

CASE STUDY

How has immigration policy changed in response to security concerns?

Canada's position on refugees evolved in response to world issues. Use the information on this page to investigate another way world issues have shaped Canada's immigration legislation.

Compare the excerpts below. They come from Canada's most recent immigration law and the law in effect before it. **What similarities and differences do you see in these immigration acts? How do you account for them?**

Immigration Act 1976

19. No person shall be granted admission who is a member of any of the following classes:
- persons who have engaged in... acts of espionage or subversion against democratic government, institutions or processes, as they are understood in Canada...
 - persons who there are reasonable grounds to believe will, while in Canada, engage in or instigate the subversion by force of any government...

Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, 2002

34. A permanent resident or a foreign national is inadmissible on security grounds for:
- (a) engaging in an act of espionage or an act of subversion against a democratic government, institution or process as they are understood in Canada;
 - (b) engaging in or instigating the subversion by force of any government;
 - (c) engaging in terrorism;
 - (d) being a danger to the security of Canada;
 - (e) engaging in acts of violence that would or might endanger the lives or safety of persons in Canada; or
 - (f) being a member of an organization that there are reasonable grounds to believe engages, has engaged or will engage in acts referred to in paragraph (a), (b) or (c).



Based on the information

on this page and in the chapter so far, why do you believe issues related to security affect immigration policies?

DID YOU KNOW?

Many events and issues in other parts of the world can result in more people applying as immigrants to Canada. For example:

- Natural disasters, such as floods and earthquakes.
- Population pressures.
- War.
- Poverty.