

Canada's Political Landscape: AI Strategy, Budget Updates, and Immigration

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1. What is the primary focus of Canada's refreshed national AI strategy, "AI for All," released in June 2026?

- A) To ban all artificial intelligence development within Canada.
- B) To establish a comprehensive national framework for AI, shaping legislative efforts, investments, and policy.**
- C) To exclusively promote AI use in the defense sector.
- D) To outsource all AI research and development to international partners.

2. Which key measure was enacted with the passing of Bill C-30, the Spring Economic Update 2026 Implementation Act?

- A) A permanent increase in the GST/HST.
- B) The suspension of the federal fuel excise tax on gasoline and diesel from April 20 to September 7, 2026.**
- C) The introduction of a new carbon tax on all essential goods.
- D) A reduction in Canada Pension Plan contributions to begin in 2030.

3. What significant change is proposed in the updated immigration and asylum regulations published in June 2026 to modernize the asylum process?

- A) Implementing a complete ban on all asylum claims.
- B) Allowing asylum claimants to receive work permits sooner, after their claim has been found eligible for referral.**
- C) Increasing the waiting period for work permits to two years.
- D) Requiring all asylum claimants to have professional employment offers before entering Canada.

4. Bill C-35, the Ban on Importing Goods Made with Forced Labour Act, introduced in June 2026, aims to reinforce Canada's ability to do what at the border?

- A) Facilitate the import of all goods regardless of origin.
- B) Identify, intercept, and prohibit goods produced wholly or in part by forced labour.**
- C) Exempt goods from forced labour if they are for personal use.
- D) Allow the import of forced labour goods with a special permit.

5. The Protecting Victims Act (Bill C-16), which received Royal Assent in June 2026, makes which of the following changes to Canada's Criminal Code?

- A) It reduces penalties for assault charges.
- B) It makes femicide first-degree murder and strengthens protections for victims of gender-based violence.**
- C) It eliminates mandatory minimum sentences for all crimes.
- D) It decriminalizes non-consensual distribution of intimate images.

6. What is a key measure introduced by the "AI for All" strategy to support Canadian AI development and research?

- A) Reducing funding for AI research initiatives.
- B) Building a world-leading public AI supercomputer for SMEs and researchers.**
- C) Implementing a complete ban on the use of AI in academic institutions.
- D) Focusing solely on AI applications for military purposes.

7. As part of the June 2026 rule changes, what automatic payment will be issued to over 12 million Canadians?

- A) A one-time increase to the Canada Child Benefit.
- B) A one-time GST/HST credit top-up payment.**
- C) An early tax refund for the upcoming year.
- D) A bonus payment for seniors based on their pension.

8. Bill C-25, the Strong and Free Elections Act, which received Royal Assent in June 2026, introduces measures to strengthen Canada's federal elections by doing which of the following?

- A) Eliminating all voter identification requirements.
- B) Banning sophisticated deepfakes of electoral actors and closing channels for anonymous foreign funding.**
- C) Allowing foreign nationals to donate to Canadian political campaigns.
- D) Reducing the voting age to 14.

9. Canada's international public climate finance contribution is rated as 'Highly insufficient' by the Climate Action Tracker due to what primary reason?

- A) Over-investment in renewable energy projects.
- B) Contributions being low compared to its fair share and continued support for overseas fossil fuel developments.**
- C) A complete withdrawal from all international climate agreements.
- D) Failure to meet domestic emission reduction targets.

10. The "Build Canada Homes" initiative, partnering with provinces like British Columbia, aims to address housing affordability by doing what?

- A) Increasing the Goods and Services Tax on new homes.
- B) Reducing development charges and investing in community infrastructure to support housing construction.**
- C) Implementing a national rent control policy for all new constructions.
- D) Pausing all new housing permits for five years.