REES' Pieces

Trump's Racist Anti-Immigrant Republicans

Why are Trumps radical Republicans so racist and anti-immigrant?

Before we get into numerous plausible possibilities, I want to focus on some very positive things which are happening north of the border. Across Canada almost 90 years later, as we did during the Second World War, Canadians are teaming up with 41-Million other Canadians to ensure Canada's economy not only withstands numerous global pressures, but diversifies and grows to be in charge of our own destiny.

Take for instance the quickness to built a new pipeline to the west coast to deliver Alberta gold to fellow democracies and allies who traditionally have relied on Russia and the Middle East. What was surprising was not that the decision was made, but Federal Government and Alberta started it on its road to reality without a major sponsor / partner from within the oil and sector.

Sticking with oil and gas for a bit, when this pipeline is nearing completion of speedy commitment must be announced to immediately start a pipeline to the Maritimes., which would encourage regional refineries, petro-chemical plants, and natural gas consumption. If we do it right, it would mean we do not import crude oil, It's !00% Canadian.

Imagine there was a pipeline to the East Coast coming into service within a year and simultaneously we built regional refineries and petro plants to come onstream at the same time. Now lean back close your eyes searching for a crystal ball.

What did your imagination and crystal and reveal? Might it have revealed, if everything came together, we would deliver more gas, diesel and furnace oil and petroleum products to the New England States petroleum that all Canadians east of Manitoba would consume annually.

Could we turn Trump's threat for a 51st state into an invitation to increase Canada to 17 provinces, plus territories?

Why are Trumps radical Republicans so racist and anti-immigrant? As a snake oil salesman, Trump refuses to admit he would lose or not be on top. A friend suggested why, so I asked computer "**What percentage of global population is white?** Could the answers be within? Sixteen possible reasons why:

1 Jun 4, 2026 · The global white population in 2025 comprises approximately 850-950 million people worldwide, representing roughly 10.5-12% of the 8.1 billion global population.
2 Feb 12, 2026 · From a demographics perspective, the biggest share of the world is currently Asian at about 4.7 billion or 60% in 2023, while the Black population is growing fastest at 2.3% per year.
3 In the 2020 U.S. Census, 20.7 million people identified as multiracial, 6.3% of the total.
4 2022 UK Census found 2.9 million people (4.7%) identified as mixed race, up from 1.2% in 2001.
5 2023 Australian Census reported 1.2 million people (4.4%) identifying as Aboriginal or Torres StraitIslander.
6 As of 2023, the global White population is approximately 1.2 billion, comprising 16% of the world's total population.
7 Global White population growth rate is 0.2% per year (2020-2025), lower than the global average of 0.8%.
8 The global Asian population is ~4.7 billion, making up 60% of the world's total (2023).
9 The Black population in Africa totals ~680 million, accounting for 90% of the global Black population.
10 Black population in Latin America is ~105 million, 12% of the region's total.
11 In the Middle East, the Arab population is ~370 million, 90% of the region's total. By 2050, Asian population projected to reach 5.3 billion, 63% of global total (2022 rate: 60%).
12 By 2030, the Black population in the U.S. is projected to reach 46 million (13.4% of total), up from 41 million (12.4%) in 2020.
13 By 2100, the global population is projected to reach 11.0 billion, with non-White populations comprising 90% (2023: 75%).
14 Global Indigenous population poverty rate is 16.7%, higher than the 9.2% global average.
15 Indigenous populations have a global life expectancy of 65 years, compared to 73 years for non-Indigenous populations.
16 White populations in Europe have a fertility rate of 1.5 children per woman, below the replacement level (2.1).

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Foster Family Appreciation Week

By Susan Corkum-Greek

(NOTE: The following is an op-ed from Susan Corkum-Greek, Minister of Opportunities and Social Development)

Across Nova Scotia, foster caregivers are quietly making a difference in the lives of children and youth every day. They are there for the big moments, but just as importantly, they are there for all the ordinary ones. Helping with homework. Sitting through a difficult night. Cheering from the sidelines. Driving to appointments. Listening when a young person needs to talk, and giving them space when they don't.

October 18 to 24 was Foster Family Appreciation Week – a chance to recognize and thank the people who open their homes and their lives to children and youth who need care.

Their work goes far beyond providing a place to stay. For many children and youth, a foster caregiver enters their life as a stranger, often at an incredibly difficult and uncertain time. Building trust doesn't happen overnight. It happens gradually, through patience, consistency and all those seemingly ordinary moments that tell a child: you are safe here, you are cared for and you matter.

Foster care isn't easy. Many children and youth who come into care have experienced significant trauma and challenges. Supporting them means meeting them where they are, understanding what they have been through, and giving them the time and support they need. And foster caregivers keep showing up.

They celebrate successes, help children navigate difficult days and give them the stability and encouragement they need to grow and heal. Over time, those everyday acts of care have an extraordinary impact.

When children and youth feel safe and supported, they are better equipped to build healthy relationships, succeed in school, develop confidence and see a positive future for themselves.

As a government, we have a responsibility to support the people doing this important work. Since 2022, we have invested more than $34 million to redesign and strengthen foster care in Nova Scotia. Through initiatives like the Mockingbird Family model, caregivers have greater access to networks of peer support, mentorship and respite within their communities. We also introduced block funding and increased monthly financial supports, giving caregivers more flexibility to meet the unique needs of the children and youth in their care.

Those investments are important. But this week is really about the people behind the work. It is about recognizing what foster caregivers give of themselves every day: their time, their patience, their compassion and, above all, their commitment to being there for a child or young person who needs them.

That kind of presence matters. It can help a child feel safe. It can help them begin to trust. And it can remind them, particularly during a difficult time in their life, that they are valued and not alone.

To Nova Scotia's foster caregivers: thank you.

Thank you for the care, compassion and consistency you bring to this work. Thank you for opening your homes and for making room in your families, your lives and your hearts. Thank you for being there day after day.

What you do matters. And so do the children and youth you care for.

Susan Corkum-Greek is Minister of Opportunities and Social Development

Plugged in and Ready to Roll

Written by Mary-Frances Lynch

What a family road trip taught us about EV travel in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Quebec.

Electrified travelers (AKA my family and our 14-year-old friend and travel companion) at the brand new 320 kW chargers in Bouctouche, NB. Photo courtesy of Mary-Frances Lynch.

Electric vehicle (EV) ownership is on the rise, but a recent CAA survey shows some EV drivers are still hesitant to make longer trips. Most still own a gas car, likely for extended journeys where range anxiety is too much to bear. To put this concern to the test, our young family set out on a 2,000 km road trip from Halifax, Nova Scotia to Gaspé, Québec in our EV.

We wanted to understand how the EV family road trip holds up in rural Atlantic Canada and how EVs change the travel experience. Spoiler – the long EV road trip is totally do-able and seriously cost-effective but comes with a few lessons learned. (Side note: the trip cost us $150 in charging fees, half of the cost of gassing up a similarly-sized VW Tiguan at $1.86/L).

With our Volkswagon ID.4 packed to the brim, we set out with a 100% charge, a 400km range, a mountain of snacks, our 2- and 6- year olds, and a 14 year old friend. In preparation, we had mapped our route in the A Better Route Planner app to review fast chargers enroute. Even with our pick of fast chargers, we had to be smart about our stops - to reduce range anxiety, our strategy was to stop often.

Our first charging stop, 110km up the road at the Masstown Market in Nova Scotia, was unnecessary charge-wise yet offered a few unwanted surprises. It was a busy Sunday, and so upon arrival, three of

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