## The Social Fabric of Canada

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## Outline

- I. Introduction: the population
- **II. Social fabric in history**
- **III.** Demographics / statistics

**IV. Implications, challenges & conclusions** 

## Demography is the ...

"study of population—its size, growth, distribution, composition, fertility, mortality and migration."

- Roderic Beaujot and Don Kerr,

Population Change in Canada

"study of the statistics of births, deaths, disease, etc., as illustrating the conditions of life in communities"

– Concise OED

## Importance for a democracy

- National integrity
- Who is in power
- Government policies and actions

## Importance for Canada

- National Integrity
  - Quebec Referendum 1995:
    49.42% "Yes"; 50.58% "No"
- Who is in power
  - Next election?
  - Election polls (political spectrum, age, region, ethnicity)
- Government policies and actions
  - Opinion polls
  - Defence and foreign affairs
  - Military operations

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- Protestant 15.560

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## Importance for the individual

• Personal/national history and identity

- Social environment
- Probabilities
  - Living and dying
  - Health
  - Social welfare

# II. Social Fabric in History

## Founding cultures

## French

### **British**



http://www.rideau-info.com/canal/colby2.jpg

### Aboriginal (First Peoples)





# Dark points in pre-Confederation social history

 Acadian deportation (1755)



www.uppercanadahistory.ca/finna/que6p4b.jpg

• Slavery (to 1834)

## High point pre-confederation: Anti-Slavery

- Act Against Slavery (1793)
  - Upper Canada
  - First legislation in British Empire with goal of prohibiting slavery
  - Children free after 25 yrs; grandchildren at birth
  - No slave trade
  - Arriving slaves free on the spot
- Simcoe's goal: treat persons equally
- British Slavery Abolition Act (1834)
- Underground railroad to 1862





Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada, John Graves Simcoe

## Confederation (1867)

### Dominion of Canada – Four original provinces (NB, NS, ON, QE)

Population: 3.4 million

- British Isles: 2.1 million
- French: 1.1 million
- German: 202,000
- Indian: 23,000 (Census 1871)







## German immigrants in Quebec City in 1911

http://www.onzone.ca/english/ontario/timeline.asp?version=HTML

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:German\_immigrants,\_Quebec\_City,\_Canada, \_1911.jpg

## Immigration



http://www4.rhdcc.gc.ca/.3nd.3c.1t.4r@-fra.jsp?iid=35

## Dark points post-confederation

- Indian cultural/religious ceremonies outlawed (1884)
  - Residential school system (1840s-1996)
- Chinese immigrant head tax \$100 (1900)
- Passengers of Indian origin on Komagata Maru (Guru Nanak Jahaz) denied entry (1914)
- Albertan law ordering sterilization of psychiatric patients (1928)
- Internment camps for Japanese (also German and Italian) Canadians (1942)

## Welcoming Refuge(es)

- United Empire loyalists (1783)
- Quakers, Mennonites, Doukhobors, Hutterites, Mormons, Jews (before WW I)
- Hungarians (1950s), Czechoslovakians (1968)
- Americans (late 1960s)
- Tibetans, Ugandans, Chileans, Indochinese (1970s)
- Former Yugoslavia, Central America
- Africans, Tamils



Nansen Award 1986 to "The "people of Canada"

# Women's struggle (women are half the social fabric!)



http://womenmakingwaves.files.wordpress.com/2008/09/famousfivebill4.jpg

## Women's rights

- 1918 Right to vote federally
- 1921 First woman MP (Agnes McPhail)
- 1929 British Privy Council reverses the Supreme Court's decision on 'Persons' Case
- 1930 First female Senator
- 1940 Women can vote in Quebec
- 1982 Charter of Rights and Freedoms (Equality Clause)
- 1984 First woman Governor General

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NOW KNOW You that We, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council for Canada, do by this Our Proclamation, declare that the Constitution Act, 1962 shall, subject to section 59 thereof, come into force on the Seventeenth day of April, in the year of Our Lord One— Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-two.

