Prime Ministers & Presidents
Understanding CA-US relations
NEW Due date: **March 24\textsuperscript{th} in class!**

Things to look out for...
- a clear & argumentative thesis
- coherent & logical structure
- in-depth research (primary & secondary)
- judicious & engaging writing style
- relevance to HIS311 (CDN EXT Relations)
- Chicago style for citation
- *Additional office hours available for qns*
Canada-US Relations: Sunny ways?
Significance of the visit

- first Canadian state visit to the US in 19 years
- Renewal of “special relationship”?
- two leaders who came to power as fresh, charismatic liberal darlings with star power
- Progressive vision of governing, use of multilateral tools & commitment to diversity.
- Contentious issues (Softwood lumber, fighter jets, etc)
What’s on the table?

- Focus on energy, security, climate change and trade along an 8,850km border
- About $2 billion worth of goods & 400,000 people cross the border each day.
- About 75% of Canada's exports go to the US. Canada is the top export destination for 33 US states.
- Obama on his way out, Trudeau’s new term
“Geography has made us neighbors. History has made us friends. Economics has made us partners. And necessity has made us allies.”

- President JFK
Key questions to consider *EXAM

- To what extent do personalities and personal relationships matter in Canadian-American relations? (style and substance)
  - Geostrategic realities (esp post-WWII~)
  - Politics, diplomacy & multilateral engagements
  - Historic & cultural ties
  - Trade & economics
  - Immigration & people-to-people ties
  - Shared values & interests & vision
(video) “In Bed with an Elephant”