

Refugee resettlement update, Feb. 2017

Changing topics now ...

Q9. How closely have you been following the ongoing refugee crisis caused by the Syrian civil war?
Would you say you are:

Following it in the news and having discussions with friends and family
Seeing some media coverage and having the odd conversation
Just scanning the headlines
Haven't seen or heard anything about it

Q10. In 2016, Canada admitted roughly 55,000 refugees and protected persons, including more than 38,000 Syrian refugees. This year, the federal government plans to resettle 40,000 refugees and protected persons of all nationalities, including a significant number from Syria.

Overall, what is your opinion on the number of refugees coming to Canada? Would you say:

The number is too low, we should allow more refugees to come to Canada
Canada is taking in about the right number
The number is already too high, we should not be taking in more refugees

Q11 An executive order signed by new U.S. President Donald Trump bars Syrian refugees from entering the United States indefinitely, suspends all refugee admissions for 120 days, and blocks citizens from seven countries (Iraq, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Yemen) from entering the U.S. for at least 60 days.

After the executive order was signed, Canada's government considered changing its own refugee policies, but ultimately decided to keep its existing target of 40,000 refugees and protected persons for the coming year (including a significant number from Syria). What are your views on this? Would you say the government:

Made the right call, it should keep refugee levels to 40,000
Should have adopted a temporary ban similar to the U.S. policy
Should have chosen to take MORE refugees in response to the U.S. policy

Q12. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

[ROWS – RANDOMIZE]

Overall, the federal government has done a good job handling the resettlement of Syrian refugees
Many people in my neighbourhood would NOT be welcoming to Syrian refugees moving in
Too many refugees don't make enough of an effort to fit into mainstream Canadian society

[COLUMNS]

Strongly disagree

Moderately disagree
Moderately agree
Strongly agree

Q13 (T) Thinking about the future – say 15 years from now – do you think Canadians at that time will look back at the resettlement of Syrian refugees and say it was a success or failure?

Success
Neither success nor failure
Failure
Not sure/Can't say