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## **Quebec** Sovereignty / Separation

- Conscription crises (1917 and 1944)
- Quite revolution (1960s)
  - Secularization (Roman Catholic Church)
  - Social/family norms
  - Welfare system (État-providence)
  - Nationalism (federalist vs separatist)
- October crisis (1970)
- Language laws
  - Federal: Official bilingualism (1982, 1988)
  - Quebec: Bill 101 (1977)
- Migration from Québec
- Bloc Quebecois (1991-), "Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition" (1993-97)
- Referenda
  - 1980: 40.4% to 59.6%
  - 1995: 49.4% to 50.6%
- Clarity Act (2000)





## Multiculturalism

• Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms (Section 27)

"This Charter shall be interpreted in a manner consistent with the preservation and enhancement of the multicultural heritage of Canadians."

- Ministry of Multiculturalism (1973)
- "Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism"

## Historical sketch: Governors and Governors-General





Samuel de Champlain 1627-1635 Guy Carleton 1768-78

Victor Cavendish 1916-21

## Governors General of Canada





Vincent Massey 1952-1959 (first native-born)

Georges Vanier 1959-1967 (first French-Canadian)



Jeanne Sauvé 1984-1990 (first woman)

## Governors General of Canada



Adrienne Clarkson 1999-2005

> (first non-white; first immigrant)



Michaëlle Jean 2005-2010

(first black; first refugee)



David Lloyd Johnston 1 Oct 2010-

## III. Demographics / Statistics

Numbers also tell a story

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# Population: 34.5 millions (2011)

## **Population dynamics**

### External

- .... How many come or go
  - (immigration and emigration)
- Internal
  - .... How many are born and die (birth and death rates)

## Population growth



Immigration more than natural growtł

## Immigrants to Canada



## Changing sources of immigrants

Figure 5.4 Place of Birth of Immigrants, 1946–2001, Canada



Source: Special tabulations from Employment and Immigration Canada, Immigration Statistics, Citizenship and Immigration Statistics, and Facts and Figures from 1946–2001. For 1997–2001, estimates were based on published data for regions defined slightly differently.

## Ethnic origins of Canadians

(For over 1 million, allowing multiple responses)

English	6,570,015
French	4,941,210
Scottish	4,719,850
Irish	4,354,155
German	3,179,425
Italian	1,445,335
Chinese	1,346,510
North American Indian	1,253,615
Ukrainian	1,209,085
Dutch (Netherlands)	1,035,965

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http://www41.statcan.gc.ca/2009/30000/tbl/cybac30000\_2009\_000\_t05-eng.htm

## Emigration .....





Source: Dumas (1990b); Beaujot et al. (1989: Figure 1); Bélanger (2002: 10); Citizenship and Immigration (2002b:3).

## Mother tongue



	English	French	Others
%			
1951	59.1	29.1	11.8
1961	58.4	28.1	13.5
1971	60.1	26.9	13.0
1981	61.4	25.6	13.0
1991	60.4	24.3	15.3
2001	59.1	22.9	18.0
2006	57.8	22.1	20.1
Source: Statistics Canada, Catalogue no. <u>91-003-X</u> .			

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## Immigration rates

- One of the highest rates per capita in the world, driven by economic policy and family reunification
- Resentment?

## Citizenship rules

- Born in Canada
- Canadian parent
  - one or two
- Immigration points system
  - Official language
  - Qualifications (education)
  - Investment
- Family unification
- Legitimate refugee

### Canadian Citizenship

Updated 2006 Edition Examplanepart<sup>ter</sup>



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### Points System (2012)



MURAT YUKSELIR/THE GLOBE AND MAIL » SOURCE: GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

#### Birth and Death within Canada

#### Life expectancy

New France:	30-35 years
1867:	42
1901:	48
1951:	68
2001:	77
2010:	81

Females live 5 years longer

#### Median age, 1901-2011



http://cmte.parl.gc.ca/Content/HOC/committee/372/fina/reports/rp1032293/finarp02/11-chap1-e.htm



#### Figure 4.1 Total Fertility Rate, Canada, 1871-2000

Source: Romaniuc (1984: 121-2); Statistics Canada, cat. no. 84-210; Beaujot and McQuillan (1982: 54); and special tabulations from the Demography Division of Statistics Canada.



http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/12-581-x/2010000/c-g/desc/desc-c-g4-eng.htm

