

Singh Decision: Views and Perspectives Activity

Read each of the **five** views and perspectives on the Singh decision. As you read each opinion, consider **to what extent** you agree or disagree with each and **justify** your position. Type your responses between the blue brackets provided.

1. The only people who should be considered as immigrants or refugees are those who apply through the proper procedures and are vetted abroad. There should not be an automatic right for refugees or immigrants to come to Canada.

___ Strongly Disagree ___ Disagree ___ Uncertain ___ Agree ___ Strongly Agree

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2. How can you apply to Canada from your own country if you're being persecuted there? We need to give people in that situation a full hearing.

___ Strongly Disagree ___ Disagree ___ Uncertain ___ Agree ___ Strongly Agree

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3. The Singh decision was made by unelected officials – Supreme Court judges. Should the Supreme Court be allowed to make such important decisions by itself, without consulting the people of Canada?

___ Strongly Disagree ___ Disagree ___ Uncertain ___ Agree ___ Strongly Agree

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4. It's unfair that Canadian taxpayers have to pay for legal aid, medical care, food, housing, and security measures for people who arrive in the country illegally and then claim to be refugees. These rules encourage abuse – people arrive because they can get away with it. Without proof, how do we know who they really are?

☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Uncertain ☐ Agree ☐ Strongly Agree

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5. We need to protect people who are at risk from human rights violations. Our previous policies violated the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms* and had to be changed. The Singh decision is consistent with our own human rights legislation and with international treaties Canada has signed.

☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Uncertain ☐ Agree ☐ Strongly Agree

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