

Comparing Grantmaking in Canada and the US

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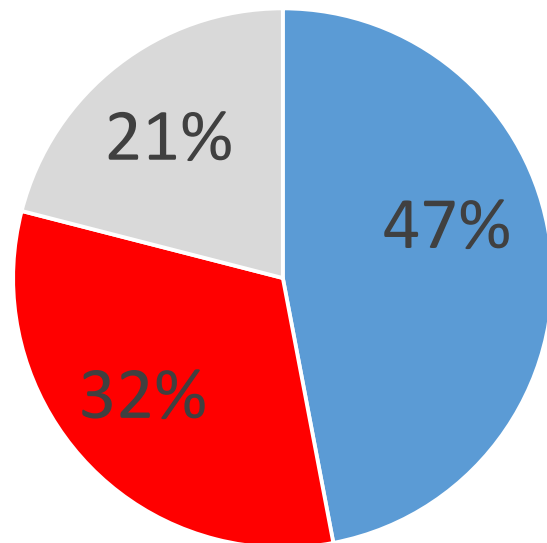
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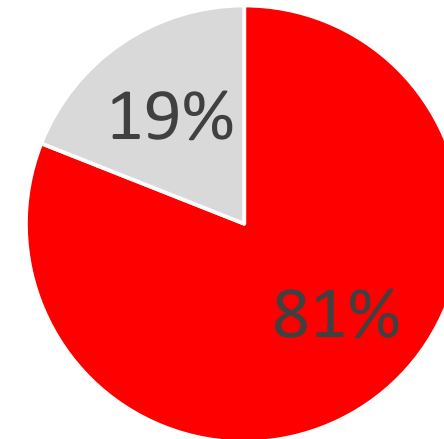
Role of Charities in Society: Polarized Attitudes

Would your first choice for solving a social problem in **America** be to use **government** or to use **philanthropic aid**?



■ Philanthropic aid ■ Government ■ Not sure

In your opinion, should the **[Canadian] government** provide **more funding** to organizations such as hospitals and schools so that they are **less reliant** on charitable donations?