### Leading causes of death

		Number	%
1	Malignant neoplasms [CANCER]	67,807	29.7
2	Diseases of heart [HEART ATTACK]	49,893	21.9
3	Cerebrovascular diseases [STROKE]	13,805	6.1
4	Chronic lower respiratory diseases [LUNG DISEASE]	9,786	4.3
5	Accidents (unintentional injuries)	9,640	4.2
6	Diabetes mellitus	7,261	3.2
7	Alzheimer's disease	5,675	2.5
8	Influenza and pneumonia	5,152	2.3
9	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	3,686	1.6
10	Intentional self-harm (suicide)	3,512	1.5
	Total, all causes of death	228,079	100.0

### Aging population

Population 65 years and over, Canada, 1971-2051 (percent)



#### medium-growth and medium-migration trends scenario

http://www4.hrsdc.gc.ca/.3ndic.1t.4r@-eng.jsp?iid=33

#### Population pyramid

#### Pyramide des âges de la population canadienne, 1er janvier, 1972 et 2008



# **Quality of Life**

#### Crime rate



## Security

- "Satisfied with their personal safety"
  - 95% of the Canadian-born population
  - Immigrants feel safe: 93%

Extra:

- Recently-arrived immigrants also may be more likely to move about within Canada to respond to job opportunities. For example, immigrants in Canada for five years or less have noticeably higher migration rates to **booming Alberta** than non-immigrants. Immigrants who have been in Canada for 10 to 15 years are less likely to move to Alberta.
- difficulties finding jobs
  - For example, university-educated immigrants aged 25 to 54 who arrived in Canada within the previous five years were less likely to be employed in 2007 than their Canadian-born counterparts. This was true regardless of the country where they obtained their degree. Those educated in Western countries generally had higher employment rates than those educated elsewhere.
  - However, the gap in rates between degree-holding immigrants and their Canadian born counterparts narrows the longer an immigrant have been in Canada

## Human Development Index

#### Data on

- life expectancy
- education &
- per-capita GDP (as an indicator of standard of living)
- Canada ranked the highest eight times, followed by Norway at seven times, Japan three times
- 2011: 6th

# IV. Implications, Challenges & Conclusions

(selected)

#### Demographics: Diminishing recruiting pool

Nombre de personnes de 15 à 24 ans pour chaque personne de 55 à 64 ans au Canada, 1956 à 2056



Sources : Statistique Canada, 2005, Projections démographiques pour le Canada, les provinces et les territoires 2005-2031, numéro 91-520-XIF

## Recruiting



#### **CF: Women and Minorities**

- Recruitment
- Perception
- Strategy
- Operational

	Current CF (2012)	CF Target (2013)	Cdn Workforce
Women	15%	25%	47%
Visible Minorities	5%	12%	20%
Aboriginals	2%	3%	3%

Source: "Military missing employment equity recruiting targets: Canadian Forces still dominated by white mer By Kathleen Harris, CBC News Posted: Aug 2, 2012 <u>http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/story/2012/08/02/pol-military-recruiting-targets.html</u>

#### Terrorism/violence and ethnicity

1963-1970 Front de libération du Québec (FLQ) 1985 Air India bombings (Sikh separatists) 1990 Oka crisis (Mohawk reserve) École Polytechnique (gender-based hate crime) 1989 2001 9/11 attack (religious extremism) Mosques, synagogues & Jewish schools attacked Gurdwaras (Sikh temples) attacked Failed attempts or conspiracies Millennium bomber 1999 Group of 18 in Toronto 2006

Ottawa software designer Momin Khawaja 2004

## From problem to solution

- Need for immigrant communities to:
  - Identify and report terrorist plans
  - Actively foster non-violent forms of expression
  - Foster sense of loyalty to a multicultural Canada
- Need for government to identify threats while still preventing human rights violations
  - Maher Arar embarrassment (extraordinary rendition)
- Creating a strong social fabric of Canada
  - Rich ethnic makeup
  - Avoid ghettos

### Conclusions

- Interconnectedness of globalization
  - Isolation impossible
- Social fabric is more than just statistics but statistics can help understand and manage the social fabric
- Encourage sense of community, belonging, cultural acceptance, fairness
- Find "unity in diversity"
  - Cultural mosaic worthy of celebration
- "Canadian National Identities"

#### The many faces of Canada



Tim Van Horn, http://celebratecanada.wordpress.com/category/montreal/



