

# North American Politics: USMCA, Budget Changes, and Border Dynamics in t

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**1. What key change to capital gains taxation did Canada's 2024 federal budget propose, set to take effect for gains realized on or after June 25, 2024?**

**A) An increase in the capital gains inclusion rate from 50% to 66.67% for individuals on gains exceeding \$250,000, and for corporations/trusts.**

- B) A complete exemption for capital gains on small business corporation shares.
- C) A reduction in the capital gains inclusion rate to 33.33% for all taxpayers.
- D) The introduction of a new capital gains tax for foreign investors only.

**2. As of May 2024, what has been the reported trend in migrant encounters at the U.S. southern border between ports of entry, according to CBP data?**

**A) A 9% decrease compared to April 2024, with over 117,900 encounters recorded in May.**

- B) A historic 90% increase, reaching record highs.
- C) A stabilization with no significant change from previous months.
- D) A 15% increase due to newly implemented asylum policies.

**3. Canada has formally requested the renewal of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) for another 16 years. When is the scheduled deadline for the trilateral joint review of the agreement?**

**A) July 1, 2026**

- B) June 25, 2024
- C) December 10, 2025
- D) March 13, 2020

**4. Mexico and the United States have reaffirmed their commitment to cooperation on security and migration. What significant reduction in encounters with irregular migrants at the U.S. southern border has been attributed to this collaboration between October 2024 and May 2026?**

**A) A historic 90% reduction.**

- B) A 50% reduction.
- C) A 25% reduction.
- D) No significant reduction has been reported.

**5. The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) issued a new policy memo in May 2026 regarding the adjustment of status for green card applicants. What is the core change introduced by this memo?**

**A) Adjustment of status will generally require 'extraordinary circumstances' and consular processing abroad, deviating from previous practices.**

- B) Adjustment of status will now be automatically granted to all H-1B visa holders.
- C) The memo eliminates the need for consular processing for all applicants.
- D) USCIS will prioritize adjustment of status applications over all other immigration processes.

**6. Canada's 2024 federal budget proposes an increase to the Lifetime Capital Gains Exemption (LCGE). What is the proposed new limit for eligible capital gains, effective for dispositions on or after June 25, 2024?**

**A) \$1.25 million**

- B) \$1 million
- C) \$2 million
- D) \$750,000

**7. As of May 2024, what percentage of all available CBP One appointment slots at the Tijuana and Matamoros ports of entry were utilized by asylum seekers?**

**A) 52 percent**

- B) 25 percent
- C) 75 percent
- D) 10 percent

**8. What is the primary purpose of the new Canadian Entrepreneurs' Incentive, as proposed in Budget 2024?**

**A) To reduce the tax rate on capital gains for eligible individuals on up to \$2 million in lifetime gains.**

- B) To provide tax credits for small businesses investing in artificial intelligence.
- C) To offer a tax exemption for agricultural land sales.
- D) To increase the corporate tax rate on technology startups.

**9. Regarding trade de minimis values within the USMCA, what is the customs duty-free de minimis value for shipments entering the United States?**

**A) US \$800**

- B) C\$150
- C) US \$117
- D) C\$40

**10. In May 2026, a U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) memo indicated a shift in policy regarding adjustment of status. Which visa categories are suggested to be less impacted by this change due to 'dual intent' regulations?**

**A) H-1B and L-1 workers and their dependents**

B) F-1 student visas

C) J-1 exchange visitor visas

D) B-1/B-2 tourist visas