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It challenges the popular nationalist view that Canada has been treated as peripheral and dependent, but it also counters the opposing view that Washington has respected Canadian advice and benefitted from it. Instead, it argues that for the most part Canada has mattered little in Washington and that America's Canada policy is largely an ad hoc affair. Invisible and Inaudible in Washington offers penetrating new perspectives on American-Canadian relations -- a topic about which many Canadians thought there was little more to say and about which many Americans have scarcely thought at all.