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Managing Migration: Canadian and American Dilemmas



Canada and the US have five percent of the world's people and a quarter of the world's international migrants. Canada aims to increase its population of 40 million by one percent a year with mostly Asian immigrants, while the 50 million US immigrants include a quarter who are unauthorized.

Canada is the great exception among industrial countries, with high levels of immigration, generous social welfare programs, and widespread public satisfaction with immigration policies. Canadian exceptionalism is due in part to a flexible point system that gives priority to young and well-educated foreigners who know English or French and have Canadian work experience.

The US is a nation of immigrants, as reflected in the motto, e pluribus unum (from many, one), suggesting that foreigners can begin anew in the land of opportunity to enrich themselves and Americans. Most US immigrants are from Latin America, including a quarter who were born in Mexico.

Against this backdrop, the talk aims on an analysis of related dilemmas of Canadian and American migration policy.