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- **The Constitution Act 1867**
- **The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms**

The Constitution Act, 1867

Known as the British North America Act.

The Act passed by the British parliament created the Dominion of Canada.

The Dominion was the merge of three colonies: Ontario and Quebec (known as the Province of Canada), Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

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[Constitution Act 1867](#)



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THE CONSTITUTION ACTS
1867 to 1982

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Freedom of ...

- i. conscience and religion;
- ii. thought, belief, opinion and expression, including freedom of the press and other media of communication;
- iii. freedom of peaceful assembly; and
- iv. freedom of association.

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[Guide to the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms](#)

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- **The Coat of Arms**
- **The National Flag**

The Coat of Arms

The Coat of Arms of Canada is an important symbol. It was “adopted by proclamation of King George V in 1921”.

The coat of arms appears on federal buildings or institutions such as the Supreme Court.

It has different parts, for example, a shield, a crown, supporters (a lion and a horse), and a motto.

In 2019, a petition was tabled to update the coat of arms and include aboriginal peoples of Canada.

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[Official Coat of Arms of the Dominion of Canada](#)

The National Flag

The flag was adopted on January 28, 1965.

First raised on Parliament Hill on February 15 of the same year. Every year Canadians celebrate the National Day of Canada Day.

The flag has two elements: the maple leaf and the red and white colours. The maple leaf represents Canadian identity since the 19th century.

The colours have historical and natural meaning. The white colour is for winter snows, and red for the maple leaves in the fall.

The National Flag of Canada is a symbol of honour and pride.

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- **The Indigenous Peoples**
- **French Canadians**
- **English Canadians**

Indigenous Peoples

First Nations, Inuit and Métis are the first inhabitants of Canada.

They lived in the land of what is called Canada before European explorers and settlers arrived.

The National Indigenous Peoples Day is on June 21. On this day, Canadians recognize and celebrate the contributions and the diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis across Canada.

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[Statistics on Indigenous Peoples](#)

First Nations

- The term describes aboriginal peoples who are not Métis or Inuit.
- A person of First Nations heritage was called Indian before 1980. Indian is no longer used, and it is not an appropriate term.
- There are 630 First Nations communities in Canada. Each has its traditions and practices.

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Inuit

- Known as the indigenous people of the Arctic.
- Most Inuit live in Inuit Nunangat.
- There are four Inuit regions:
 - Inuvialuit (Northwest Territories and Yukon)
 - Nunavik (Northern Quebec)
 - Nunatsiavut (Labrador)
 - Nunavut
- Inuktitut is the language of the Inuit.

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Métis

- Indigenous peoples of mixed heritage of both First Nations and European settlers.
- The majority of the Métis live in the prairies provinces of Canada.
- Michif is the official language of the Métis.

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French Canadians

-Descendants of French settlers.



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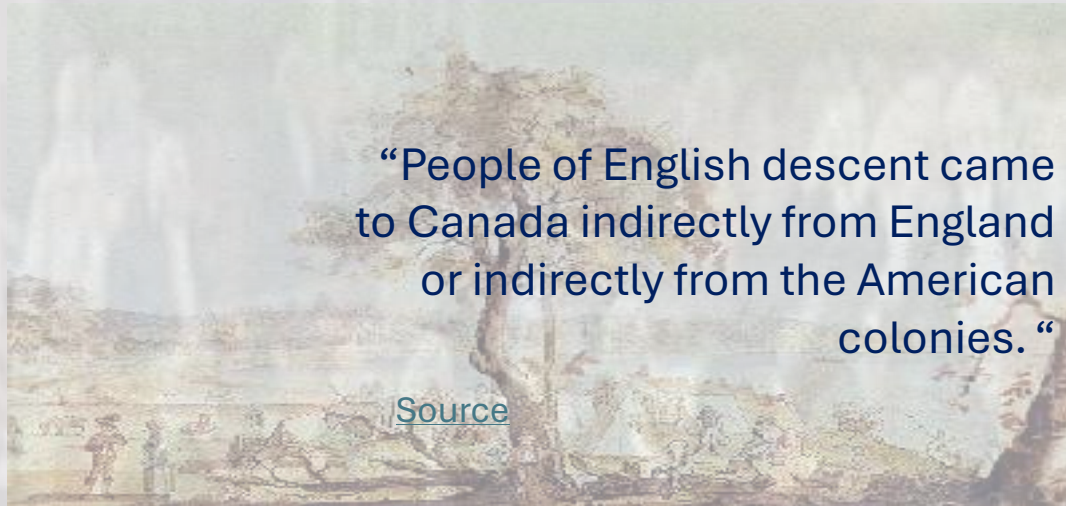


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English Canadians

-Descendants of English, Welsh, Scottish and Irish people.



“People of English descent came to Canada indirectly from England or indirectly from the American colonies.”

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The influence by English models in Canadian institutions is enormous. Governance and British and English system of law are “inheritances” of Canada.

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Most of the early English settlements were in Newfoundland, British Columbia, the Maritimes and later in Ontario.

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