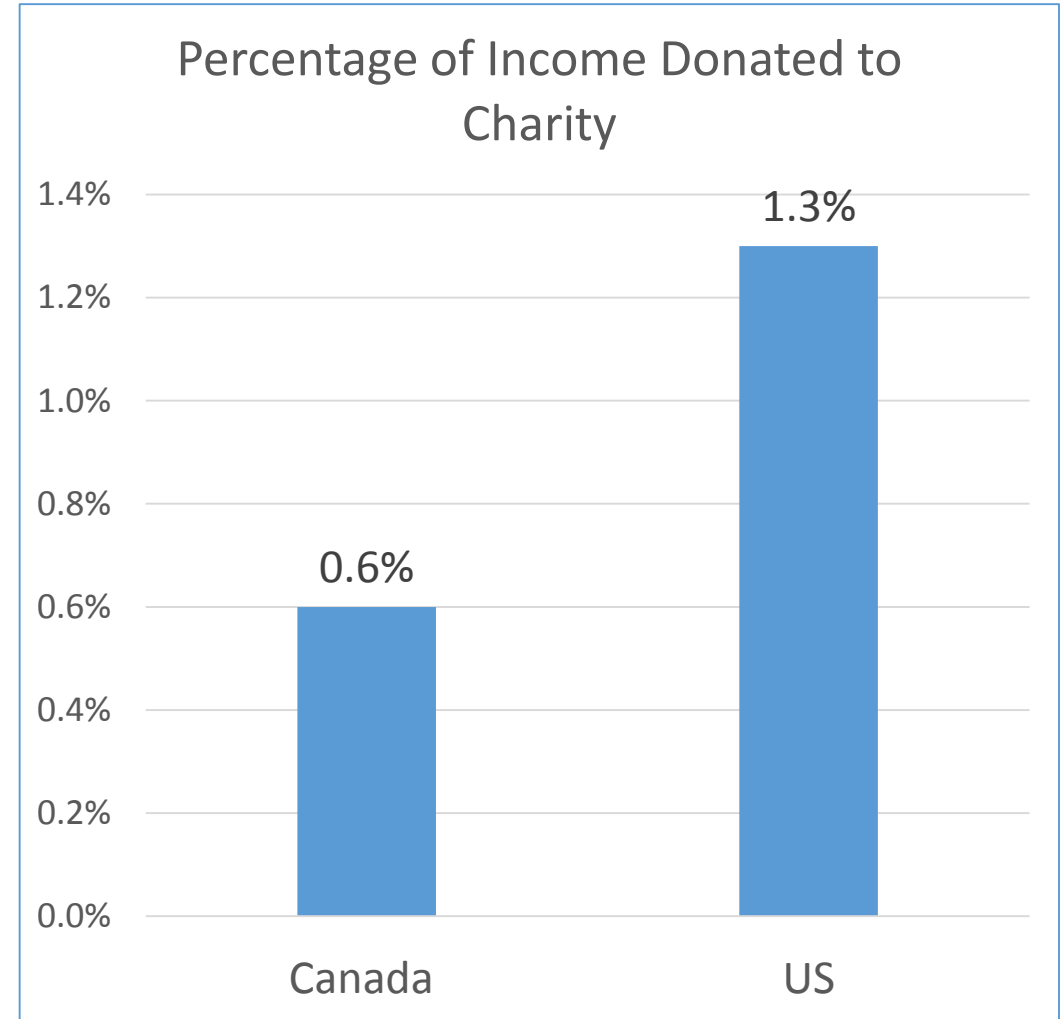
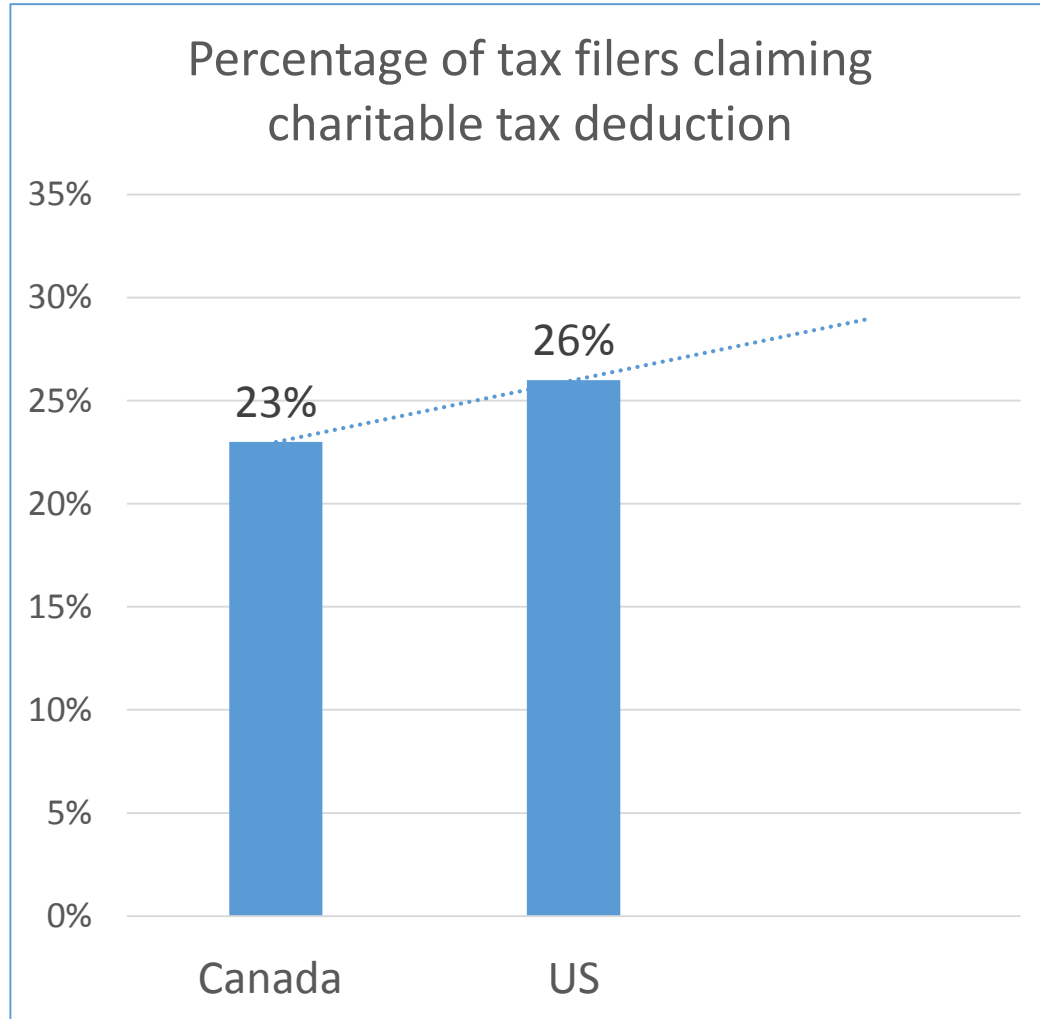


■ Yes ■ No

Sources: Philanthropy Roundtable (2015) Results of an Original 2015 Poll. Accessed at www.philanthropyroundtable.org/almanac/results_of_original_national_poll/.

