

Canada and the Ukrainian Odyssey

Introduction

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This book draws on a variety of sources, including archival documents, government reports, and scholarly studies. It also includes interviews with Ukrainian Canadians and other experts on Canada-Ukraine relations. The book is divided into ten chapters, each of which focuses on a different aspect of the relationship between the two countries.

The first chapter provides an overview of the history of Ukrainian immigration to Canada, from the early days of settlement to the present day. The second chapter examines Canada's response to the outbreak of World War II, including its declaration of war on Germany and the mobilization of the Canadian Armed Forces.

The third chapter discusses Canada's relationship with the Ukrainian diaspora community during World War II, including the activities of the Ukrainian Canadian Committee and the Ukrainian National Council. The fourth chapter examines Canada's role in supporting Ukraine's fight for independence after the war,

including its participation in the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

The fifth chapter discusses Canada's relationship with the Ukrainian diaspora community after World War II, including the activities of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress and the Ukrainian World Congress. The sixth chapter examines Canada's role in supporting Ukraine's efforts to build a democratic and prosperous society after the collapse of the Soviet Union.

The seventh chapter discusses Canada's relationship with Ukraine in the 21st century, including its support for Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity in the face of Russian aggression. The eighth chapter provides an overview of the economic, cultural, and educational ties between Canada and Ukraine.

The ninth chapter examines the challenges facing Canada-Ukraine relations, including the ongoing conflict in eastern Ukraine and the rise of populism in

both countries. The tenth chapter concludes the book by providing a brief outlook for the future of Canada-Ukraine relations.

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This book is a valuable resource for anyone interested in the history of Canada-Ukraine relations. It provides a comprehensive overview of the relationship between the two countries, from the early days of settlement to the present day. The book is also well-written and engaging, making it a pleasure to read.

Whether you are a scholar, a student, or simply someone who is interested in the history of Canada-Ukraine relations, this book is a must-read. It is a comprehensive and well-written account of the relationship between the two countries, and it provides valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Chapter 1: Historical Foundations

Canada's Early Immigration Policy

Canada's early immigration policy was shaped by a number of factors, including the country's need for labor, its desire to attract settlers from Europe, and its commitment to maintaining its British identity.

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Canada experienced a period of rapid economic growth, which led to a demand for labor in a variety of sectors, including agriculture, mining, and manufacturing. The government encouraged immigration from Europe to meet this demand, and as a result, the country saw a large influx of immigrants from countries such as Britain, Germany, and Ukraine.

The government also wanted to attract settlers from Europe who would help to maintain the country's British identity. This was particularly important in the western provinces, where there was a fear that the

large number of American settlers was diluting the British character of the region. The government therefore gave preference to immigrants from Britain and other European countries that were seen as being culturally similar to Canada.

Canada's early immigration policy was not without its critics. Some people argued that the government was discriminating against immigrants from non-European countries. Others argued that the government was not doing enough to help immigrants integrate into Canadian society. Despite these criticisms, Canada's early immigration policy was largely successful in meeting the country's needs for labor and settlers.

In the years after World War I, Canada's immigration policy became more restrictive. The government was concerned about the large number of immigrants who were arriving in the country, and it wanted to ensure that only those who were likely to be successful in Canada were admitted. The government also wanted to

protect Canadian jobs from foreign competition. As a result, the government introduced a number of new restrictions on immigration, including a literacy test and a requirement that immigrants have a certain amount of money.

Canada's early immigration policy had a significant impact on the country's development. The large influx of immigrants from Europe helped to build the country's economy and to shape its culture. The restrictions on immigration that were introduced after World War I had a negative impact on the country's economy and its ability to attract skilled workers.

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The Arrival of Ukrainian Settlers

The arrival of Ukrainian settlers in Canada marked a significant chapter in the history of both nations. The first wave of Ukrainian immigrants, primarily from Western Ukraine, arrived in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, seeking refuge from political and economic hardships in their homeland. They were drawn to Canada by the promise of fertile land, economic opportunity, and the chance to escape religious persecution.

