

I Came Here for Hope, Liberals Turned Me Into a Number.

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I still remember the night I found out we were moving to Canada. I was studying in Singapore when my dad called me and said, “We will move to Canada for a better life!”

I nodded, unsure of what to say. But I’ll never forget that look on my father’s face. It was pure hope. Faith in a country we hadn’t yet touched but already trusted.

A country that represented fairness, opportunity and safety. We worked hard, respected the rules and built a life from scratch — that’s why it’s painful to watch the very system that once welcomed us be exploited, exhausted.

And the government isn’t fixing it—it’s feeding it!

In just the first half of 2024, over 52,000 [temporary residence applications](#) were rejected due to misrepresentation. On top of that, IRCC flagged over 10,000 international student [acceptance letters](#) as fraudulent, raising doubts about the entire process.

As someone who came here legally, I now feel unfairly grouped with those who abused the system. Stories of fake international students, scam marriages, and illegal work permits dominate headlines. But the resentment doesn’t stop at the fraudsters. It affects all immigrants.

Public trust is collapsing. A [2024 Environics survey](#) found that 58% of Canadians now believe the country accepts too many immigrants, the highest percentage in 25 years. This isn’t about xenophobia. It’s about Canadians recognizing that immigration has surpass Canada’s capacity to provide housing, healthcare, and jobs.

Even former prime minister Justin Trudeau admitted that his government "[didn't get the balance quite right.](#)" And current leader Mark Carney? He says he will [cap immigration](#) but offers no specifics. Instead, he talks more about Donald Trump than the crisis in his homeland.

Worse, Carney appointed [Mark Wiseman](#), a co-founder of the Century Initiative group aiming to increase Canada's population to 100 million, to his advisory council. It's hard to take his "population cap" seriously when he's still surrounding himself with people who believe in tripling the size of the country.

In contrast, Conservative leader Pierre Poilievre has made immigration a priority. He ties it directly to the housing crisis and proposes a clear solution: Canada will not welcome more people in a year than it can house. That simple, logical formula is exactly what we've been missing. He's also promised to reinforce the Canada-U.S. border, quash illegal crossings, and speed up licensing for foreign-trained professionals through the "[Blue Seal](#)" program.

I'm not against immigration. I'm living proof of its value. But immigration without planning creates chaos. We need leadership that sees immigrants as people, not statistics.

I came here for hope and now I'm voting to reclaim it.