

Welcome to this week's presentation and conversation  
hosted by the  
**Canadian Association for the Club of Rome,**  
a Club dedicated to intelligent debate and action on global issues.

## ***Green Growth: the Mantra of Our Cognitive Dissonance.***

Our speaker today is Dr. Madeline Weld, president of Population Institute Canada, which advocates stabilization of Canada's population and supporting family planning abroad. Madeline is a retired civil servant with B.Sc. (zoology), M.S. (physiology), and Ph.D. (physiology). She has written numerous articles on population. The Canadian government lays out plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and implement green energy policies, while at the same time massively increasing immigration levels so as to drive rapid population growth. This population growth has significant negative impacts on the environment but has not provided any benefits to working Canadians. On the contrary: among other things, it has put home ownership out of reach for many of them. One might reasonably ask whether the government's priority in setting its policies is not the well-being of its citizens but rather to serve a globalist agenda.

Dr. Weld's presentation will be followed by a conversation, questions, and observations from the participants.

CACOR acknowledges that we all benefit from sharing the traditional territories of local Indigenous peoples (First Nations, Métis, and Inuit in Canada) and their descendants.



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# Green Growth: the Mantra of Our Cognitive Dissonance

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# Green Growth Cognitive Dissonance in a Nutshell

- Canada must cut back on its greenhouse gas emissions, reduce its energy consumption, reduce its waste production, conserve its biodiversity, and make its cities greener.
- Canada must keep growing its economy and, as an integral part of that, must keep growing its population, while also preventing its cities from sprawling.



# Trudeau's climate plan, announced on March 29, 2022

- Reduce emissions from the oil and gas sector by 42% from 2005 level to meet the target for 2030
- Promises additional \$9.1 billion CAD on climate action
- Mandates at least 20% of light-duty vehicles for sale by 2026 have zero emissions
- Trudeau says four years of US climate skepticism under Donald Trump held Canada back

• <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2022-03-29/trudeau-climate-plan-calls-for-42-cut-in-oil-and-gas-emissions>

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# Trudeau's population plan announced in February, 2022

- Immigration Minister Sean Fraser's targets for 2022, 2023 and 2024: 431,645, 447,055, and 451,000, respectively.
- These numbers add up to 1,329,700 additional climate changers by the end of 2024.
- Applying that number to 2025-27 and 2028-30, would mean a total of 3,989,100 more climate changers by the end of 2030.
- Previously, in November 2017, Immigration Minister Ahmed Hussen had announced a "new normal" of high immigration: 300,000 with a target of 340,000 by 2020
- Before Trudeau, levels were already high at about 250,000 annually

# Reality Check on Climate Plan

- In 2019, Canada's total GHG emissions were 730 megatons of CO2 equivalent. Oil and gas were 26% of those emissions
- Canada is the only Group of Seven countries whose emissions rose between 2015 and 2019 (Trudeau was PM)
- RBC report from 2021 says it will cost \$2 trillion CAD to get to net zero over next three decades
- US percent growth in total emissions under Trump (2016-2019) was less (0.6%) than growth in Canada's emissions (3.4%) under Trudeau

# Questions

- How net zero is “net zero”? For example, how environmental are electric cars, when you factor in mining of components, use of electricity for charging, disposal of battery, etc.
  - Why was % increase in US emissions less than Canada’s? (Because Trump cut back on immigration, so percent increase in US population smaller than Canada’s.)
  - If humans are driving climate change and Canada is among the highest per capita emitters, why are we increasing the number of capitas in Canada?
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# What is the actual impact of Canada's population growth on GHG emissions?

- Between 1990 and 2019, Canada's population grew by 9.9 million
- In that time, its annual GHG emissions increased by ~138 Mt CO<sub>2</sub> eq
- Its per capita emissions decreased a bit (by ~2 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> eq)
- The increase in total emissions was due to population growth
- But we are deliberately driving up our population through immigration
- The average newcomer to Canada increases GHG emissions by a factor of four according to calculations by John Meyer (which match those of a US study published in 2008).

