

## The Canadian Dream

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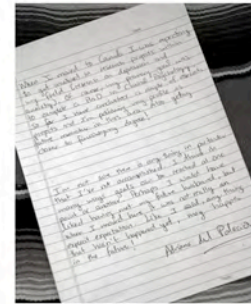
When we speak about quality of life, human rights, corporate power, multiculturalism, wealth concentration, civil liberties, environmental paradoxes, income inequality, government transparency and one of the strongest world economies, we may also be speaking about the experiences of immigrants in Canada.

Canada has undergone one of the most active migration waves in modern history, luring settlers and immigrants from Europe to its Atlantic coast since the Nouvelle-France colonization, up to today, in which Canada receives more or less a quarter of a million newcomers from across the world, annually. Canada's diversity consists of 34 ethnic groups from 200 different nations, converting Canada in one of the most multicultural countries on the globe, while accepting the most immigrants per capita.

The present ethno-photographic and testimonial essay has the intention to inspire critical thinking on both the success stories and the misfortunes surrounding the political and social process of immigration in Canada. Photography, as a political instrument in a country that protects freedom of speech as any other of its essential civil liberties, becomes a medium for conversing with its residents.

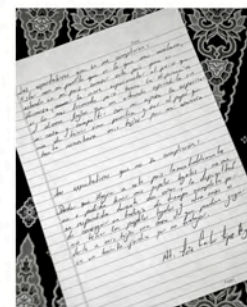
The economic position of recent newcomers in general and especially of visible minorities has declined in recent years as compared to former waves of immigrants. Wealth concentration, income inequality and ethnic penalties (economic and non-economic disadvantages that ethnic minorities experience in the labor market) oblige the most vulnerable skilled newcomers to turn to food banks, while the requirements of professional associations instantly de-skill individuals by refusing to recognize foreign credentials. Such experiences appear to be overlooked by the government which brings into question the Canadian human rights model as perceived by the rest of the world.

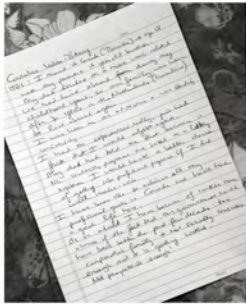
The second largest country in the planet is gradually changing its body politic. By 2031, the number of visible minorities will double and make up the majority of the population of cities in Canada. New Canadians are becoming aware of their democratic power to reinterpret and remodel progress; meanwhile, hopefully, future newcomers will be able to integrate more effectively. A human rights approach should inform the very basis of immigration and settlement policies in Canada. Newcomers should be facilitated in every way possible to fulfill their aspirations, empowered to make original contributions that can make the Canadian dream advance. The Canada we all love.

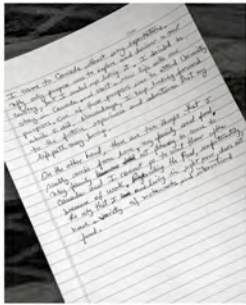


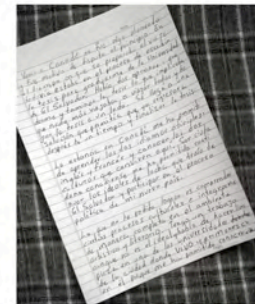


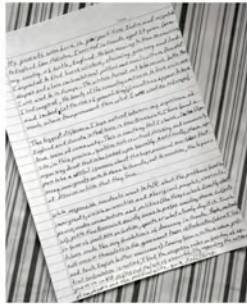
Love and Loyalty  
I see all passing of seasons and  
I will look on this year, the memory  
of birds are perfect and I love to  
have a camera with me and  
the hope to record a vintage  
soon.  
People in Sweden are really nice  
I had my first friends with me from  
a long time ago. Although we were  
for some time, we had the water  
is relatively cold, in the CASAS.













Erasmus from Basque  
accomplished  
My research paper at the University of New  
Hampshire  
The development of my daughter as a woman being  
and not a man-like  
was in-fact  
The development of Basque cultural people  
I have wanted to carry out throughout my  
whole life.



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