

Talking Points
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Living with A Hyper-Power

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- 1. Do recognize USA's Qualities/Strengths**
 - **Economy**
 - **Arts**
 - **Academics**
 - **Science**
 - **Military**
 - **USA is a benign neighbour, to Canada**

- 2. Don't Be Anti-American; anti-Americanism is counterproductive**
 - **Many Americas; no monolith**
 - **USA is a target**
 - **USA is also profoundly divided**
 - **No prospective counterweight**

- 3. Do Be Circumspect About American Foreign Policy Power**
 - **Big Country = Big Successes**
 - **WW I**
 - **Korea**
 - **Containment/Defeat of Communism**
 - **Iraq Stability in NW Pacific**

 - **But also Big Mistakes**
 - **Iran**
 - **Chile**
 - **Central America, Dominican Repub.**
 - **Vietnam**
 - **Iraq II; see Colin Powell**

4. Don't Blame Canada

- **Neo-Cons -- radical; ignore Celucci**
- **No conspiracy --New American Century Project**
- **Iraq war; lies my uncle told me; Richard Perle on Soviet weapons**
- **New U.S. National Security doctrine is dangerous**
 - **Also anathema to Canadian interests**

5. Don't expect Beanbag; do expect beanball and brush-backs

- **Complaints about PH; removal of Chilean, Mexican, Costa Rican and Mauritius Ambs.**
Pressure on Germans, others

6. Do Manage Relations

- **Don't let matters just take their course**
- **Cabinet Committee on US**

7. Do Understand What Works With Washington

- **An effective foreign policy gets respect**
- **Sycophants get taken for granted**
- **But, limits -- French—psychotic reaction**
- **Subjecting foreign policy to bilateral problems undermines both**

8. Do Invest in Personal Diplomacy

- **24 Hours**

- **But good relations are exception**

9. Do Communicate

10. Do Make Own Decisions

- **Choice vs Price**