

THE CHARTER OF RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS

AKA: The Rulebook

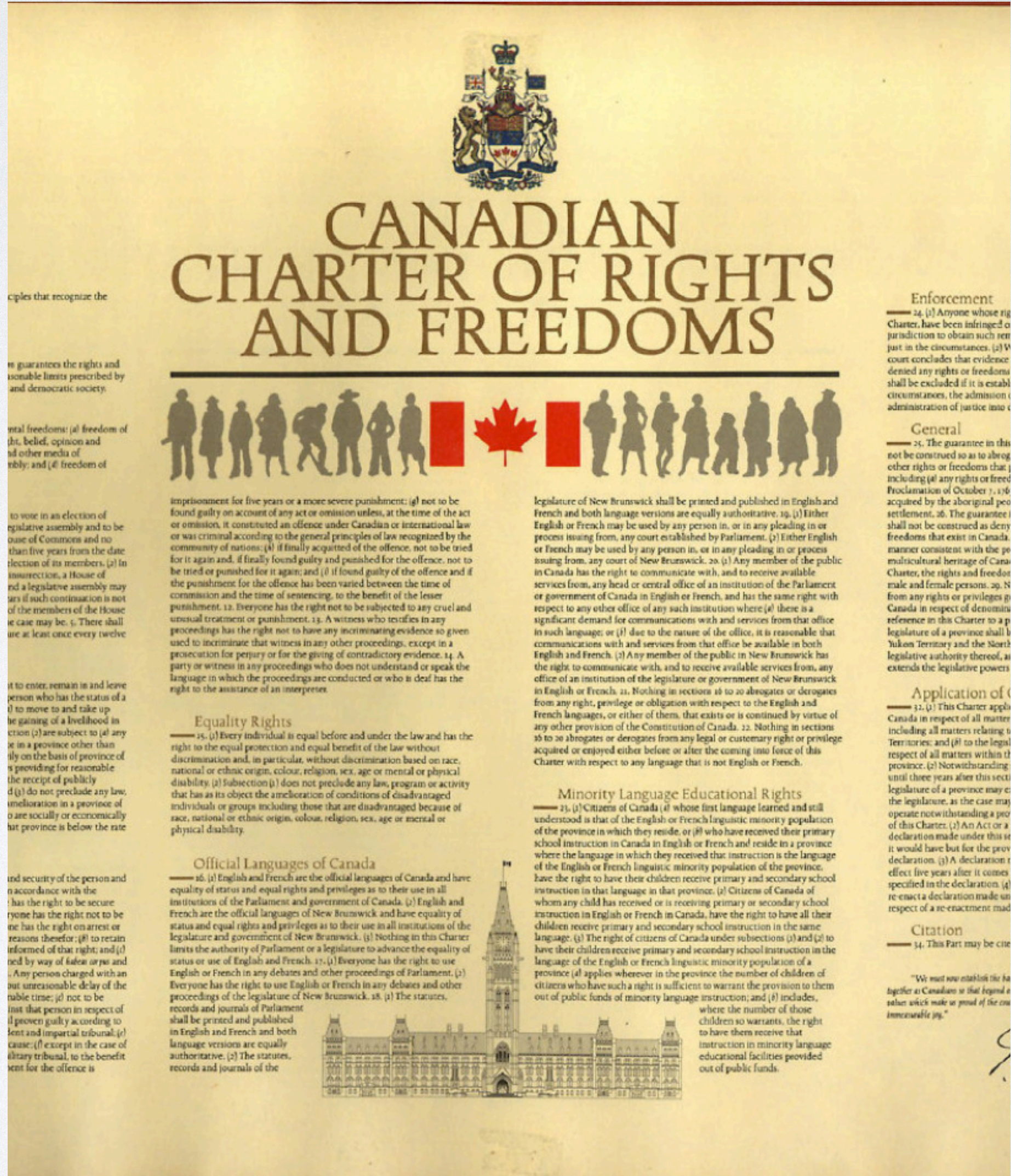
WHAT RIGHTS DO YOU HAVE?

What's an example of "using" those rights?
(try to come up with at least 5)



