




Human Rights

Immigrant and Refugee Rights – Track Record & Campaign Promises

			
<p>Supports increasing the number of immigrants and refugees coming to Canada.</p> <p>In 2017, the Liberals pledged to increase the annual number of immigrants accepted into Canada by 340,000 by the year 2020, with 60 per cent of the growth in the economic class.</p> <p>Instituted a policy to block people from making asylum claims if they have already done so in the United States, United Kingdom, Australia, or New Zealand.</p>	<p>Supports immigration and accepting refugees, but proposes overhauls to the system for more selective criteria for admitting immigrants. Some comments on immigration and refugees appear designed to stir up tensions.</p> <p>Will do more to promote private sponsorships of refugees, but plans to end illegal border crossings at unofficial points and to close the loophole in the Safe Third-Country Agreement will leave many people at the mercy of the Trump administration's refugee policies.</p>	<p>Platform contains many promises on the topic. Supports fixing the immigration system to get rid of backlog and will work with the provinces to address gaps in settlement services.</p> <p>Will establish a clear path for the resettlement of LGBTQI2S refugees.</p> <p>Will end the cap on applications to sponsor parents and grandparents, and take on the backlogs that delay reunification for years.</p> <p>Will take on unscrupulous immigration consultants by ensuring that the industry is regulated by the government.</p> <p>Will suspend the Safe Third-Country agreement with the United States, allowing people to make asylum claims at official border crossings.</p>	<p>Platform contains many promises on the topic. Proposes overhauls to the immigration system, including a new <i>environmental refugee</i> category.</p> <p>Will eliminate the Temporary Foreign Worker Program and increase immigration where labour shortages are established.</p> <p>Will press professional societies to remove unnecessary barriers hindering the recognition of valid professional credentials of immigrants.</p> <p>Will establish a program to deal with the estimated 200,000 people living in Canada without official status that leads to full landed-immigrant status for those who have become contributing members of Canadian society.</p> <p>Will seek to have the regulations governing the practices of immigration consultants toughened and enforced, and will increase penalties in the <i>Criminal Code</i> for those convicted of human smuggling.</p>