

**We are struggling to make ends meet, while the rich keep getting richer. Instead of fixing this, politicians are using anti-immigrant racism to distract us.**

We are facing job losses, low wages, and cuts to services. We are worried about our children's future, the rising cost of living and retirement. All levels of government are imposing an austerity agenda upon us, while corporate profits go untaxed and climate crisis worsens.

**Those at the top want to win by dividing us.** They want us fighting for scraps, and blaming immigrants, so we get too distracted to demand the fundamental changes our communities need. They want to use immigration policy to create a second-class of citizens. We need to be united. Only then can we win.

# WE MUST UNITE AGAINST RACISM

Take a pledge to **#UniteAgainstRacism**  
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RIGHTS  
NETWORK**



# IMMIGRATION POLICY EXPLOITS PEOPLE

Canada resettles few refugees. In fact, **over 70% of the migrants in Canada are denied full access to basic services like healthcare or education** because of unfair temporary permits. Many migrants come into Canada tied to an employer which increases vulnerability and limits their ability to speak out if facing terrible conditions. They are pushed into dangerous and difficult jobs. Most migrants are eventually forced to leave or face detention and deportation. Immigration policy is exclusionary - there is no orderly queue that is being jumped.

# MIGRANTS ARE NOT TO BLAME

Services and wages are being cut while CEO salaries have doubled. For people of colour, wage inequities and lack of services run even deeper due to systemic racism. This racism is pervasive in policing, education, housing and more. **The reality is: It's not immigrants who are taking services, or lowering wages, it's the bosses.** We all need access to social services, good jobs and a livable planet, and we can achieve it if we unite. There is enough for everyone.

# CANADA IS NOT IMMUNE

Around the world, right-wing populists are coming to power, attacking workers and community, and pushing an agenda of climate inaction and austerity. They have accomplished this in part by demonizing migrants. **Here in Canada, politicians also fan the flames of xenophobia and racism. They are winning votes from Quebec to Alberta.** As a result, anti-immigrants protests and hate crimes are increasing and white supremacist groups are growing. We'll see the same strategies in the federal election. **If we let them divide us, we will all lose.**

# TAKE ACTION

**Migrant and refugees are leading the fight for racial and economic justice. We must join in.**

All of us must make educating our communities and fighting racisms our priority right now.

**We need to talk to our neighbours, friends and co-workers and correct divisive anti-immigrant myths.**

**Go to [www.MigrantRights.ca](http://www.MigrantRights.ca) and take a pledge to have these conversations. We will send you tools to support you.**

# LET US UNITE TO WIN:

- **DECENT WORK:** \$15 minimum wage, full labour rights and no employer specific or time limited work permits for all.
- **UNIVERSAL SERVICES:** Quality public services including healthcare, education, income security, childcare, settlement services, pensions, pharmacare, and more for all residents.
- **STATUS FOR ALL, STATUS NOW:** Permanent resident status for all migrants and refugees here, and landed status on arrival for those that arrive in the future. No detentions, no deportations!
- **JUST SOCIETY:** Indigenous self-determination, gender justice, and an end to racism particularly anti-Black racism and Islamophobia.
- **NO DISPLACEMENT:** An end to practices of displacement and persecution that force people to migrate including climate change, wars, corporate impunity, negligent mining and economic exploitation.