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<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/canada-population/>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/environmental-indicators/greenhouse-gas-emissions.html>

<https://cis.org/Immigration-United-States-and-WorldWide-Greenhouse-Gas-Emissions-0>

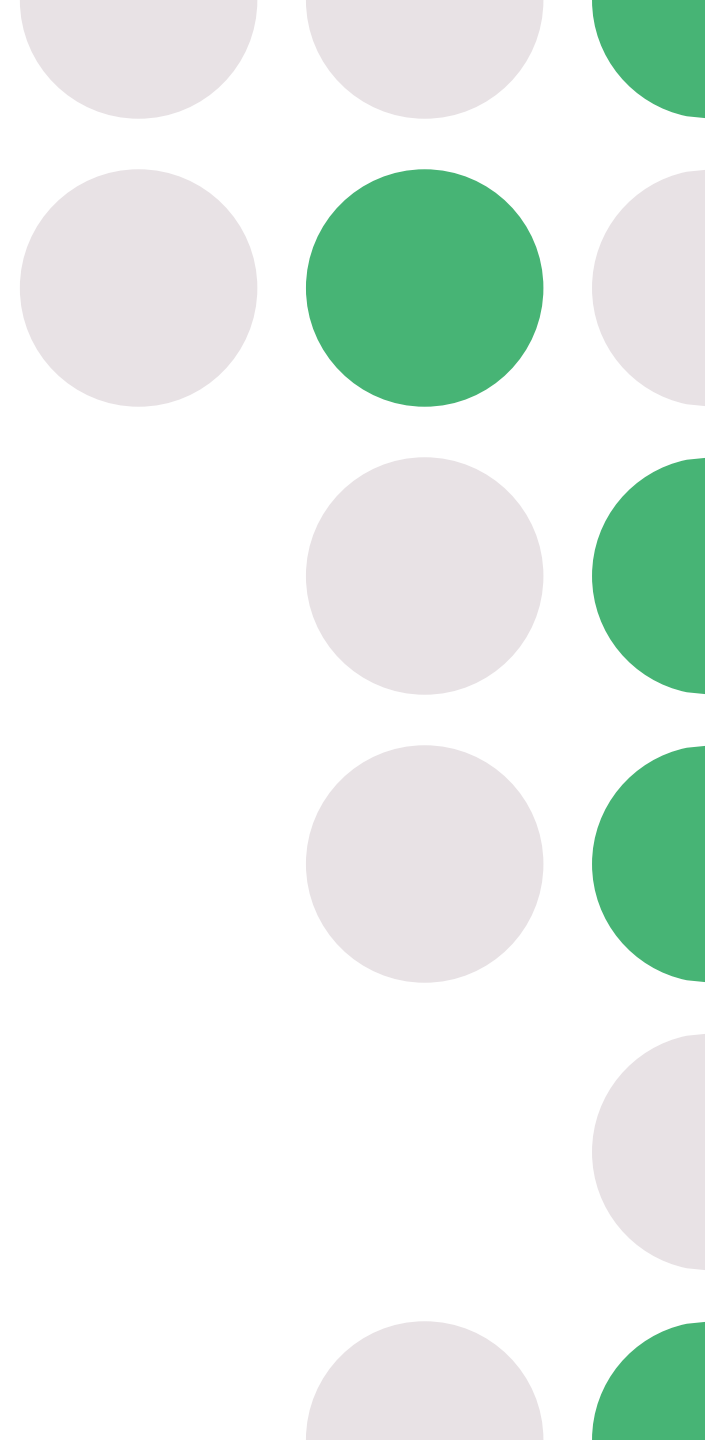


# Is there anything that matters other than climate change?

- What about farmland and food production?
- What about water uses?
- What about wildlife habitat and biodiversity loss?
- What about urban sprawl and deteriorating city infrastructure? Pollution? Congestion?
- What about housing affordability?
- What about social services, including health care?

**Population growth is the underlying cause of problems.**

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# Farmland

- Over half (52%) of Canada's prime (class 1) farmland is in southern Ontario, where GTA megalopolis is located
- Only 5% of Ontario's land is suitable for farming
- 18% of Ontario farmland has been lost in the last 40 years
- **Ontario is losing 319 acres of farmland each day**
- For every million people added, we lose 530 square km of prime farmland

# Bill C-208 Farm Succession Bill Received Royal Assent in June 2021

- Private member's bill by Conservative MB MP Larry Maguire intended to make it easier for a farmer to sell a farm to a family member, such as adult child or grandchild by excluding such a sale from anti-avoidance tax rules. (Taxed at capital gains rate (27.0%) rather than dividend rate (48.27%).)
- MP Maguire: "...no longer...false choice of having to choose between a larger retirement package by selling to a stranger, or a massive tax bill because they sold to a family member..."
- In Parliament, bipartisan vote was 199 to 128. But it was mostly along party lines. Most Liberals voted against the bill, including Agriculture Minister Marie-Claude Bibeau.

