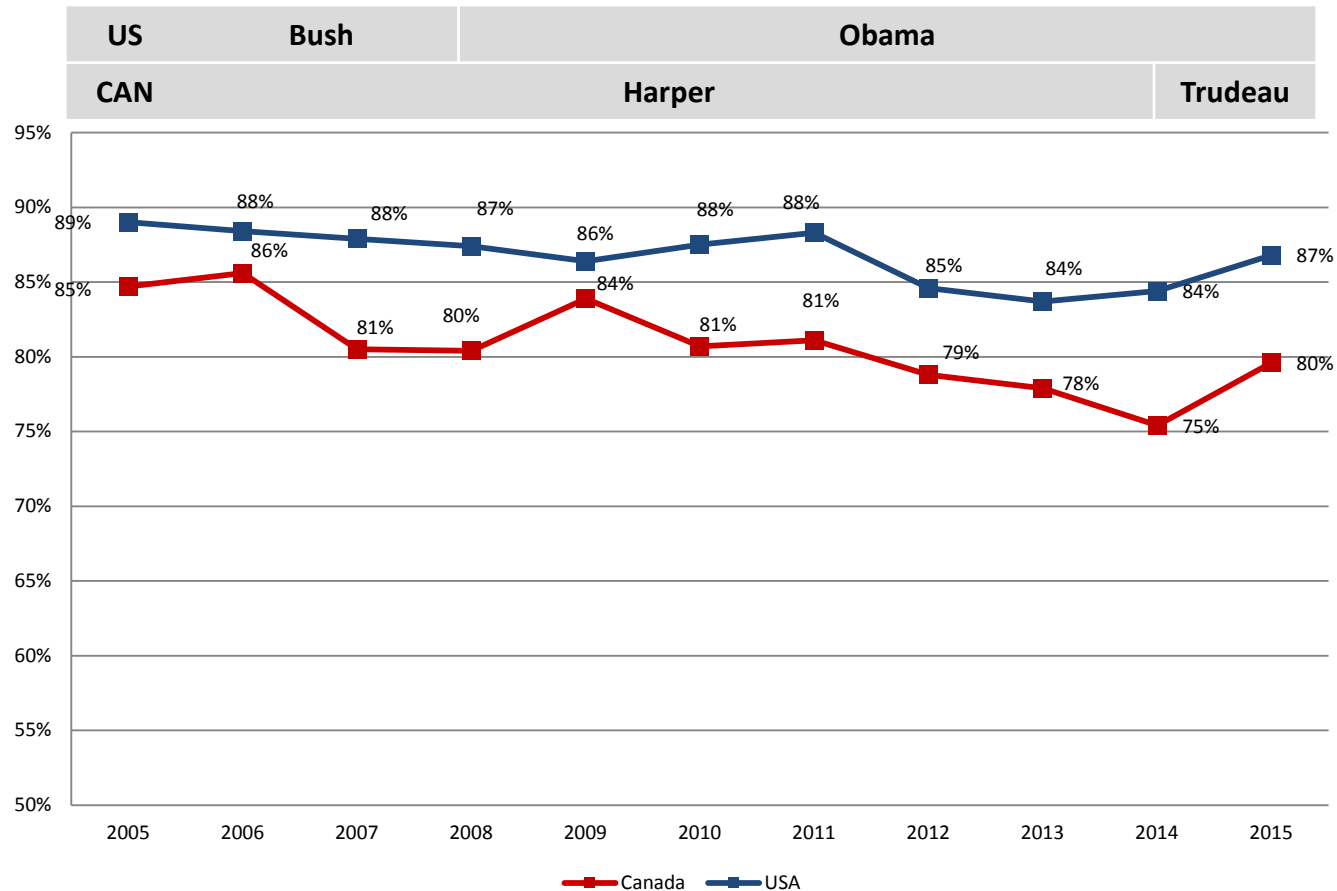
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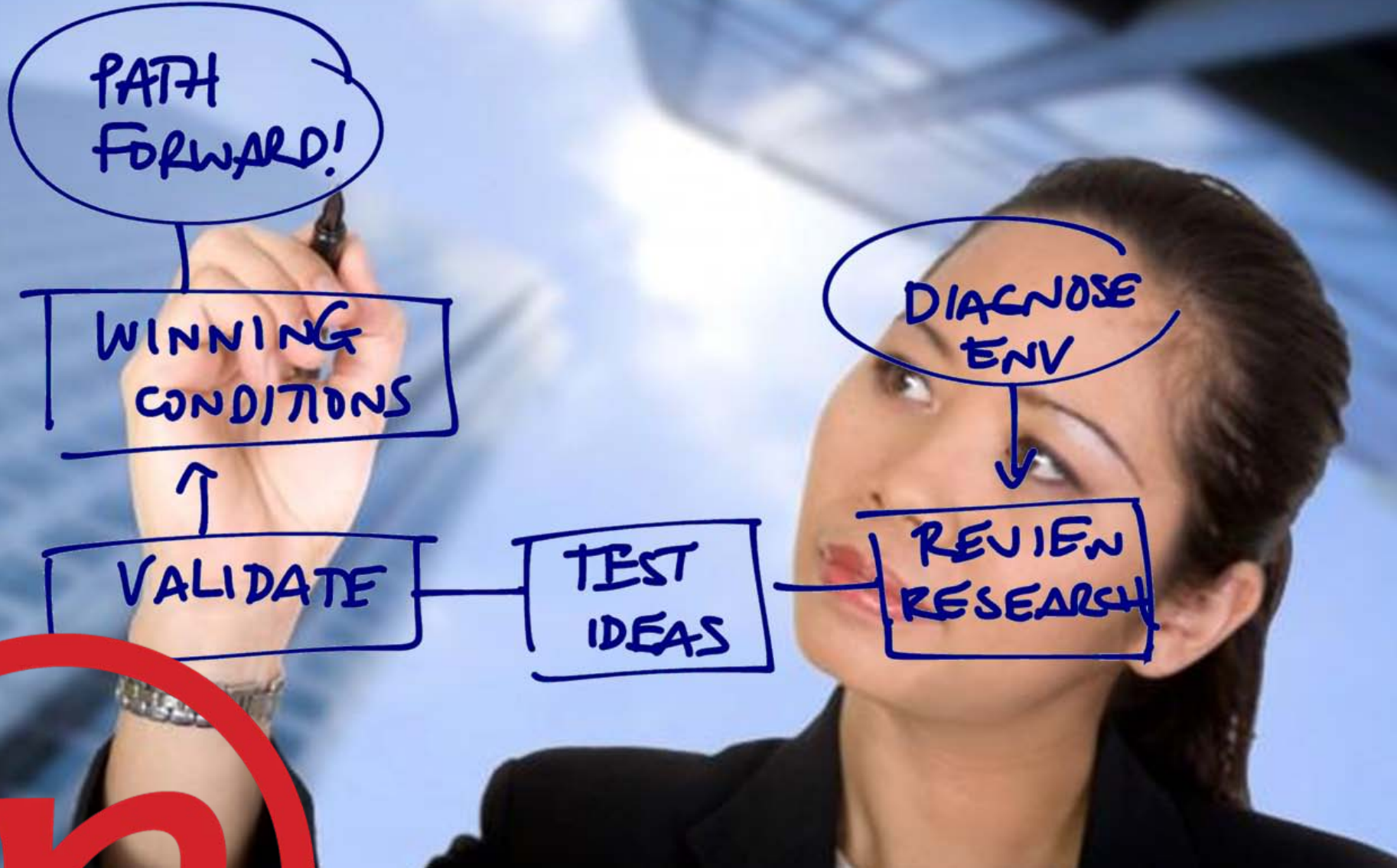
Question: In your opinion, how important or unimportant is it for the United States and Canada to work together to develop an integrated energy policy to remove any dependence on Middle East oil? It is very important, somewhat important, somewhat unimportant or very unimportant?

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Canadians and Americans on Importance of Developing an Integrated Energy Policy





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