

Carney is preparing Canada for return to Mass Immigration

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Harrison Faulkner argues that renewed immigration increases would deepen Canada's housing and employment pressures. Responding to Mark Carney's comments on future population growth, he questions whether recent reductions have resolved problems with immigration management and enforcement.

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Bad news, folks. Our temporary reprieve from open borders mass immigration seems to be coming to an end. The prime minister has just opened the door and is setting the table to resume Canada's open borders immigration policy. Mark Carney, in an interview with the New York Times, said:

The question starts to become, when do we resume some controlled increase in the population, which is the nature of Canada. So that will happen. And we, and we just want to make sure we've got it under control.

And here's the thing. On the immigration front, at a retail level - I'm talking about Tim Hortons, of course - at a deportation level regarding CBSA, at a population level regarding Stats Canada, what we are being told is not the truth. And the story continues to unravel. We're going to get into all of that on the show.

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Are you hearing enough opposition to mass immigration in Canada? I'm interested to hear what you have to say, so let me know your thoughts in the comments below. Let's get into it.

All right, so this story starts with Mark Carney's New York Times interview, when he said that he is opening the door to increasing Canada's immigration levels. That immigration is a core pillar of Canada. He said it's the nature of Canada. And he said that it will happen.

The implication, of course, is that Canada's immigration system, according to the Prime Minister, has already been put under control. That the issues, the rampant fraud, the abuse of our immigration system and of our country is now under control. But obviously it isn't. And anyone with a set of eyes can see it.

For example, for the last several months, the federal government has been telling Canadians that Canada's population has actually been decreasing. For the first time in our history, our population was decreasing, they told us. Well, it turns out, obviously, that was a lie because the latest Stats Canada numbers show that Canada's population was increasing.

Now, granted, to give them credit, Canada's population has been increasing at a remarkably slow pace, the slowest pace in over 100 years. But they didn't tell us the truth, did they, the first time? The numbers they were pushing out were wrong. Canada's population grew at 0.5%.

Now the declines, which are worth praise, are with the non-permanent resident population. A decline of 150,000 people, more than 150,000 people actually. According to Statistics Canada, the population of non-permanent residents in Canada right now is over 2.7 million people. And during 2025-2026, Canada accepted 368,000 new permanent residents, permanent immigration. That is a decline for the fourth consecutive year. And to give you an idea, that was the first time that permanent immigration into Canada fell below 400,000 since 2021-2022. Just to give you some perspective of the insane numbers we were dealing with under the Trudeau wave.

But look, the right tone on this isn't to say, well, the numbers decreased, therefore we should be proud of the government. They're doing the job we told them to do. The numbers aren't decreasing nearly enough. The numbers are far too high. And again, all you have to do is spend some time in a major Canadian city. Or maybe you're a young Canadian looking for a job. We still have completely absurd job fair lineups like we saw at a Costco recently.

Hundreds of eager job applicants lined up Wednesday to try their luck at Costco's 200 part-time jobs. There was a long queue stretching from the Serbian centre all the way to the Rona parking lot on Tickamsee Road East. Many lined up as early as 5 a.m. waiting for an interview. There were all sorts of job applicants in line, from recent graduates to people seeking an additional income to support their families.

Canada's youth unemployment is still far too high. The problems that Canada is facing due to mass immigration are still deeply impacting us today. So minor tweaks and reductions in Canada's immigration targets aren't going to solve the problem.

The right tone being taken on this right now, by the way, is coming from the Conservative Party, and in particular Michelle Rempel Garner, the Conservative immigration critic. This is what she had to say yesterday after Mark Carney opened the door to increasing immigration. Take a listen.

Let me be perfectly clear. The Conservative Party of Canada will vigorously oppose any efforts by Prime Minister Carney and his Liberal government to increase immigration and continue their reckless mass migration policies.

Now, I have to say, when I saw this post from Donald Trump, I knew immediately what was going to end up happening. Donald Trump took aim at Canada's immigration policies. Now, to be fair, there's a lot to go after there. He wrote a screed on Truth Social about Canada having open borders mass immigration and destroying itself with immigration. And obviously, the consequences of that post were to change public opinion in Canada towards favouring immigration.

On this show, on Ratio'd, throughout 2023 and 2024, and others across the independent media space, we worked tirelessly to influence the public opinion on immigration. And it worked. Canadians do not favour immigration. Even immigrants in Canada supported lower immigration levels. Possibly the worst thing that could have happened for this was to have Donald Trump criticize Canadian immigration. That's only going to motivate the far left and pro-immigration advocates to boost their message to say, we're going to increase immigration to stick it to Donald Trump.

So, of course, Canada's foreign minister, Anita Anand, went out on CBC and praised Canada's immigration.

