

PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

REFUGEE SETTLEMENT STUDY

1. In what city do you live?

- 1. Calgary
- 2. Edmonton
- 3. Red Deer
- 4. Lethbridge
- 5. Medicine Hat
- 6. Grande Prairie
- 7. Fort McMurray
- 8. None of the above

2. How many years have you lived in _____?

3. Have you ever lived in a country other than Canada?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

4. The next few questions ask about your city.

For each of the following questions, please answer on a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 means "STRONGLY DISAGREE" and 5 means "STRONGLY AGREE." You can answer anywhere between 1 and 5.

	Strongly Disagree			Strongly Agree		DK	NR
	1	2	3	4	5	6	0
4a. _____ is a good place in which to live.	1	2	3	4	5	6	0
4b. There are good job opportunities here for me.	1	2	3	4	5	6	0
4c. _____ is a good place in which to raise a family.	1	2	3	4	5	6	0
4d. The people in _____ are very friendly and welcoming.	1	2	3	4	5	6	0
4e. _____ is very open to newcomers.	1	2	3	4	5	6	0

9. The next questions are about people who moved to from other places. We are interested in your opinion about HOW EASILY THESE NEWCOMERS BECOME PART OF your community after they arrive.

For each of the following questions, please answer on a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 means "WITH GREAT DIFFICULTY" and 5 means "VERY EASILY." Again, you can answer anywhere between 1 and 5.

	With Great Difficulty					Very Easily	DK	NR
	1	2	3	4	5	6	0	
9a. How easily do newcomers from other parts of Canada become part of your community after they arrive?	1	2	3	4	5	6	0	
9b. How easily do immigrants from western Europe (e.g. Germany, England) become part of your community after they arrive?	1	2	3	4	5	6	0	
9c. How about immigrants or refugees from eastern Europe (e.g., former Yugoslavia)?	1	2	3	4	5	6	0	
9d. How easily do immigrants or refugees from Central or South America (e.g., Nicaragua, Chile) become part of your community after they arrive?	1	2	3	4	5	6	0	
9e. How about immigrants or refugees from Africa (e.g., Somalia, Rwanda, Ethiopia)?	1	2	3	4	5	6	0	
9f. Immigrants or refugees from Asia (e.g., Philipines, India, Pakistan, China, Iran, Iraq)?	1	2	3	4	5	6	0	

10. In your opinion, do you feel there are too many, too few, or about the right number of immigrants coming to Canada? (200,000 to 225,000 Per year)

1. Too many
2. The right number
3. Too few
4. Don't Know (volunteered)
0. NO RESPONSE

11a. Do you think refugees and other immigrants would ADJUST TO CANADA MORE EASILY in larger cities like Edmonton or Calgary, smaller cities, or smaller towns?

1. Larger cities
2. Smaller cities
3. Smaller towns
4. Larger cities like Toronto or Vancouver (volunteered)
5. It makes no difference (volunteered)
6. Other (volunteered) _____ (specify)
7. 0. NO RESPONSE

11b. Why do you think they would adjust better in such communities?

12. The next questions ask about different cultural groups in.

Please answer using an "AGREE-DISAGREE" scale, where 1 means "STRONGLY DISAGREE" and 5 means "STRONGLY AGREE."

	Strongly Disagree			Strongly Agree		DK	NR
12a. People who come to this city should change their ways to be more like other community members.	1	2	3	4	5	6	0
12b. I feel that there are too many immigrants coming to _____.	1	2	3	4	5	6	0
12c. A mixture of different lifestyles and cultures makes a more attractive place to live.	1	2	3	4	5	6	0
12d. I worry that the way of life in _____ is being threatened by high levels of immigration.	1	2	3	4	5	6	0

13. Here are a few more questions about Canada's immigration policy. In your opinion, does it provide a good balance of people and backgrounds coming to Canada, or does it allow too many people of different races and cultures into Canada? Would you say ... (READ)

1. Good balance
2. Too many different races/cultures
3. Don't Know (volunteered)
0. NO RESPONSE

14. Under the current immigration policy, immigrants and refugees are allowed to SPONSOR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS (spouses and children) who want to come to Canada. Do you think they should be able to sponsor such family members, or not? Would you say ... (READ)

1. Yes, they should be allowed to sponsor
2. No, they should NOT be allowed to sponsor
3. Don't Know (volunteered)
0. NO RESPONSE

15a. Not all immigrants or refugees can speak English or French. Do you think immigration should be restricted to only those WHO CAN SPEAK EITHER ENGLISH OR FRENCH, or should we also accept individuals who speak neither of the official languages? Would you say ... (READ)

1. Restrict to either English or French-speaking
2. Admit others as well
3. Restrict to only English-speaking (volunteered)
4. Don't Know (volunteered)
0. NO RESPONSE

15b. Should refugee or immigrant parents have to pay for "English as a second language" training FOR THEIR CHILDREN who cannot speak English?