# Water

- Canada has 6.5% of world's renewable fresh water, but only 40% of that (2.6% of world supply) is available in the south, where most people live.
- Canada has 20% of world's fresh surface water, but 70% of surface water flows north to high Arctic and Hudson's Bay
- In 2009, the Council of Canadian Academies warned that groundwater serving 10+ million people was threatened by rampant urbanization, industrialization and intense agriculture
- The Great Lakes Basin, with 18% of world's fresh surface water and home to 40 million North Americans, is experiencing serious and worsening degradation from urbanization, climate change, and invasive species.

# Loss of wildlife habitat and biodiversity

Committee on Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) says:

- 810 Canadian wildlife species (animals and plants) are in some category of risk (endangered, threatened, special concern) or extirpated in Canada
- 19 species are extinct
- Of 460 bird species found in Canada, 87 are at risk, 2 are extirpated, and 3 are extinct
- Also: About 70% of wetlands have been lost to agriculture and development in southern parts of Canada, up to 95% in densely populated areas.

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<https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/species-risk-public-registry/publications/canadian-wildlife-species-risk-2020.html>

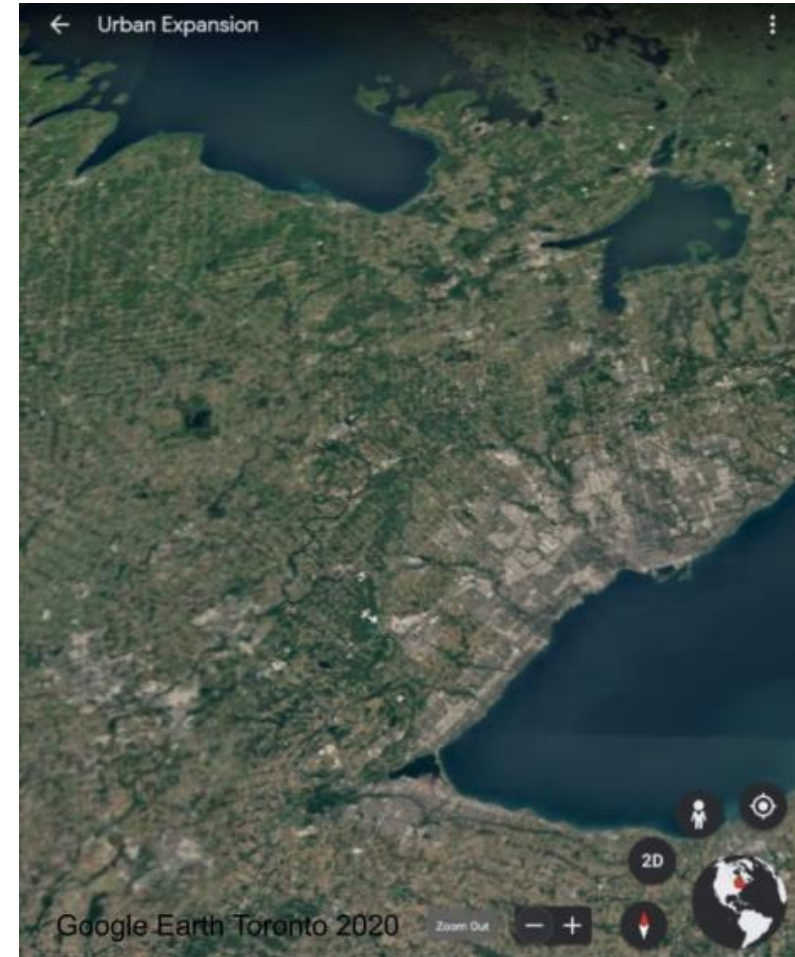
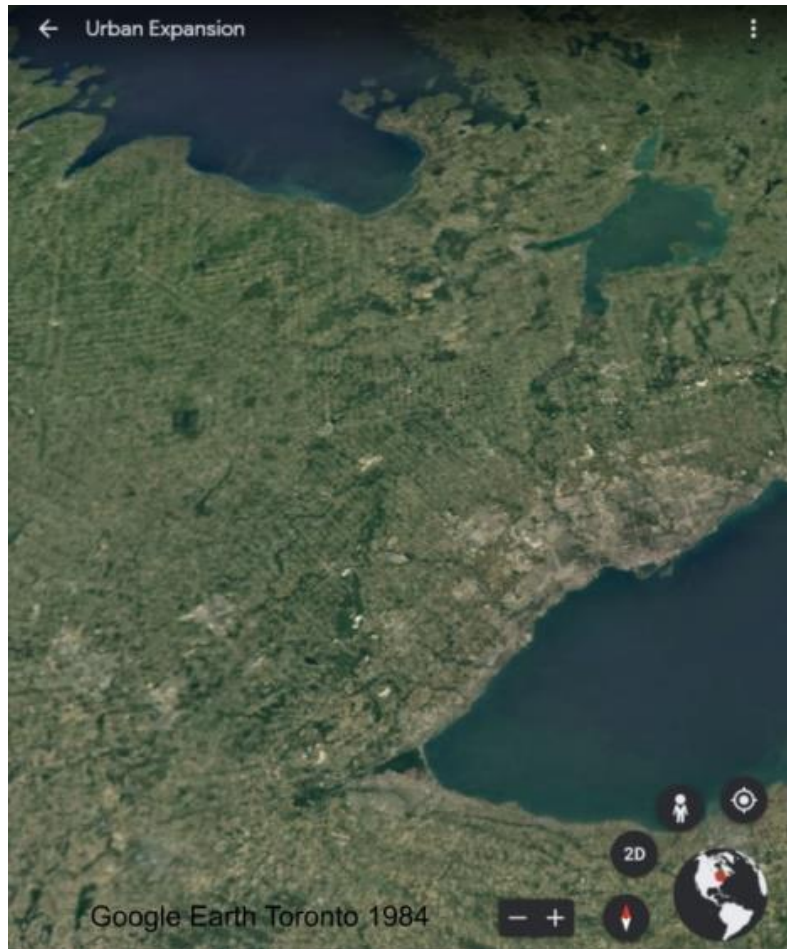
<https://www.ducks.ca/stories/wetlands/whats-happening-to-canadas-vanishing-wetlands/>