Initially, Ukrainian settlers faced numerous challenges in their new country. They often struggled to find work, and many were forced to live in poverty. They also faced discrimination from some Canadians, who viewed them as outsiders and competitors for jobs. Despite these hardships, Ukrainian settlers persevered,

and over time, they began to make significant contributions to Canadian society.

Ukrainian settlers played a vital role in the development of Canada's agricultural sector. They were known for their hard work and dedication to farming, and they quickly became some of the most successful farmers in the country. They also contributed to the growth of Canada's mining and manufacturing industries.

In addition to their economic contributions, Ukrainian settlers also made a significant impact on Canadian culture. They brought with them their own traditions, customs, and language, which enriched the cultural fabric of the country. They also played a leading role in the development of Ukrainian-Canadian organizations, such as the Ukrainian Canadian Committee and the Ukrainian National Federation.

The arrival of Ukrainian settlers had a profound impact on Canada. They helped to shape the country's

economy, culture, and society. Their legacy continues to this day, as Ukrainian Canadians continue to make significant contributions to all aspects of Canadian life.

The hardships faced by Ukrainian settlers

The early years in Canada were difficult for Ukrainian settlers. They faced many challenges, including:

- **Poverty:** Many Ukrainian settlers arrived in Canada with little money and few possessions. They often struggled to find work and were forced to live in poverty.
- **Discrimination:** Ukrainian settlers often faced discrimination from some Canadians, who viewed them as outsiders and competitors for jobs.
- **Isolation:** Many Ukrainian settlers lived in isolated rural communities, where they had little contact with other Canadians. This made it difficult for them to learn English and to integrate into Canadian society.

The contributions of Ukrainian settlers

Despite the challenges they faced, Ukrainian settlers made significant contributions to Canadian society. They were known for their hard work and dedication, and they quickly became some of the most successful farmers in the country. They also contributed to the growth of Canada's mining and manufacturing industries.

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The Development of Ukrainian Communities

Ukrainian immigration to Canada began in the late 19th century, with the first significant wave arriving in the 1890s. These early immigrants were primarily from Western Ukraine, and they settled in the Prairie provinces, particularly in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. They were drawn to Canada by the promise of cheap land and the opportunity to start a new life.

The early Ukrainian settlers faced many challenges. They had to learn a new language, adapt to a new culture, and overcome discrimination. However, they were also a resilient people, and they quickly established themselves in their new homeland. They built churches, schools, and community organizations, and they played an important role in the development of the Prairie provinces.

By the outbreak of World War I, there were over 100,000 Ukrainians living in Canada. They were concentrated in the Prairie provinces, but they could also be found in urban centers such as Toronto, Montreal, and Vancouver. During the war, many Ukrainians served in the Canadian Armed Forces, and they made a significant contribution to the war effort.

After the war, Ukrainian immigration to Canada continued. In the 1920s and 1930s, another wave of Ukrainian immigrants arrived in Canada, this time from Eastern Ukraine. These immigrants were fleeing political and economic instability in their homeland. They settled in the same areas as the earlier wave of immigrants, and they also faced many of the same challenges.

Despite the challenges they faced, Ukrainian immigrants made a significant contribution to Canadian society. They were hard-working and resourceful, and they quickly became an integral part

of the Canadian mosaic. Today, there are over 1.3 million Canadians of Ukrainian descent, and they continue to play an important role in all aspects of Canadian life.

Ukrainian communities in Canada have played an important role in preserving Ukrainian culture and heritage. They have established Ukrainian-language schools, churches, and cultural organizations. They have also played an important role in promoting Ukrainian culture to the broader Canadian public.

Ukrainian Canadians have also made significant contributions to Canadian politics and society. They have served as members of Parliament, provincial legislatures, and municipal councils. They have also been appointed to high-profile positions in government, business, and the arts.

The development of Ukrainian communities in Canada is a story of resilience, perseverance, and success. Ukrainian immigrants have overcome many challenges

to build a new life for themselves and their families in Canada. They have made a significant contribution to Canadian society and culture, and they continue to play an important role in all aspects of Canadian life.

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