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评论

加拿大和美国几乎可以看成一组实验室里的控制变量试验：地理位置、幅员、人种来源都相近，在独立战争中一个经历了独立、开始了没有经历封建阶级社会的发展历程；另一个则由反对独立的人组成并保留在英帝国封建体制下一段时间。结果形成不同的政治文化思维和社会组成结构，进而逐步发展出不同的政治体制，也对日后的经济发展和社会文化有着深远的影响。没有经历封建社会的，个人主义、小政府、民粹、自由市场、法治分权、自愿公民社会、地方自治为滥觞；经历了（虽然比较短和薄弱）的封建治理的，集体主义、大政府、对权威的尊重、政府干预、结果正义、阶级和族群政治、集权更为民众所默认。而在北美自由贸易协定的捆绑和冲击下，两者又呈现出一定的趋同状态，但仍然是政治价值非常不同的两个国家。观照这种宏观政治文化，李普塞特绝对是大师。

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