# Meanwhile, housing has become unaffordable for many

- In May 2021, an Oxford Economics study said Vancouver, Toronto, and Hamilton were the top three least affordable cities in North America
- Five Canadian cities were in the top ten
- Canada needs 5.8 million new homes by 2030 to tackle affordability (CBC, June 23<sup>rd</sup>)
- At current rates of construction, there will be 2.3 million new homes by 2030
- What if we didn't increase our population by 4 million between now and then?

# Sprawl: One picture is worth 1000 words

## Google Earth images of Toronto from 1984 and 2020



<https://sustainablesociety.com/social/stop-sprawl1#.Ys2GS3bMKUk>

**Growth has  
not solved  
any problems**

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City infrastructure

Traffic

Pollution

Social services

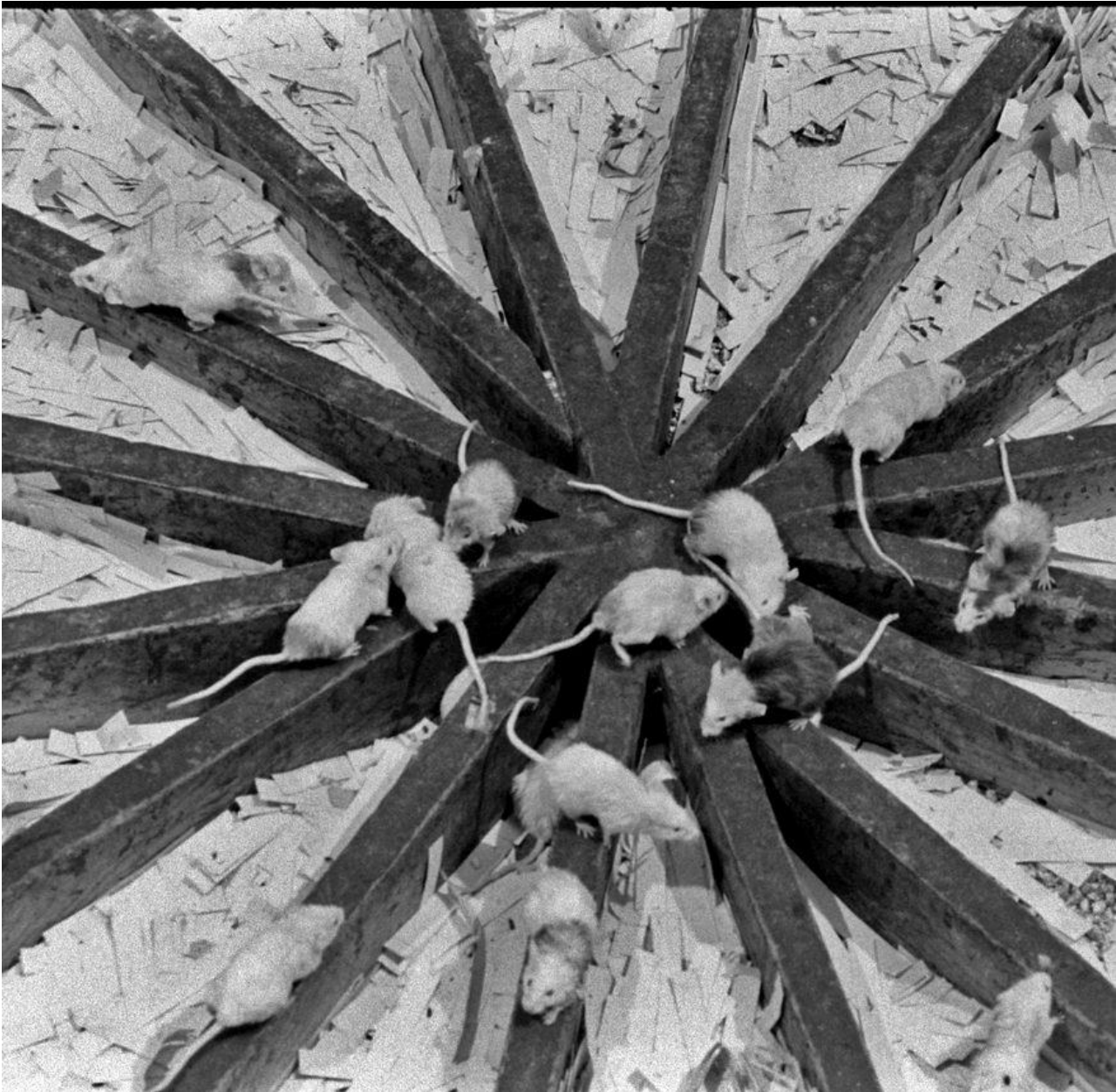
Crime



## **What metrics are used to show that a growing population increases quality of life?**

- GDP has grown, but not per capita GDP
  - Happiness levels do not increase in a big city
  - Housing has become less affordable
  - Access to nature had been reduced
  - Debt levels are much higher (5x higher than 50 years ago)
  - Equality levels are much lower (from 2<sup>nd</sup> highest place to mid-30s now)
  - Job quality has declined
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## **Are we turning our cities into John Calhoun's “Mouse Utopia”?**

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- The mice in Doctor John Calhoun's rodentopia, in 1971. STAN WAYMAN/THE LIFE PICTURE COLLECTION VIA GETTY IMAGES





Joni Mitchell:

Don't it always  
seem to go, that  
you don't know  
what you've got  
'til it's gone.

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# But What About the “Need” to Grow the Economy?

“Without immigration, our economy would not grow.”

- So what? Per capita wealth has not increased. But social inequality has greatly increased.
- Young Canadians face a “job churn” (Bill Morneau, former finance minister). Why add to the competition?
- Mainstream economists Herb Grubel and Patrick Grady calculated that recent immigrants cost the government \$30 to \$35 billion more in benefits than they pay in taxes each year (because their earnings are lower than average but they receive the same or more gov’t services).
- Canadian data on lack of economic benefits from mass migration is corroborated by a 2008 report by the British House of Lords’ Select Committee on Immigration that said the impact on per capita income was “very small, whether positive or negative” but that the strain on public services and housing was substantial.

