

North American Policy Crossroads: Indigenous Rights, Education Shifts, and

North American Politics · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. What significant development occurred in Indigenous land rights in British Columbia in 2025, which affirmed Aboriginal title to traditional village lands within a major city?

- A) The Tsilhqot'in Nation secured title to a large tract of provincial park land.
- B) The Gitanyow Nation won a case recognizing their title over a vast territory in Northern B.C.
- C) The Cowichan Tribes won an Aboriginal title case in Richmond, B.C., including privately owned lands.**
- D) The Haida Nation finalized a reconciliation agreement for co-management of Haida Gwaii.

2. In 2025, a notable policy trend in over half of U.S. states aimed to curb classroom distractions. What specific policy was widely considered or adopted by these states?

- A) Mandatory school uniforms in all public schools.
- B) Introduction of a standardized national curriculum.
- C) Phone-free classrooms and schools.**
- D) Extended school hours to incorporate more extracurricular activities.

3. Which Canadian province is preparing for a referendum in October 2026 on the possibility of separating from Canada, citing concerns about economic inequality and political representation?

- A) Quebec
- B) Alberta**
- C) British Columbia
- D) Saskatchewan

4. Despite short-term policy decisions prolonging fossil fuel use, what percentage is projected for solar and wind in North America's electricity generation by 2040, according to a 2025 energy outlook?

- A) 25%
- B) 30%
- C) 45%
- D) 55%**

5. In early 2026, what was identified as the most pressing challenge by a bipartisan group of mayors at the U.S. Conference of Mayors' annual meeting?

- A) Infrastructure modernization
- B) Climate change mitigation
- C) Affordable housing crisis**
- D) Public safety and crime reduction

6. What new legislation passed by the Alberta government in late 2025 has been scrutinized for potentially introducing a U.S.-style two-tier health insurance system to Canada?

- A) The Public Health Protection Act
- B) The Health Statutes Amendment Act (Bill 11)**
- C) The Alberta Healthcare Modernization Bill
- D) The Provincial Medical Services Act

7. What cultural shift, related to identity, was observed in the U.S. in late 2024 and early 2025 following a change in political administration?

- A) A significant increase in identification with diverse gender identities.
- B) A decline in individuals identifying as transgender or non-binary, and non-heterosexual identities.**
- C) A surge in interest in historical reenactments of the Civil Rights era.
- D) A widespread adoption of new inclusive language in public discourse.

8. In 2025, which U.S. state enacted state-level minimum lot size reforms, capping lot sizes at 3,000 square feet in applicable areas to address housing shortages?

- A) California
- B) New York
- C) Texas**
- D) Oregon

9. What major legal development in Canada in 2025 concerned the interpretation and application of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) in Canadian law?

- A) A Supreme Court ruling that limited the scope of UNDRIP.
- B) A Federal Court ruling in Kebaowek First Nation v. Canadian Nuclear Laboratories, addressing UNDRIP and the principle of free, prior, and informed consent.**
- C) The repeal of federal legislation implementing UNDRIP.
- D) New provincial laws that explicitly excluded UNDRIP from resource development projects.

10. What was a key demand from the U.S. Trump administration to Canada in late 2025, as part of the review of the Canada-U.S.-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA)?

- A) Increased Canadian defense spending to match U.S. levels.
- B) Bolstering market access for U.S. dairy products and addressing provincial bans on U.S. alcohol.**
- C) A complete overhaul of Canada's immigration policies.
- D) Canadian commitment to purchase U.S.-made electric vehicles exclusively.