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The Truth about Refugees in Canada

Refugees have mainly always been allowed to come into Canada, especially when they need somewhere safe to go. Recently, it has been announced that as many as 50,000 refugees – at least 70 per cent from Syria – could arrive in Canada by the end of next year (Leblanc). Money that is spent on transporting the refugees here should be spent on getting people here an education to benefit our country, also, Syrian refugees will take things like jobs from our citizens. Instead of helping all these people outside of our country we should be helping the ones in need inside Canada, and they may be of harm to the Canadians already living here. Overall, bringing Syrian refugees into Canada was a mistake, and should never have been a decision made without much more thought.

Education in Canada is very expensive and many people, who have the grades and ambition to go, just can't afford it. On average, undergraduate students paid \$5,959 in tuition fees in 2014/2015. (Statistics Canada), so going for only four years for an undergraduate course will likely cost well over \$10,000 without dorm and food plan fees. Many young adults go into debt before they can even start their lives, because of the rocketing fees. These fees could have been lowered instead of bringing in refugees. Getting our countries' people educated is very important, and many people cannot afford to go. Before bringing in more people we should spend it on sending Canadians to university/College. Bringing refugees into Canada will cost approximately \$1.2 billion over the next six years (Levitz). With that 1.2 billion dollars we could

help many Canadian children pay for university and college and to achieve a successful, stable job. Also, bringing more people will add to the issue of job loss, making it harder for our own people to survive and provide for their families. Educating young Canadians to help out our country is very important, and can benefit us in many ways.

Bringing Syrian refugees into Canada may potentially cut off or reduce certain luxuries for the citizens already living here. Refugees obviously cannot live without money, so they require a Credit card to get up on their feet. Although they are provided with a credit card, eventually, these people will have to get up on their feet and get a job, taking away potential jobs from Canadians. It may be a little more difficult for Syrian refugees to get a job because, they are new to the country and are not exactly used to the same things as we are, but eventually when they adapt to things here, it will be much more difficult for the people who are already here to live comfortably. Until it is safe enough for these refugees to return home, jobs are open to them just as us, and Canadians may lose out on job opportunities because of all the extra people living, and job searching here. Many people who have been living here and trying to make lives for themselves are currently still struggling to find good enough jobs with the rising prices everywhere, and definitely do not need extra people taking those jobs away. They should certainly not be able to just waltz into our country and take away chances for Canadian citizens to build successful lives, especially since it is already extremely hard as it is.

Rather than helping other countries that their rulers are responsible for, we should be helping people in need from our own country. Nearly every city in Canada has homeless people, struggling to survive and so much more can be done to help them. "We have communities right here in Canada that don't have drinking water or proper housing to live in." (H. Watters). One billion dollars could go a long way into supporting issues here rather than all around the world.

We can't fix the whole world, so the government may as well just help the people here and make a change in Canada where they are responsible for the citizens. Even for working Canadians, it is still very hard to make enough money to comfortably survive, especially with all the costs from tax deductions and bills like hydro. It is known to cost over one billion dollars just to ship the refugees here, but the long term costs cannot even begin to be calculated. All the free health care for these people, plus jobs and government services will cost a fortune in the long run, which clearly we cannot afford. "I think the responsibility of our government should be to take care of Canadians first. The people who worked a lifetime building this country and are now on Old Age Pension are living in poverty, being forced to choose between heating oil or medicines" (H. Watters). Why should people all the way from Syria be a priority over people in need from Canada? There is so much we can do in our country alone, before going out and helping people from different places.

Refugees from other places have been brought up different ways and likely taught different 'rights and wrongs' meaning that there is a possibility that they were taught hurting people and causing trouble is not wrong. Canadians were taught just the opposite of that, meaning it is not okay to harm other people, and it is greatly punished and publicised if it happens to occur. These refugees may be of danger to Canadians, and "in every boat there is a rat," meaning who is to say one of these 'refugees' is not actually a terrorist, or even a part of ISIS. In fact, when the attack on Paris occurred, one of the suicide bombers was a female refugee, proving that anyone is a possible threat and can cause harm. Currently, an article was just released, and in this article James R. Clapper warned, "That's one technique they've used is taking advantage of the torrent of migrants to insert operatives into that flow. As well, they also have available to them and are pretty skilled at phony passports so they can travel ostensibly as

legitimate travelers as well.” (Mora). Bringing these refugees in is already causing problems, and should have never been allowed. Right now Canada and all the countries who have taken in refugees are under great threat of terrorist attacks. These refugees can be of harm to Canadians in more than just terrorism and legal issues. Syrian refugees are adapted to different conditions than we are, and are immune to different things, so illnesses and diseases being brought into our country is a huge concern. Health Minister Jane Philpott says “Syrian refugees with infectious diseases such as tuberculosis will not be denied entry to Canada” (Zilio). Refugees cannot be fully screened until they are already in Canada, after it is too late to turn back. It is much too risky and dangerous to have this many possible disease-infected refugees here, because chances are something fatal will eventually spread. Having people from different areas come here is very dangerous and can cause much harm, legally and even physically.

Refugees should definitely not be allowed into Canada, because as you can now see, the truth is, they will have many negative effects on the country. Money spent on transporting refugees to Canada should instead be used to get the youth of our country educated, refugees will take jobs and things from struggling Canadian citizens, forcing living to be much more difficult. Also, instead of helping people from other places, we should be helping people inside Canada, and they will cause harm and damage here in a variety of different ways. Although some people think helping these people will not have negative effects, we can clearly see that in the long run bringing Syrian refugees into Canada will only cause harm and destruction, to a country which citizens here have put so much work and effort into. Clearly, Syrian refugees should not have been allowed to come into Canada.

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