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[http://www.global-economics.ca/immigration\\_and\\_welfare\\_state\\_2014.htm](http://www.global-economics.ca/immigration_and_welfare_state_2014.htm)

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/report-on-business/economy/jobs/canadian-youth-working-low-paid-temporary-jobs/article32579528/>

<https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200708/ldselect/ldeconaf/82/82.pdf>

# Arguments for mass immigration debunked

“We need immigration to keep our population from aging.”

Immigration has no effect on Canada’s age structure. For example, these two studies:

- C.D. Howe Institute, 2006: No Elixir of Youth. Immigration Cannot Keep Canada Young.
- Shirley Loh and M.V. George. 2007. Projected Population Size and Age Structure for Canada and Provinces: With and Without International Migration. *Canadian Studies in Population* 34:103-127.

# OECD predicts Canada will be the worst performing advanced economy over the next decade...and the three decades after that



David Williams | December 14, 2021 – Posted in Competitive Economy

David Williams of the Business Council of British Columbia says, “[**Young Canadians**] **face a long period of stagnating average real incomes that will last most of their working lives**. On average, Canadian living standards and our quality of life *relative to other countries* are set to decline as other countries make their economies more productive.

He refers to “**record immigration levels to turbocharge population growth and housing demand in major cities**” as one of the four “**shaky pillars**” that Ottawa’s growth strategy rests upon. The other three are an accommodative monetary policy, expansive fiscal policy, and a national childcare policy (which will yield only 5 one-hundredths of a percentage point of additional real GDP growth per annum over the next 20 years)

<https://bcbc.com/insights-and-opinions/oecd-predicts-canada-will-be-the-worst-performing-advanced-economy-over-the-next-decade-and-the-three-decades-after-that>

# So why does the government want to raise immigration levels so radically?

Immigration Minister Sean Fraser says Canada needs to increase immigration to help its economy recover from Covid and to drive future growth.

“If we’re not ready to significantly increase our ambition when it comes to immigration, we are going to be in a position where our economy will suffer, and it could put into jeopardy so many of the public services and social supports that make me very proud to be Canadian.”

**In other words, more growth will solve problems that it has only exacerbated in the past.**



# Should we believe Immigration Minister Fraser when he says that Covid is the reason for the massive increase in the level of immigration?

Or is Covid a pretext for implementing a pre-existing plan?

- **In 2017**, when Immigration Minister Hussen introduced the “new normal” of immigration levels in the 300,000s, some thought that was not enough.
- The Liberal-appointed Advisory Council on Economic Growth, headed by **Dominic Barton, advocated for 450,000 per year.**
- The Advisory Council on Economic Growth was first announced by then Finance Minister Bill Morneau to the Toronto Region Board of Trade on December 14, 2015.
- Dominic Barton was appointed as Chair on February 22, 2016. Another member of the 14-member Council was Mark Wiseman.
- **Barton and Wiseman co-founded the Century Initiative in 2011.** Wiseman is the current Chairman of the Board of the CI.

## In reality, Trudeau's immigration policy seems to be directed by the Century Initiative

The Century Initiative wants Canada to have a population of 100 million by 2100. Why?

- It will increase the GDP (More growth for the sake of growth)
- Canada will play a bigger role on the world stage (Seems like a size envy problem: small developed countries are more influential than larger overpopulated ones)
- It will counter an aging population (False: most immigrants are adults and family reunification brings in a lot of older people. Thirty years of mass immigration has not changed Canada's age structure.)

The Century Initiative wants to massively increase Canada's population through immigration even though:

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The environmental impact is evident

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The stress on city infrastructure and social services is evident

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Housing has become unaffordable even at current levels

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There is no indication that Canadians want to increase immigration

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Mass immigration has not benefitted working Canadians economically

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There is already a backlog of about 1.8 million applications to immigrate

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# Both Century Initiative co-founders, Dominic Barton and Mark Wiseman, are members of the World Economic Forum

<https://www.weforum.org/people/dominic-barton>



Dominic Barton  
Incoming Chairman, Rio Tinto

Thirty-three years with McKinsey & Company: 2000-04, led Korea office; 2004-09, Asia Chairman; 2009-2018, Global Managing Partner; currently; Senior Partner. Active participant in international forums, including Davos, St Petersburg International Economic Forum and Asia Business Council. Member of boards and committees, including: Canadian Government's Advisory Council on Economic Growth (Chair); .....

<https://www.weforum.org/people/mark-wiseman>



Mark Wiseman  
Chairman, BlackRock Alternative Investors;  
Global Head, Active Equities, BlackRock Inc.

