

Fostering Acceptance and Integration of Immigrant Students

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Domain Project Title:

**“Integration of Immigrant Students in the
Canadian Prairie Region: Policy and Practice”
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Individual Project Title:

**“Fostering Acceptance and Integration
of Immigrant Students:
Examining Effective School-Based
Approaches in Prairie Schools”**

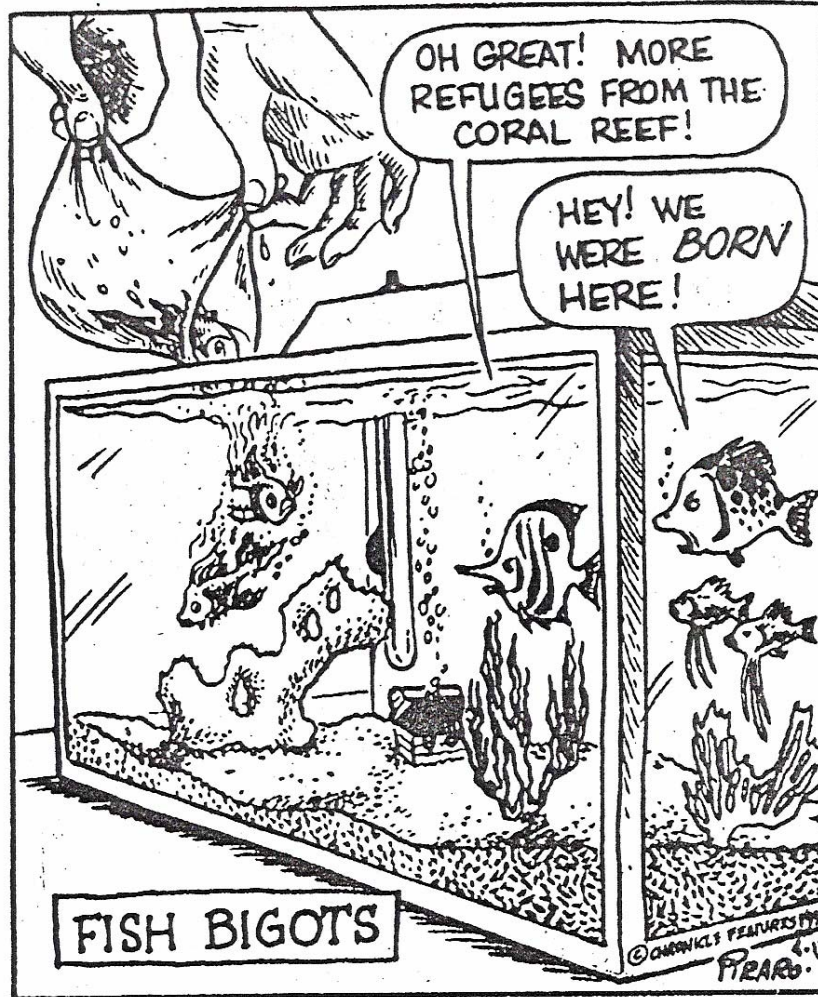
Metropolis Priority Area Two:

“What policies and programs are necessary to ensure the integration of children and youth of immigrant origin, particularly visible minorities?”

- **Research Topic One** (particularly the impact of racism)
- **Research Topic Two** (particularly the role of schools and teachers as agents of integration, countering negative inter-group attitudes and discrimination and prejudice)

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Research Goals

- Identify and study informal, school-based responses to cultural, religious, and linguistic diversity;
- Analyze voluntary initiatives to enhance social acceptance of immigrant and refugee students; and
- Determine best practices based on the data generated.

Links to Ongoing Research

- Understanding how teachers and students access web-based and other resources
- Hearing from teachers and students about their actual experiences
- Analyzing and sharing best practices in school-based diversity work
- Building a network of committed school diversity advocates

- Ongoing Related Research Projects:
 1. “**Diversity Toolkit: Building Capacity**” (2002-2004)
 - funded by AAME, CRRF, and AACES
 2. “**Antiracism and Diversity Resources**” (2004)
 - funded by Canadian Heritage
 3. “**Understanding School-Based Social Justice Activism**” (2004-2006)
 - funded by URGC, University of Calgary



If you have an interest in social justice and fairness, I hope this site offers some support and meaningful assistance to your work.

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Welcome to the "Diversity Toolkit" site!



www.ucalgary.ca/~dtoolkit

Focus: Antiracism Activism

- Definition: “direct action by a voluntary coalition of students and teachers to raise awareness or bring about social change toward eliminating forms of racism”
- Includes: organizing educational lessons or programs, school or community displays, group activities, awareness events, media campaigns, and political engagement of students and teachers on issues of race, culture, difference, and ethnicity
- Examples: social justice clubs, multicultural programs, antiracism projects, intercultural events, action groups, international programs, refugee support initiatives

Lindsay Thurber's **STOP** Program

Students and Teachers Opposing Prejudice



- diversity issues
- intercultural sharing
- multicultural education
- challenging racism & discrimination
- human rights promotion
- countering hate groups
- student social activism
- youth leadership training
- international development
- school violence prevention
- charity fundraising
- political lobbying
- world peace efforts



“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world.

Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

- Margaret Mead

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