

## Domestic Implications of International Issues & Events

### Lesson Plan: Law 12; Challenge and Change in Society 12

**Key themes:** Rule of Law; International obligations; Terrorism and Torture

**Estimated Time:** 60 minutes

#### Lesson Steps

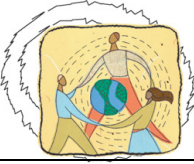
- Discuss Pre-viewing Question with students
- View the four clips (total running time 10:00 minutes)
- Conduct one or more of the post-viewing activities
- In small groups, have students prepare arguments for and against the selected propositions, as outlined below. If appropriate, conduct in-class debates on the issues.
- Optional Follow-Up Activity: Screen the identified video in a proceeding class.

#### Pre-Viewing Discussion Questions

- 1) How does Canadian law balance freedoms (expression, mobility, privacy) with security (terrorism, safety)?
- 2) How should international obligations affect domestic law?

#### Post-Viewing Activities

- 1) The Honourable Irwin Cotler observed in the clip that “The Holocaust began with words.” How do you think that the freedom of expression can be protected while still protecting minority interests?
- 2) Explore the incidents involving Canada’s military in Somalia in 1992 ([http://archives.cbc.ca/war\\_conflict/peacekeeping/topics/723](http://archives.cbc.ca/war_conflict/peacekeeping/topics/723)). How does the issue of hatred relate to these incidents?
- 3) How should Canada address human rights violations committed by our allies in the “war on terror”?



## Combating Hatred in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century



### Activity

Ask students to select one of the following speaker segments from the clips and prepare three arguments in support of the statement and three arguments that disagree with the statement:

The Honourable Irwin Cotler: *"If there is a single right upon which all others depend, a single freedom on which democracy is founded, it is the right of self-expression, the freedom to communicate and exchange information."*

Paul Cavalluzzo: The Rule of Law is critical to Canada's response to global terrorism.

Alex Neve: Torture impacts individuals, militaries and governments. Torture is directly related to hatred.

### Follow-up Activity

View CBC News In Review – "9/11: Five years later" (November 2006). How has the world changed as a result of 9/11? How has this event served to promote hatred in society and how can we address it?