

Federal government has authority to approve new inter-provincial pipelines

Ottawa more exposed to decision-making on pipelines than Washington, D.C.

Federal government has the sole authority over regulation of pipelines that cross provincial borders

The Federal Government obligated to consult and accommodate to Indigenous peoples

Canada is a middle power unlike U.S. where oil has no global influence

Political rivalry

The Liberal Party of Canada (LPC) does not have same agenda as the Province of Alberta in terms of oil

Alberta is dominated by Conservative Party of Canada

LPC kept in check by the NDP, Green Party, and Bloc Quebecois on pipeline expansion

Interprovincial clashes