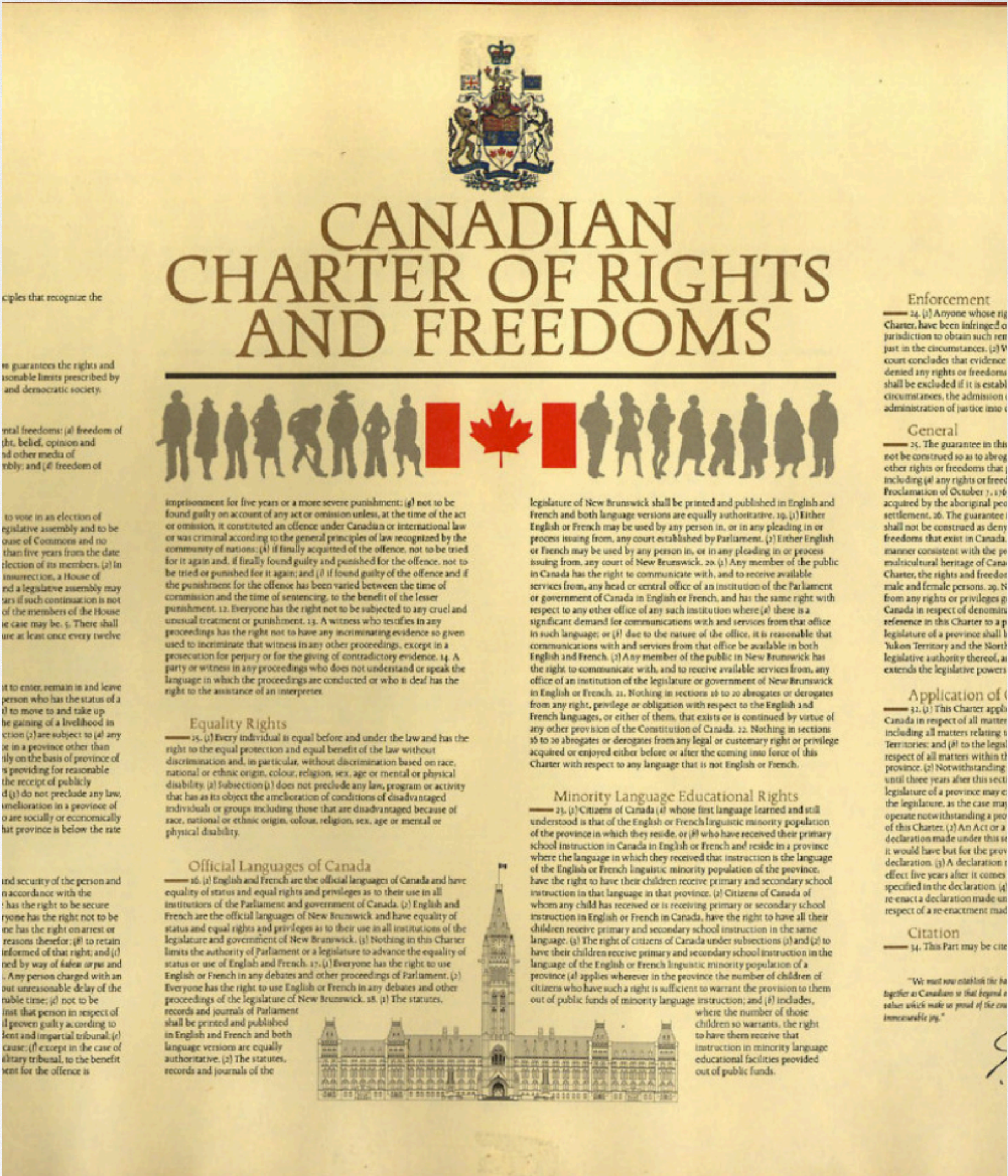
THE RULES THAT RULE THEM ALL

- The Charter of Rights and Freedoms is part of Canada's **constitution**. The constitution sets out the framework for how Canada is to be governed.
- The constitution is the highest law of Canada. All other laws must be consistent with it.



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- Canada's **constitution** is in two parts:
- British North America Act - 1867 (Now called the Constitution Act)
- Charter of Rights and Freedoms - 1982





Think back to our previous conversation

WHAT RIGHT OR
FREEDOM IS THE
MOST IMPORTANT?

FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS

- The freedom to express your opinions.
- The freedom to choose your own religion.
- The freedom to organize peaceful meetings and demonstrations.
- The freedom to associate with any person or group.

Any exceptions or special cases with each?

DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS

- The right to vote for members of the House of Commons and of provincial legislatures.
- The right to vote for a new government at least every five years.

Why every 5 years?

MOBILITY RIGHTS

- The right to move anywhere within Canada and to earn living there.
- The right to enter, stay in, or leave Canada.

Can they be absolutely guaranteed?

LEGAL RIGHTS

- The right to be free of imprisonment, search and seizure without reasons backed by law and evidence.
- The right to a fair and quick public trial by an impartial court that assumes that you are innocent until proven guilty.

Why would a trial need to be “fair and quick” and “public”?

EQUALITY RIGHTS

- The right to be free of discrimination because of race, national or ethnic origin, religion, gender, age, or mental or physical disability.

Who is not covered by this?

Of the rights discussed

WHICH RIGHTS ARE
ONLY AVAILABLE TO
CANADIAN
CITIZENS?