Mark is a Senior Managing Director at BlackRock, Global Head of Active Equities, Chairman of its Alternatives business, and Chairman of BlackRock's Global Investment Committee. He also serves on BlackRock's Global Executive Committee. Prior to joining BlackRock in 2016, Mark was President & CEO of the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board (CPPIB). Mark joined CPPIB in June, 2005 as the organization's Senior Vice-President, Private Investments. He was....

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The World Economic Forum is an independent international organization committed to improving the state of the world by engaging business, political, academic and other leaders of society to **shape global, regional and industry agendas**. Incorporated as a not-for-profit foundation in 1971, and headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, the Forum is tied to no political, partisan or national interests.

An international organization: The Forum makes its contribution to **global governance** in the informal yet structured spaces that sit at the base of the formal multilateral legal frameworks and institutions such as the International Monetary Fund, the United Nations and the World Trade Organization. (p.4)

## Prime Minister Trudeau, Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland, and other cabinet members are associated with the WEF

- Justin Trudeau: <https://www.weforum.org/people/justin-trudeau>
  - Chrystia Freeland (made a WEF trustee in January 2019): <https://www.weforum.org/press/2019/01/world-economic-forum-announces-new-trustees/>
  - Marie-Claude Bibeau: <https://www.weforum.org/people/marie-claude-bibeau>
  - François-Philippe Champagne: <https://www.weforum.org/people/francois-philippe-champagne>
  - Bill Morneau: <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/authors/william-francis-morneau>
  - Patty Hajdu: <https://www.weforum.org/people/patty-hajdu>
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# Is Trudeau's cabinet compliant with the WEF? Its founder, Klaus Schwab, thinks so

“I have to say when I mention names like Mrs. Merkel, even Vladimir Putin and so on they all have been Young Global Leaders of The World Economic Forum. But what we are really proud of now with the young generation like Prime Minister Trudeau, President of Argentina and so on, is that we **penetrate the cabinets**. So yesterday I was at a reception for Prime Minister **Trudeau** and I know that half of his cabinet or **even more than half of his cabinet are actually young global leaders of the World Economic Forum.**” (Klaus Schwab speaking at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government on “Strengthening Collaboration in a Fractured World” during the Malcolm H. Wiener lecture on September 20, 2017)

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<https://www.bitchute.com/video/080Urx0MpRhj/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AoBRnrtX9U4> (see 1:08:20)

<https://www.hks.harvard.edu/more/alumni/alumni-stories/collaboration-fractured-world-klaus-schwab-mcempa-speaks-harvard-kennedy> (see 1:08:20)

## Is there evidence that Trudeau is a globalist?

In a 2015 interview, shortly after he was elected, Trudeau told the New York Times that Canada was the “**first postnational state**” and “There is **no core identity, no mainstream** in Canada. There are shared values – openness, respect, compassion, willingness to work hard, to be there for each other, to search for equality and justice.”



# Canada played a leading role in creating the UN's Global Compact on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration

- Canada was one of the original 13 “champion countries” promoting the Compact, which was signed in December, 2018 in Marrakesh, Morocco
- On June 4, 2020, it accepted the invitation by the Organization for Migration to become a champion country for it.
- The language of the Compact blurs the distinction between refugees and those seeking economic opportunity
- Non-citizens illegally entering a country can receive many of the benefits of citizens
- Receiving countries are to condemn and counter manifestations of “xenophobia and related intolerance”
- They are to “sensitize and educate media professionals on migration-related issues and terminology” and “stop allocation of funding to media outlets that promote intolerance, xenophobia, racism and other forms of discrimination...”

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[https://refugeesmigrants.un.org/sites/default/files/180711\\_final\\_draft\\_0.pdf](https://refugeesmigrants.un.org/sites/default/files/180711_final_draft_0.pdf)

[https://migrationnetwork.un.org/sites/g/files/tmzbdl416/files/docs/champion\\_countries\\_concept\\_note\\_september2020.pdf](https://migrationnetwork.un.org/sites/g/files/tmzbdl416/files/docs/champion_countries_concept_note_september2020.pdf)

<https://rli.blogs.sas.ac.uk/2022/03/04/canadas-role-as-a-champion-country-for-the-global-compact-for-safe-regular-and-orderly-migration/>

