Migration and Canada

# Push Factors

* Definition: why people want to leave their current location.
* Examples:

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# Pull Factors

* Definition: attract people to a new place.
* Examples:

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# Changing Immigration Patterns

* Canada’s reputation today: welcoming to immigrants (people from other countries).
* Immigration policies (rules) depend on economic conditions and social and political attitudes.
* The government controls these policies.

# Multiculturalism

* Definition: An official policy that recognizes and supports the traditions and identities of the many cultural groups living in Canada.
* Canada promotes this acceptance of different cultures in our society today. But it was not always this way.... How?
* In the past, Canadians were guilty of ethnocentrism, prejudice and discrimination.
* Ethnocentrism: The idea that one’s own beliefs and values are superior to others.
* Prejudice: The belief that not all people have equal people.
* Discrimination: Unfair treatment based on race, language, religion, culture, or other factors.

# Examples of racist immigration policies

* Early 1900s: African-American farmers from the US were turned back at the border. Officials said they were not suited for our climate.
* 1923 : The Chinese Immigration Act forbade the entry of Chinese people in Canada.
* 1930s: Canada refused Jewish refugees fleeing Nazi Germany in the 1930s.
* Some Jewish refugees who did make it to Canada during the Second World War were put into prison camps along with German prisoners of war.