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# What's so special about Canada?

## How ordinary Canadians successfully sponsor refugees

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**My research question:**

**How does the project of making refugees into citizens remake the citizenship of Canadians?**

# Why is Canada Unique?

Is it our maple-syrupy goodness?



**The real ingredients:**

**1. Legal Infrastructure**

# 2. Political Will



# Who Pays? Who Does the Work?



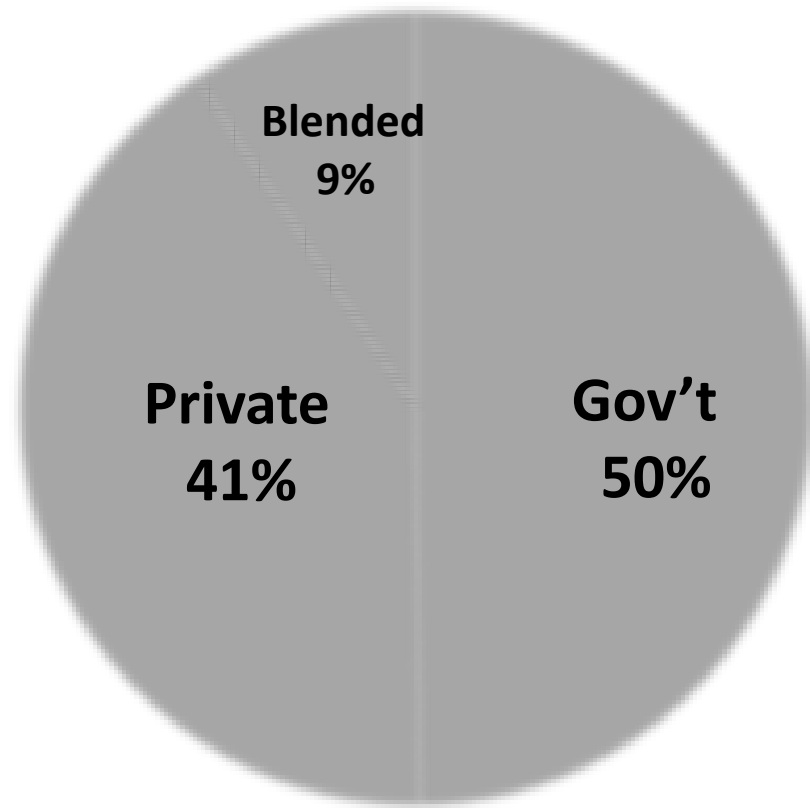
Government  
GAR



Private PSR



Blended BVOR



GAR?

PSR?

BVOR?

4 November 2015 – 31 December 2017

TOTAL 50,930

# Types of Sponsorship Groups

**Sponsorship Agreement  
Holder (SAH)**



**Group of 5**



**Community  
Sponsor**



<b>Family Size</b>	<b>12 Months of Income Support</b>	<b>Start-up Costs</b>	<b>Estimated Total Annual Settlement Cost (\$)</b>
1	9,800	2,800	12,600
2	16,800	4,400	21,200
3	17,700	5,300	23,000
4	20,000	7,000	27,000
5	22,500	7,200	29,700
6	24,500	8,000	32,500
Additional member	1,550	1,000	2,500

# What do Sponsors do?

<b>Reception</b>	<b>Housing</b>	<b>Orientation</b>
<b>Connect with settlement agency</b>	<b>Important Documents and Services</b>	<b>Health Care</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>Employment</b>	<b>Emotional, Moral, and Social Support</b>

# Challenges & Rewards for Private Sponsors

- Time > \$\$\$
- Sponsorship group – refugee family
- Intra-Group governance
- Echo Effect
- Transformative personal experiences
- Builds communities via civic engagement
- Political mobilization

# Transplant?



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