I will say, as a general matter, that immigration levels over the years have led to - we have increased Canadian prosperity, especially from an economic standpoint. But at this time, it's certainly since 2024, we've taken the step of ensuring that there is a calibration, a stability between the levels of immigration.

A couple of other strange population-related stories have come across our news desks here at Juno News, which indicate the Canadian government really doesn't have immigration under control, or for that matter, population under control. For example, just a few days ago, New Brunswick's population miscalculated 17,000 people. And why this matters is that it turned what appeared to be a New Brunswick population decline into an increase.

And the reason these numbers were revised was because Canada Border Services Agency had revised their tracking system regarding non-permanent residents leaving Canada at the end of their expired visas. And whether or not they actually did leave the country. Which tells you that if that was a federal miscalculation, the population increase for Canada could be way different and way higher than estimated. That's why we went from the alleged population decrease into a slight increase. But I'm of the belief that the numbers are probably far higher.

Now, keep in mind, when the Liberals came to power, Canada's population was at 35 million. That was in 2015. Today, it's at over 41 million. So over 10 years, it went from 35 to 41 million.

Now, on the deportation front, we have some further bad news. The federal government and CBSA were heralding their deportation efforts. They were recently saying they had hit record highs. They were saying that their current pace of about 400 deportations per week was on pace to exceed last year's record.

Well, I have some bad news on that front because if you look at the latest numbers, August deportations were down to 1,600. In July, they were at 1,800. If you take the average of monthly deportations from January to August, you come up with a number at roughly 1,800. It's about 1,862. If the CBSA maintains that average for deportations, Canada's 2026 deportations will be lower than 2025. It'll be 22,000 people.

As we all know by now, there are roughly 500,000 illegals living in Canada. And we are removing 23 and 22,000 a year. Look, if Canada is going to be serious about deportations, the numbers have to go from 400 a week to 4,000 a week. And I have a theory about this. Arguably the best way to do this is to do it very quietly.

The government shouldn't advertise that they're increasing deportations. They shouldn't make a big deal of it. They should not telegraph to activists where and when deportation agents are going to show up and raid individuals and raid organizations. It should be done quietly behind everyone's backs, and then they should release the numbers once it's all done.

The issue in the United States is that the federal government there and Donald Trump are advertising where and when they're going to conduct these raids. They're telling the activists and the supporters when this is going to happen, making it very politically unpopular. The best way to do this will be to do it on the down low. Keep it quiet.

We also have another story regarding Tim Hortons, because it turns out that several of these now bankrupt Tim Hortons franchises in Southern Ontario were hiring up to 80 to 90% temporary foreign workers. What a surprise. I know you're shocked. Can't believe it, can you? Tim Hortons coffee shops just turning into a factory for temporary foreign workers. When those jobs should not be going to temporary foreign workers, those jobs should be going to Canadians.

I've got to say, it's very demoralizing because, as you know, as any loyal viewer of this program would know, immigration became the hottest topic of the show. We were really working on this story. We have been working to change public opinion. We have been working to get to where we are today. And I think actually a lot of the credit for changing the public opinion should go to independent conservative media. We were the first ones to report on this and truly make it a national story.

We're about to watch all that get wiped away. We're about to watch the story completely change for a number of factors. Obviously, ideological connection to, and belief that, immigration somehow makes Canada far better. That it is immigration that is the sole reason Canada can succeed. That's how the Liberals think, and that's why we're going to get to where we are.

Also, Canadians aren't having enough children. And so what happens with that is it sends a signal to the federal government that we need to increase Canada's youth population. Because Canada's youth population actually is decreasing because we're removing a lot of these

non-permanent residents. The old population, the seniors, are increasing. The federal government can't just force Canadians to have more children, and so their only recourse is to increase the population through immigration.

So here's my request to politicians in Ottawa, the Conservative Party: this is your chance. They're already capitalizing on the story, and good for them for doing so. They can't allow this to happen. Canadians across the country, Canadians with young adult children who are trying to break into the job market, you all know who you are. And if it's not you, it's likely your friends who are struggling with this issue for their kids.

This story can't go away. It is the issue upon which Canada's domestic issues stem from. It is responsible for our housing crisis. It is responsible for the unemployment. Everyone who was pushing that narrative years ago was told that they were conspiracy theorists, was told that they were jumping to conclusions. Well, now that's mainstream accepted.

Immigration in Canada is the issue upon which almost all of Canada's domestic problems stem from. And so for the federal government now to turn back on the taps would be a colossal betrayal of the Canadian people.

All right, Owen, that's going to do it for us this week on the show. Thank you so much for tuning in. A reminder that you can use my code [JunoNews.com/HarrisonReturn](https://www.junonews.com/HarrisonReturn) to get a discount on a Juno News subscription. A further reminder to answer the comment question of the video: are you seeing enough opposition to mass immigration in Canada? Let me know your thoughts in the comments below. My name is Harrison Faulkner, and this is Ratio'd.

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