# “#Welcome to Canada” tweet

To those fleeing persecution, terror & war, Canadians will welcome you, regardless of your faith. Diversity is our strength [#WelcomeToCanada](#)  
[3:20 PM · Jan 28, 2017 · Twitter for iPhone](#)

- Was it irresponsible, or was it deliberate?
- The tweet cause an influx of refugee inquiries and confusion within government
- Between February 2017 and June 2021, there were 59,384 “irregular” border crossers into Canada (illegal aliens), most of whom crossed at Roxham Road
- The Roxham Road border was allegedly closed when the US/Canada border closed, but opened again in at the end of November 2021
- From November 2021 to March 2022, about 8,000 “asylum seekers” have arrived through Roxham Road
- Therefore, close to 70,000 people have illegally entered Canada following that tweet.

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<https://twitter.com/justintrudeau/status/825438460265762816?lang=en>

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/lilley-trudeau-puts-out-the-welcome-mat-at-roxham-rd>

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/roxham-road-crossing-record-number-winter-asylum-seeker-1.6399150>

## Trudeau doesn't seem to think very highly of people (other than aboriginals) who have roots in Canada

On the eve of Canada's sesquicentennial (2017), he told immigrants that he is jealous of them because they chose Canada:

“Anytime I meet people who got to make a deliberate choice, whose parents chose Canada, I'm jealous. Because I think being able to choose it, rather than being Canadians by default, is an amazing statement of attachment to Canada.

“...You chose this country. This is **your country more than it is for others** because we take it for granted.”

## **He is forgiving of violence if the target is “Old Canada”**

At least 68 churches were vandalized or burned since the discovery of presumed graves on the site of a former Indian Residential School in Kamloops, BC.



At a news conference on July 2, 2021, Trudeau said:

*“It is unacceptable and wrong that acts of vandalism and arson are being seen across the country, including against Catholic churches.*

*“I understand the anger that’s out there against the federal government, against institutions like the Catholic Church. **It is real and it’s fully understandable**, given the shameful history that we are all becoming more and more aware of and engaging ourselves to do better as Canadians.”*

Trudeau cancelled Canada Day celebrations and flew the flag at half mast on federal buildings for 5 months, even though unmarked graves were known to exist and one of the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission report released in 2015 was to look for them.

## **Trudeau's government is funding a booklet that calls Canada's Red Ensign a 'hate symbol'**

- Booklet was created by the Canadian Anti-Hate Network, an offshoot of the SPLC
- It is funded by an \$268,400 grant. CAHN had earlier received an identical grant to operate its website
- The booklet says the Red Ensign “denotes a desire to return to Canada’s demographic before 1967 when it was predominantly white” and “its usage in modern times is an indicator of hate-promoting beliefs”
- It refers to the Conservative party twice as a group whose members include bigots and “groypers” which is defined as a “loose collection of young white nationalists.”

## **Maybe Bertolt Brecht had it figured out in his poem The Solution**

After the uprising of the 17th June  
The Secretary of the Writers Union  
Had leaflets distributed in the Stalinallee  
Stating that the people  
Had forfeited the confidence of the government  
And could win it back only  
By redoubled efforts.

**Would it not be easier  
In that case for the government  
To dissolve the people  
And elect another?**

**Is Trudeau trying to dissolve the people and elect another?**

**Hypothesis: Trudeau wants to abolish “Old Red Ensign Canada” and replace it with “New Globalist Canada”**

- To test that hypothesis, ask what Trudeau would do differently if that is actually what he wanted to do.
  - Is there any statement he has made or action he has taken that is pro-Canadian sovereignty?
  - Is there any statement he has made or action he has taken that is clearly not pro-globalism?
  - Are the population policies of the Canadian government (as apparently set by the Century Initiative) directed toward advancing an agenda whose primary objective is not the interests of Canadians, but globalism?
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# Summary and Conclusion

- Canada has an unofficial population policy, which matches the objectives of the Century Initiative
  - The rapid growth of Canada's population through immigration has no valid economic basis, but is damaging to the environment.
  - The only people benefitting are the profiteers of growth: speculators, developers, bankers, cheap labour corporations, and politicians
  - If this growth does indeed turn Canada into a "post-national state," it will be easier to globalize it. It will no longer be a country but simply a market
  - Is Canada a testing laboratory for the globalist New World Order?
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