

Canadian values and immigration

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Re: Adopt our values, or stay home, letter to the editor, April 13.

The Hindu Conference of Canada agrees immigrants must adopt our values, but Canadians and the media must also become more proficient at distinguishing between those who share our values and those who do not.

The Canadian Hindu community has been watching with quiet disgust while these women being murdered in B.C. are described as "Indo-Canadians." In actuality, every single one of these female victims are members of the Sikh community, who represent barely 2% of India's population.

India, with its Hindu majority, is the world's largest democracy, and Hindu immigrants, to a large extent, share the same values as Canadians. True, we are not immune to issues like domestic violence, but we should not be forced to bear the stigma created by problems within other communities.

Ultimately, the solution lies in developing a Canadian immigration policy which favours those who share our values.

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