



IMMIGRATION

Imposing a Moratorium and Deporting Illegals

Issue

The primary aim of Canada's immigration policy should be to economically benefit Canadians and Canada as a whole. It should not be used to forcibly change the cultural character and social fabric of our country. And it should not put excessive financial burdens on the shoulders of Canadians in the pursuit of humanitarian goals.

However, both the Liberals and Conservatives have supported an irresponsible and unsustainable increase in immigration levels, which has led to an explosion of social, economic, and cultural problems. They are using mass immigration as a political tool to pander for votes among immigrant communities.

Facts

In 2023, Canada's population grew at its highest rate since 1957. Almost all this growth (98%) was due to international migration, while only a small portion (2%) came from Canadians having children. Canada is the fastest growing country in the western world. Native-born Canadians are being replaced by immigrants.

In addition to 472,000 immigrants (or permanent residents), there was a net increase of 805,000 non-permanent residents, namely temporary foreign workers, foreign students, and asylum claimants. So, Canada opened its doors to almost 1.3 million foreigners. This represents the entire population of Saskatchewan. It is estimated that almost 2.7 million non-permanent residents were living in Canada in January 2024.

Commonly used arguments in support of higher immigration levels are flawed. For example, it is said that we need more immigrants because our population is aging. More immigrants cannot solve that challenge. Immigrants are a bit younger on average than Canadians, but not enough to have any noticeable impact on the rate of aging.

Mass immigration in itself also cannot solve the labour shortages that affect some sectors of the economy. Immigrants are not just workers but also consumers of goods and services, which creates demand for labour in other sectors and simply displaces the problem. This explains why we still have labour shortages in some sectors even though Canada has had

one of the highest levels of immigration in the world for several years.

Mass immigration partly explains why wages and productivity have been stagnant in Canada, as cheap immigrant labour is favoured by employers over capital investment and automation. This makes our economy less productive and impedes GDP growth per capita. The economic pie is getting bigger, but not as fast as the growth of our population. We each get a smaller slice. We each get poorer.

Young or semi-retired Canadians looking for a part-time job are also driven out of the labour market because of the unfair competition of cheap foreign labour.

Mass immigration is expensive for government and taxpayers. Immigrants generally have lower wages than non-immigrants. They pay on average about half as much in income taxes as other Canadians but consume government services to the same extent.

Mass immigration increases pressure on our health care system, social programs, and infrastructures. It is the main cause of the housing crisis, with demand far outstripping our capacity to build new homes (see policy on Housing). Moreover, high home prices are one of the main reasons why young couples cannot afford to start a family and are not having children. And the collapsing birth rate is then used as justification by proponents of mass immigration to bring in more immigrants.

Finally, mass immigration does not enrich our culture and does not make our society stronger. On the contrary, it encourages immigrants to live in ethnic ghettos, and prevents their proper integration into our society and culture. It brings foreign conflicts, and values and attitudes that are incompatible with ours. It lowers our sense of trust and security. And it undermines our social cohesion and national identity (see policy on Canadian Identity).



Our Plan

Canada's immigration policy can benefit Canadians only if we welcome the right kind and the right number of immigrants and non-permanent residents. It should prioritize our economic interests and be calibrated in a way that does not jeopardize Canadian values and the maintenance of our national identity.

A People's Party government will:

- Impose a moratorium on new permanent residents for as many years as necessary until the housing crisis has cooled down (see policy on Housing), the negative economic impact of mass immigration has been neutralized, and the process of social and cultural disintegration due to mass immigration has been reversed; thereafter, substantially lower the number of permanent residents Canada accepts every year to between 100,000 and 150,000, depending on economic and other circumstances.
- Reform the immigration point system and the related programs to accept a larger proportion of economic immigrants with the right skills in high value-added sectors, while substantially lowering the number of immigrants accepted under the family reunification program, including abolishing the program for parents and grand-parents.
- Increase resources for CSIS, the RCMP, and the Department of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship to conduct thorough background checks and face-to-face interviews with all immigrants to determine if they share Canadian values and societal norms (see Canadian Identity policy).
- Deport foreign temporary workers, foreign students, asylum seekers, and visitors who are staying in Canada after their visas have expired, or their applications for permanent residency or refugees status have been rejected; deport permanent residents who obtained their status on the basis of false declarations, or who committed crimes.
- Drastically lower the number of temporary foreign workers and make sure that they only fulfil temporary jobs, such as seasonal agricultural work, and do not compete with Canadian workers; and substantially lower the number of visas granted to foreign students while eliminating work permits for them, except for academic work on campus.
- Accept fewer refugees and give priority to refugees belonging to persecuted minority groups who have nowhere to go in neighbouring countries; and automatically reject fake asylum claims from visitors, foreign workers and foreign students who are looking for a way to stay in Canada, and immediately deport them.
- Change the law to make birth tourism illegal and stop granting Canadian citizenship to babies born in Canada to foreign parents.
- Take Canada out of the UN's Global Compact for Migration, signed by the Liberal government in 2018, which aims to make it easier for millions of people to move to Canada and other Western democracies at will.

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