1. YES, BOTH IMMIGRANTS & REFUGEES should pay
2. IMMIGRANTS ONLY should pay (not refugees)
3. REFUGEES ONLY should pay (not immigrants)
4. YES, IF THEY CAN AFFORD IT
5. NEITHER immigrants nor refugees should pay
6. Don't Know
0. NO RESPONSE

16. As far as you know, from what part of the world (what country or region) do you think most refugees or immigrants come (generally)?

17. In your opinion, why do you think immigrants and refugees from other countries want to come to Canada?

18a. Do you think that immigrants and refugees value their Canadian citizenship after they get it?

1. Yes (ASK 18b.)
2. No (ASK 18c.)
3. Some do, some don't (volunteered) (ASK 18b.)
4. Don't Know (volunteered)
0. NO RESPONSE

18b. Why?

18c. Why not?

19. Do you know of any refugees or immigrants living in

1. Yes
2. No [GO TO Q.28]
0. NO RESPONSE

20. Do you know if they are REFUGEES who were admitted to Canada because of life threatening problems in their country, or IMMIGRANTS who applied to come to Canada? (READ)

1. Refugees
2. Immigrants
3. Both
4. Don't Know (volunteered)
0. NO RESPONSE

21. How well do you think these newcomers (refugees and/or immigrants) are adjusting to life in _____? Would you say they are adjusting: [READ]

1. Very well
2. Reasonably well
3. Not very well
4. Very poorly
5. Don't Know (volunteered)
0. NO RESPONSE

22a. Do you think refugees or immigrants need any special programs and services to help them adjust to Canada?

1. Yes
2. No [GO TO Q. 23]
3. Don't Know
0. NO RESPONSE

22b. What kinds of programs or services do you think they need?
[RECORD FIRST THREE RESPONSES]

23. Do you think refugees and other immigrants are treated fairly when they LOOK FOR JOBS in _____.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know (volunteered)
0. NO RESPONSE

24. Do you think they are treated fairly when they LOOK FOR HOUSING in _____.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know (volunteered)
0. NO RESPONSE

25. Do you think that most people in _____ ACCEPT THEIR CULTURAL DIFFERENCES?

1. Yes
2. No
4. Don't know (volunteered)
0. NO RESPONSE

26. Do you PERSONALLY KNOW any immigrants or refugees living in _____.

1. Yes
2. No [GO TO Q. 28]
0. NO RESPONSE

27. In total, counting both refugees and other immigrants living in _____, approximately, how many would you say you know personally?

- _____ (number of refugees and immigrants)
98. 98 OR MORE
 99. NO RESPONSE
 - 100.

28. Before we finish the interview by asking a few questions about yourself, are there any other comments you might have about refugees and other immigrants?

The next few questions will give us a better picture of the people who participated in our study.

29a. In total, how many people live in your household?

29b. How many are adults (18 and older)?

29c. How many are children?

30. What is your current marital status?

1. Married/living with partner
2. Divorced/separated
3. Widowed
4. Single
0. NO RESPONSE

31. How would you describe your ethnic (or cultural) identity? (Examples of ethnic or cultural groups would be: Ukranian, British, Japanese, African, etc.)
(IF RESPONSE IS "CANADIAN," PROBE FOR MORE SPECIFIC ORIGIN)

32. How old are you? _____ (years)

33a. Were you born in Canada?

1. Yes [GO TO Q. 34]
2. No
0. NO RESPONSE

33b. How old were you when you came to Canada? _____ (years)

34. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

1. Less than high school
2. Completed high school
3. Some post-secondary
4. Post-sec. diploma/certificate
5. University degree
0. NO RESPONSE

35. Do you currently have a paying job?

1. Yes [GO TO Q. 37]
2. No
0. NO RESPONSE

36. Are you currently looking for a job (unemployed)?

1. Yes
2. No
0. NO RESPONSE

37. What is the total income of ALL the members of this HOUSEHOLD for this past year BEFORE taxes and deductions? (CHOOSE THE CORRESPONDING CATEGORY NUMBER)

1. Under \$20,000
2. \$20,000 - 39,999
3. \$40,000 - 59,999
4. \$60,000 - 79,999
5. \$80,000 +
6. Don't Know (VOLUNTEERED)
0. No Response

38. Would you say that you (and your family) are better off financially, just about the same, or worse off than you were a year ago?

1. Better off
2. Same
3. Worse off
4. Don't know (volunteered)
0. No Response

39. Now looking ahead - do you think that a year from now you (and your family) will be better off financially, just about the same, or worse off than now?

1. Better off
2. Same
3. Worse off
4. Don't know (volunteered)
0. No Response