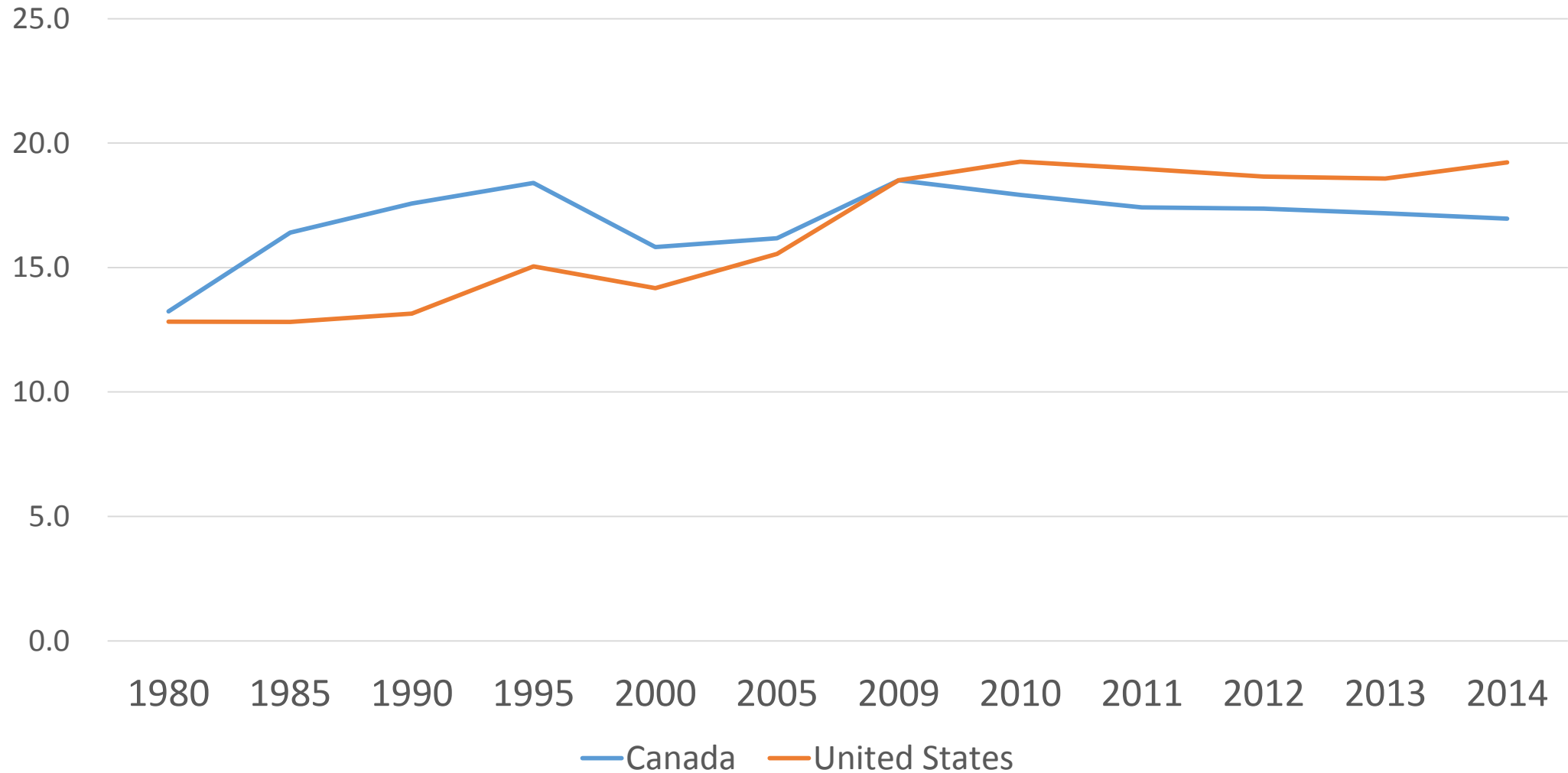
Ipsos Reid (2014) What Canadian Donors Want.

Canadian and American Giving



Social Expenditures in Canada and the US

(% of GDP 1980-2014)



Questions for Further Research

- 1) Has the contracting out of social services to voluntary organizations in Canada and the US changed in recent years to reflect shifts in social spending?
 - 1) Are the roles of grantmakers in financing social services different in Canada vs. the US? Role in financing hospitals, universities?
- 2) Are there other substantive differences in grantmaking practice between Canada and the US? Differences in their role in fostering social innovation?
- 3) Differences re: Community Foundations, Corporate Foundations?