



A Canadians with Disabilities Act?

The most commonly viewed page on the CDPA website contains a report co-written by investigators, staff & students in the Summer of 2010, entitled, “*A Canadians with Disabilities Act?*” To date, this report has been accessed over 13,000 times.

No clear consensus emerges from this analysis of national disability policy in Canada and other developed nations (US, UK, Australia) about the need for a *Canadians with Disabilities Act*, especially given the current suite of human rights protections (provincial & federal Human Rights Acts, Charter of Rights and Freedoms, UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities, emerging disability legislation in some provinces). While a federal disability act would have significant symbolic appeal, our analysis suggests it would do little to change the real situation of disabled Canadians. Instead, this report suggests what is needed are more robust, harmonized economic measures, to ensure education, training, employment, income replacement and appropriate taxation for disabled Canadians. For more information, [click here](#).



A vision of Canada where people with disabilities enjoy full participation and citizenship, supported by a coherent framework of legislation, regulation and programs.