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Letter re: ?Finding a Place to Live? column (July 15)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The figure 600 000 immigrants a yearis questionable. That particular contributor to this newspaper has insinuated disparagingly about immigrants before.

Housing problems have nothing to do with immigrants. It has plenty to do with ego, pride etc. Fast monster homeswipe out affordable homes. Tear downresidential structures and put in drive-through banking or such other; teardown a ten-story apartment building andreplace it with a ten-story apartmentbuilding. New and shiny, comfort and style contrasting with sofa, street, park benches,tent fields while thousands of houses/buildings stand empty until they shrivel, and countless people live alone in sprawling homes stuffed to ceiling.

If someone were to stick a high-risebuilding in Shelburne to ease the housing agony the brilliant minds will tear it down saying it doesn't fit in. Homelessness fits in better? Some really sharp cookies will have to lead the way and make it fit it.

Greedy growth has pushed house prices such that a scrawny apartment in Dufferin County costs more than same in Toronto, immigrants or no immigrants.

It takes no skills to dump on immigrants; they are used to it, particularly if they are of the BIPOC sufferers who have been through hell and high-water and have done theimpossible to survive, making them strong, self-reliant and worthy.

In Canada approximately nine million people reportedly sit on couches curled up on their pedicured feet, manicured hands on display doing nothing or very little, and get more money than some immigrants or temporary foreign workers here to do hard work we are told privileged Canadiansrefuse to do, but one thing they do well is demand more money, goods and services and get it all.

For those who have more than they need it is just fine for would-be immigrants to stay off-shore in sweat shops or plantations, out of sight, out of mind or be here withno protection, care, compassion or rights, quietly working like machines, and if fallen ill shipped back to ?where they came from?, replaced by another healthy one from ?where they came from?

So ironic that baking the Canadianextra-large pie gets a big helping handfrom the tears and sorrows of the ?lesser? people while some ?special? Canadiansare unwilling to share with those fullydeserving of a slice.

Some unwanted immigrants are the very ones who know how to share and care. They can live many in a home, and for that they are ridiculed.

Canadians have been told they canhave everything. Well, they can't. They choose self, ?beauty?, materialism instead of sufficiently bearing their own population. It is the hard-working, neglected andweary women who give birth and for that they get mocked for ?breeding like rabbits?. Deprive them, then curse them. Yet they must find the strength to send away their precious children to fill the gap and take theblame for the mess of the western world thatopenly gets goodness from delivering badness to helpless people around the globe.

If only politicians would educate their people better than uttering the bland line ?Immigrants enrich our country?.

How would it be if the down-trodden in looted countries had voice to complain of, or block millions of westerners, Canadians included, who occupy their lands, living large lives with the help of humble, kindimpoverished locals?

To tackle the real problems in Canadarequires knowledge, stamina etc. Blaming and hating immigrants is easy.

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