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Directions: After reading the background information and examining the source, answer the questions below.

Background Information: *Prior to the outbreak of WWII, Mackenzie King wrestled with how to approach Canada's involvement in a potential conflict. The following source is an excerpt from a speech made by King in the Canadian Parliament.*

Featured Source:

"The idea that every twenty years this country would automatically and as a **matter of course** take part in a war overseas for democracy or **self-determination** of other small nations, that a country which has all it can do to run itself should feel called upon to save, periodically, a continent that cannot run itself, and to these ends risks the lives of its people, risks **bankruptcy** and **political disunion**, seems to many a nightmare and **sheer** madness."

Source:

Matter of course:

Diversion: *Distraction / Change*

Well-Wooded: *Heavily forested / Covered in trees.*

Your Task: Examine the inferences below and return to the text. Which inference is best supported by the source?

Alternative Inferences	
Person 1:	King's speech suggests an emphasis on Canada's priority to prioritize its own well-being.
Person 2:	King's speech suggests a frustration with European politics and conflict.

Multiple Choice: Which inference is most plausible?
   a) Person 1's inference is most plausible.
   b) Person 2's inference is most plausible.
   c) Both Person 1 and Person 2's inferences are equally plausible
   d) Neither inference is plausible

Short Answer Response: Explain your reasoning.